



Margaret Ervin

December 15, 1934 - September 11, 2023

On December 15, 1934 the Creator created one of his most beautiful and captivating creations, Margaret Lee Joiner. She was the third of eight children born to Albert and Caroline Joiner in Macon, Mississippi. She attended school in Noxubee County. She confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Vance, Mississippi. There she would serve in various capacities, but the gift that brought her most joy was using her beautiful voice for the Lord. Due to her being born into a musically inclined family, as a young lady, she was highly sought after to go from church to church singing solos. On one particular Sunday her singing touched the heart of George Ervin. On October 27, 1951 they were joined in holy matrimony. Married 71 years, 11 months and 16 days, to this union eight children were born. In 1957, they relocated to Kankakee, IL where they joined Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Otto, IL under Pastor John A. Lanes' leadership. They later joined Morning Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Frank Smith. She accredits her spiritual growth to Pastor William Copeland who served as her pastor for over 30 years. She sang in the choir faithfully until her health began to decline.

Margaret worked at Mortell Factory, Manteno Mental Health Hospital and Howe Development Center where she retired. She enjoyed singing and was most proud of seeing her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren share that same passion for music and vocal artistry. She was a woman of a

few words, but when she spoke everyone would listen. For example she proclaimed Pastor Howard Wills was her special son, we said “Yes ma'am!!” She loved gardening and tending to her yard. She cared for her flowers with such passion and grace. She made all of her family feel special. So much so that everyone thought they were the favorite. She sang a song I'm gonna Move on up a little higher. Well on 9/11 at high noon, with her family by her bedside, Margaret moved on up a little higher.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, George Ervin Sr.; three sons, Rev. Thomas Ervin, Bourbonnais, IL, Pastor George (Annette) Ervin Jr., Kansas City, MO, Angelo (Brenda) Ervin, Bourbonnais, IL; five daughters, Gloria McGill, Kankakee, IL, Martha Ervin, Lebanon, Tennessee, Betty Holmes, Bourbonnais, IL, Addie Wallace and Annette Flournoy, Manteno, IL. Due to the untimely death of her baby sister, she also raised two nieces, Mary (Woodrow) Teague and Jeanette Jackson, and two nephews, Dennis (Earlene) Joiner and Jesse Landingham, (deceased). She leaves two special spiritual daughters, Debbie Sykes and Paula Wells. She also leaves her prayer partner of 17 years, Lizzie Samuels; her very first caregiver, her great-grandson, Brandon Flournoy; 25 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; the Riley Family of Kansas City, MO; two sisters-in-law, Earnestine Joiner and Louise Ervin and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Fannie Johnson, Letha Joiner, Mary Horace, Hattie Humphrey, Alberta Vaughn and Carrie Hagler; brothers, Albert, John D., J. D. and Adam “Neal” Joiner; sisters-in-law, Louvenia Joiner and Alice Joiner and a great-granddaughter, Miracle Janae Ervin.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

SEP **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star
570 N. Harrison
Kankakee, IL

Service

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ervin*



The Love Family - October 07, 2023 at 01:04 PM

SF

“ *Prayers and Condolences to the Ervin and Joiner Family* 🙏🌺



Samuels Family - October 03, 2023 at 01:41 PM

EB

“ *To the Ervin family. I just heard about the passing of your beautiful mother. My condolences to the entire family, those I grew up with and those that I didn't. Your mother was a very spiritual, kind and generous soul. The days of growing up in Kankakee with mothers such as yours were very good memories. I know she will be truly missed, and I say to all of you, Keep your head up, knowing that God will give you total peace and strength daily.*

Love you all

E. Sue Billings (Jenkins)

E. Sue Billings - September 30, 2023 at 03:36 PM

BB

“ Good morning Mr. Ervin, and the Ervin family,, God has call one of his servant’s home, let us be accepting of his will. From what I know of sister Ervin she was vested in the Lord, if one of you are not , this is the time for you to accept the Lord Jesus as your personal savior , honor her teaching.and love for her family. God’s blessing with peace love and joy.



The staff of Burrell Property Management

Billie Burrell - September 23, 2023 at 12:31 PM

LY

“ Lovie Yates lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ervin



Lovie Yates - September 23, 2023 at 07:48 AM

LY

“ To The Family of Sir. George Ervin, as you Celebrate The Homegoing of The Life and Legacy of Mother Margaret Ervin. We Lovell Yates(Late John H. Yates) Family of Brenda Yates Ervin, extend our deepest condolences to you and family. May her live on the Love and Wisdom she passed onto her children and may the beauty and essence of her life be a source of inspiration. May you all find strength, peace and comfort in her memory. We the Yates family will continue to hold you close in our thoughts as you navigate through your time of grief.

Flower's have been sent to the Lax Mortuary on behalf of the Yates Family.



Lovie Yates - September 23, 2023 at 07:45 AM

EC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.* ”



Elayne Coffie - September 23, 2023 at 01:32 AM

VD

“ *My prayers go out to the entire family* 🙏 ”



Verlean Dunigan - September 23, 2023 at 01:28 AM

RA

“ *Roberta Asher lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ervin* ”



Roberta Asher - September 22, 2023 at 08:27 PM

CC

“ *Clifton & Debra Cleggett purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Margaret Ervin.* ”



Clifton & Debra Cleggett - September 22, 2023 at 03:51 PM

CC

“ Clifton & Debra Cleggett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ervin.

Clifton & Debra Cleggett - September 22, 2023 at 03:51 PM

LB

“ To George, Annette and family. We send our love prayers and deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. We are thinking of you and the entire Ervin family. Love your cousins the Branscumbs of Kansas City.

LaTonya Branscumb - September 22, 2023 at 03:36 PM

AM

“ Sending our condolences to Mr. George Ervin Sr., and the entire Ervin family. May God continue to best and strengthen you all.

Audrey and Elizabeth Dear



AUDREY MCMILLER - September 22, 2023 at 01:02 PM

DJ

“ I will miss you even more now as you have put on your heavenly wings. Rest on Mrs Ervin. Save the seat to the right of you in the heavenly choir. Love you! (you know)

Donella Johnson - September 22, 2023 at 08:30 AM

CF

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers*



cheryl Tall-Hawkins & Family - September 21, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Ervin.*



September 21, 2023 at 09:14 PM

AW

“ *Aubrey Williams lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ervin*



Aubrey Williams - September 21, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Margaret Ervin.*



September 21, 2023 at 06:32 PM

SD

“ Dearest Ervin Family, please accept our condolences.

John 11:25-26: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Amen and Godspeed.



Michael F. Dear and Cynthia J. Dear-Babatunde

SIBLINGS, MICHAEL AND CYNTHIA DEAR - September 21, 2023 at 03:45 PM

TL

“ Terry Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ervin



Terry Lloyd - September 21, 2023 at 03:17 PM

PJ

“ My love and condolences to the Ervin family. I pray peace and comfort to each of you as you adjust to the passing of your loved one.



Patricia Jamison - September 21, 2023 at 03:17 PM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ervin*



JOANN FORD-BOX - September 21, 2023 at 01:19 PM

LS

“ *Lorraine Strickland lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ervin*



Lorraine Strickland - September 21, 2023 at 08:43 AM

VE

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Ervin was always a couple that I had admired and looked up to even as a little girl. My prayers are with the entire Ervin family. May the lord strengthen and comfort you all during this difficult time.*

Veretta - September 20, 2023 at 11:19 PM

AB

“ *Praying that God will continue to strengthen the family. Some 20 plus years ago, I met this precious jewel while visiting Morning Star. She was always so welcoming. My Condolences.*



Amanda Brooks - September 20, 2023 at 09:45 PM

MG

“ I will always have beautiful memories of Mrs. Ervin. In the Mass Choir I would always stand by her to get my pitch and the words to a song. Then her walks every morning bright and early . My little niece would always look for grandpa and grandma Ervin to help her cross the street. That how she learn it was time to catch the bus. Good thing they were always on time. 😊 I would always look forward to seeing them at election. As Addie would say if you don't have that I vote sticker don't worry about your ticket for Sunday dinner. And yes she was on her porch admiring her beautiful flowers.



Mary Gant - September 20, 2023 at 08:31 PM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Ervin's Family. Mrs. Ervin was a beautiful soft spoken person. When I saw her in the choir, I knew those sopranos were going to sing good. May she rest in the arms of the Father 🌸🙏🙏



Ethel Lee - September 20, 2023 at 07:08 PM

CW

“ My Condolences to the Ervin family. Sending Prayers.



Cheryl Wilson - September 20, 2023 at 12:01 PM