



Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.

February 17, 1953 - October 13, 2020

Walter J. Artis Sr., 67, of Peoria departed this life on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Unity Point Methodist Medical Center at 8:05 p.m. He was born on February 17, 1953 in Cuba, AL to Wayne and Minnie (Nixon) Artis, they precede him. He attended Peoria Central High School and played football as a running back, he graduated in 1972. He married the love of his life in 1976, Gloria (Robinson) Artis. Walter was a member of Miracle Revival C.O.G.I.C. where he played the bass occasionally. Walter got hired and was employed at Ameren Cilco as a gas serviceman, and customers gave him several accolades on his professionalism. Working in 25* below weather helping families stay warm and comforted. Walter enjoyed working in lawn care service where he was able to work in fresh air and not be confined. He gardened and planted fruit trees. Walter loved children, especially his grandchildren. He would often ride bicycles with them. Sports and Western movies were a passion of his. He had a softer side where he rescued a sick and abandoned kitten and his family named it Miracle.

Walter leaves to cherish his precious memory: his loving wife of 45 years Gloria Artis of Peoria; Quincy Artis, Valinquis Artis, Walter Artis Jr, and Jobee Artis all of Peoria; LaKora (Lisco) Loyd of Lithonia, GA; ShaOtia Artis of Lawrenceville, GA; ChaWalta Artis, Peaches Artis, Jesakia Artis, Tituia Artis, Rosiekia Artis, all of Peoria; and Daloria Artis of Kennesaw, GA; three brothers: Pastor Jessie (Denayer) Artis of Peoria, Eddie Artis of Santan Valley,

AZ; Carlos (Monique) Artis of Gilbert, AZ; five sisters; Amie (Zephrey) Allen of Peoria, Ann(James) Johnson of Kennesaw, GA; Dorothy Artis of Marietta, GA, Linda Artis of Mapleton, GA, and Syretta (James) Taylor of Lawrenceville, GA; twenty-three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends whom will miss him dearly.

In addition to his parents Wayne and Minnie Artis Sr. he was preceded in death by two sons: Dewayne Artis and Titus Artis; great granddaughter: Genesys Artis.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C. 228 W. Webster Street Peoria, IL 61605 at 11:00 p.m. with visitation commencing one-hour prior at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Jessie Artis will officiate of Miracle Revival C.O.G.I.C and Pastor Eddie Davis will host. Due to COVID-19 mandates social distancing and masks are required

Walter will be laid to rest at Lutheran.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Holy Temple

Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Holy Temple

Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Carrie Trent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Carrie Trent - December 10, 2020 at 08:31 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Sledge-Bevency lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Michelle Sledge-Bevency - November 06, 2020 at 07:31 PM

KM

“ *To Gloria, Jesakia, Shiloh, and all family,
We are so sorry to learn of the passing of your husband, father,
grandfather. We were out of state, sorry for the delay. Since we
never got to meet Walter I really enjoyed reading about him here.
He sounds like a wonderful man who loved his family and others. I
see Jesakia and Shiloh in his face, definite resemblance there. I
know you will miss him dearly. I pray that you will be comforted by
God and your memories of him.
sincerely, Kim and Dale Montgomery*

Kim Montgomery - November 01, 2020 at 05:16 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Mancy Pittman - October 31, 2020 at 05:45 AM

CW

“ *Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Catherine Watson - October 25, 2020 at 10:49 PM





PC

“ *Patty Cornelious lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Patty Cornelious - October 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM

MB

“  *To Missionary Gloria Artis, and Family,*
 *We the members of*
LOVEJOY COGIC send our deepest Sympathy AND PRAYERS, 
ASKING GOD TO BLESS AND COMFORT YOU ALL...AT YOUR
TIME OF SORROW  SINCERELY PASTOR O. BOYD SR
& MISSIONARY T.BOYD!!!

Misny. T Boyd - October 20, 2020 at 03:31 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Mancy Pittman - October 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM

LC

“ *Letha & Gene Cagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Letha & Gene Cagle - October 19, 2020 at 03:45 PM

LC

Praying God watches over your family & gives you strength

Letha & Gene Cagle - October 19, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr..*



October 17, 2020 at 01:28 PM

LC

“ *LaVerne Clayborn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



LaVerne Clayborn - October 16, 2020 at 06:55 PM

DT

“ *I remember growing up together playing sports at Peoria high. We won the Midstate 9 championship 1971. You will truly be missed my Brother!*

Dallas Terry - October 16, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Artis Sr.*



Joanie Brown - October 15, 2020 at 08:12 PM