



Mr. Sammie Dotson Sr.

January 12, 1950 - November 17, 2024

Sammie “Billy” Lee Dotson Sr., 74, of Peoria departed this life on November 17, 2024, at 12: 51p.m surrounded by his loving family. Sammie was born on January 12, 1950, in Tunica, MS to Willie and Mae Bell (Flowers) Dotson. As a child he was involved in the Civil Rights movement alongside his mother. Fighting for justice in the community of Tunica, MS. He was baptized at St. Paul Baptist Church in Tunica, MS. In 1976 he moved to Peoria. Sammie met the love of his life in 1981, Catherine Lee, they were married for over 18 years. Sammie was employed by Butternut Bakery, where he was a founder of the Butternut Basketball team and retired after 28 years of dedication. Sammie enjoyed westerns, wrestling, football, basketball, landscaping, and mechanical work.

Sammie leaves to cherish his precious memory: his loving wife: Catherine Dotson of Peoria; six sons: Tyrone (Sharon) Buford of Memphis, TN, Terrance T. Dotson Sr., Robert Irby, Terrence L. Dotson Sr. all of Peoria, Aurelious (Henrietta) Dotson and David Brown both of Tunica, MS; eight daughters: Latisha Irby of Los Angeles, CA, Charice (Martavious) Foster, Chemay Irby, Loletha (Willie) Dotson, Sammijo Dotson, Terina Irby, Leondra Green all of Peoria, Kimberly Spears of Tunica, MS; six brothers: Willie “Bo” Dotson II, Charles “Tar” Dotson Sr., Leonard “Disco” Dotson, Lee Andrew “Leakie” (Bonnie) Dotson Sr., Carey (Cynthia) Dotson Sr., and Moses “Earl” (Latoya) Dotson; five sisters: Emma Ruth Wright, Martha (Kenny) Briscoe, Doris

(Robert) Dotson -Suggs all of Memphis, TN, Gladys Ware and, Jessie "Tenachie" Dotson both of Tunica, MS; God -Mother: Minister Dorothy Swafford of Memphis, TN; best friends: Willie (Josie) Sanders and Lefty Sanders of Peoria; special niece as his caregiver; Jessica Oliver; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will honor his memory.

Sammie, in addition to his parents, was preceded in death by three sons: Sammie Dotson Jr, Darrin Lee Dotson, and Jason Walker; one brother: Roy Lee Dotson; two sisters: Celeste Dotson and Virginia Dotson.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Sovereign Grace M.B.C. (1505 W. Martin Street Peoria, IL 61605) at 10:00 a.m. Elder Charles Stone of Joliet, IL will officiate and Rev. Alvin Riley Sr. Pastor will present the Eulogy.

Sammie will be laid to Rest at Lutheran Cemetery (914 S. Pleasant Street Peoria, IL 61604)

Arrangements were made especially for the "Dotson" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/tw_parkscolonialchapel. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Sammie Dotson Sr." please visit our Sympathy Store

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B.C.

Celebration of Life

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B.C.

Tribute Wall

LM

“Daddy, your homegoing ruffled feathers that wouldn't hold you while you had breath. That's why I made sure I gave you your flowers while you were living, and say "I ain't dead" lol. I miss you everyday and love you always. Happy Heavenly Birthday!

Letha Marie - January 11 at 09:13 PM

LM

*and you would say****

Letha Marie - January 11 at 09:14 PM

LW

“Rest n Heaven my dear uncle Lois whalen

Lois whalen - November 30, 2024 at 01:56 PM

ST

“Shanay Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sammie Dotson Sr.



Shanay Taylor - November 27, 2024 at 12:49 PM

DB

“David Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sammie Dotson Sr.



David Brown - November 27, 2024 at 10:50 AM

TW

“ *Tina Whalen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sammie Dotson Sr.*



Tina Whalen - November 26, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ *Akilah Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sammie Dotson Sr.*



Akilah Gordon - November 26, 2024 at 12:12 AM

LE

“ *LethaMarie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sammie Dotson Sr.*



LethaMarie - November 25, 2024 at 11:01 PM

CG

“ *To the family of Mr. Dotson, his wife and children; Knowing your Husband, Father and Brother is in the hearts and thoughts of others will help you and yours through this time of sorrow. My deepest sympathy for your loss. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength during this time.*

Cheryll Gordon - November 25, 2024 at 08:22 PM

CG

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Knowing your Husband, Father and Brother is in the hearts and thoughts of others will help you and yours through this time of sorrow. My deepest sympathy for your loss. May God grant you peace, comfort a my strength during this time.



Cheryll Gordon - November 25, 2024 at 08:21 PM

MZ

“ my dad birthday is JANUARY 11..... jus sad..... and yall aint know this.....OK!

mae zing - November 25, 2024 at 03:53 PM

MZ

TYPO JANUARY 13!

mae zing - November 25, 2024 at 04:43 PM

LE

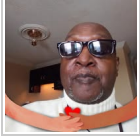
He celebrated Jan 13th. He was born on the 12th. We kno

LethaMarie - November 25, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MZ

AND WHO IS CHARISE?

Mae zing - November 26, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ *J Henry Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sammie Dotson Sr.*



J Henry Lee - November 23, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ *Love and miss you already "Pops"...I'm not ready at all!!!!*



Charice Foster - November 20, 2024 at 12:14 PM