



## Ms Willie Ella Penny

March 17, 1926 - May 7, 2015

Willie Ella “Bootsie” Penny, 89, of Peoria, went home to be with the Lord, on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 2:28 pm, at Unity Point Health Methodist.

Bootsie was born on March 17, 1926, in Robinsonville, MS. to the late Willie and Roberta (Kennedy) Metts. She married James Penny Sr. in 1966.

Bootsie was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved to fish and enjoyed time with family. Bootsie was a God-fearing woman. She was a faithful member of Rising Sun Christian Church before her health kept her homebound. She also sang in the senior choir and served as an usher for many years.

Bootsie leaves to cherish her precious memories, her daughter, Norma Hughes of Peoria; three brothers, John Metts of Chicago, Ill., David Metts and Jimmy Metts, both of Winston Salem, NC; four sisters, Shirley Metts and Geraldine Autman, both of Peoria, Mary H. Mims and Rose M. Ward, both of Camden, NJ; four grandchildren, Michael (Cosheka) Hughes of McDonough, GA, Anisha Hughes and Alvin Hughes, both of Peoria, and Nikya Hughes of Ferguson, MO.; special relatives and friends Vivian Holloway and James William of Peoria; a host of great-grandchildren and great- great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends who adored her and will miss her dearly.

Bootsie was preceded in death by her parents; husband James Penny Sr.; one brother and two sisters.

Services will be held Friday, May 15, 2015, at 11 a.m., with visitation commencing one hour prior at 10 a.m., at Rising Sun Christian Church. Pastor John L. Gibson will officiate.

Bootsie will be laid to rest in the Swan Lake Cemetery.

The family has entrusted T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel to handle the final arrangements of their dear loved one, Ms. Bootsie.

Online condolences can be made at [www.twparkschapel.com](http://www.twparkschapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake

4601 W War Memorial Drive  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Grandma you will be truly missed by many. You were my first heart and I will love you always. If it had not been for you and grandpa I don't know how I would have become the man I am today. The moment you took your last breath the world as I know it changed completely. I will miss your words of wisdom, your smile, voice, and especially your presence. You are my rock!!! Give grandpa a hug for me!!!

*Love Always & Forever,*

*Your Grandson  
Mike & Cosheka*

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**Michael & Cosheka Hughes** - May 11, 2015 at 06:01 PM

JB

*I love you and i will truly miss you say hello to uncle willie granddad uncle penny and jacolby rest in heaven sweetheart hope to see you one day love always your niece joyce ann barnes*

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**joyce barnes** - May 11, 2015 at 10:06 PM

HG

*My dear sweet beautiful cousin, as a young man you taught me so much. I enjoyed so much when you and grandma aka "aunt may vergie" would take me fishing. Your lessons will follow me all my days. I love you and will miss you always. Give everyone a hug for me. we lost a angel that walked among us. Henry Griffith*

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**henry griffith** - May 13, 2015 at 08:52 AM

  
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Dabbs

*At a time when darkness consumed me you were my guiding light. Gone but never forgotten. Your light will continue to shine thru me and everyone you've shared it with. ...Margaret Dabbs*

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**Margaret Dabbs** - May 13, 2015 at 02:41 PM

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*May the Good Lord Bless your soul...thanks for all the fond memories.*  
*Chuckey*

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**Sly Hughes** - May 13, 2015 at 10:30 PM