



## Viola Stevens

August 21, 1933 - August 16, 2019

Viola Lewis was born August 21, 1933 in Midnight, Mississippi to Tommie Lewis and Ora Simpson. Viola attended Lanier High School in Jackson, MS afterwards she obtained her Cosmetology License from the State of Mississippi.

Viola was joined in marriage on October 10, 1949 to Ray Stevens Jr. They spent 60 years of matrimony, in which Ray affectionately referred to Viola as “Moot” until Ray’s death on August 26, 2009. To this union was born nine children. The couple exhibited exceptional hospitality to all who were in need. Viola was an excellent cook and baker, her signature specialties were peach cobbler, poundcake, and southern dressing!

The family relocated to Chicago, Illinois in 1960. During her life in Chicago, Viola was self-employed as a Licensed Cosmetologist, along with being a Mary Kay Consultant Team Leader for Mary Kay Inc. where she earned and coveted the “Pink” automobile.

After personal study and reflection, Viola made the ultimate decision to dedicate her life to Jehovah God and symbolized her dedication through water baptism on December 28, 1975. Throughout her dedication she was able to enjoy Pioneer service, preaching and teaching Bible education, and assisting in various building projects. Viola remain an active member with the Gage

Park congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses until she fell asleep in death on August 16, 2019.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents Tommy and Ora; her children Lennell Bennett and Michael Carnell; her brothers Wailey Summers and Leroy Lewis; her sister Charley May (McGee); and one great granddaughter Brandi Platt.

Viola leaves to cherish her memories Bobby Ray (Delores), Belinda Yvonne Saxon, Castadarr (Bane'), Elecia Voncile Stevens-Markulus, Christopher, Terri Monique (Michael Carl) Mercado, and Kimberly Winston; 22 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (68th)  
1608 West 68th Street  
Chicago, IL

# Tribute Wall



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