



Margaret Love

August 17, 1934 - January 28, 2022

Margaret Susan Gathing Love was born August 17, 1934 in Kankakee, Illinois to Lillie and George Gathing. She was the seventh child of nine children.

She was baptized at an early age and raised in church by her mother. Margaret became a member of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Kankakee, Illinois in 1949 until her departure, as she never moved her membership.

Margaret was a graduate of Kankakee High School. She also attended Illinois State University for a short period of time until her engagement with her beloved Frank led her to return home to be near him. She was united in holy matrimony to Frank Love Jr. on July 19, 1953 and to their union was born two children. Margaret was a dedicated wife and mother. She supported her husband and stood beside him as he served the Kankakee Community for many years.

She began her employment career at the Kankakee State Hospital as an office staff worker. To enhance her career she was employed by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company where she served as one of the first African-American service representatives in the area for the company. She went on to be employed by AT&T when the Companies merged until her retirement after over 30 years of combined service.

Margaret was a member of the Dukes and Duchesses Social Club and the Red Hat Society for many years.

Margaret loved to travel and take cruises. She enjoyed trips with her family and with friends. One of her most memorable trips was a cruise she took with her sister Dorothy and friend Sandy Sanders to the Islands. She along with her sister Dorothy were instrumental in striving to keep the Gathing and White Family legacy strong through family reunions and other gatherings.

Margaret was the sole surviving member of her sibling group. The Gathing and White Families and 683 North Hobbie Avenue, where they resided, will forever be in the hearts and memories of the Kankakee Old Timers. She had a great love for her children and grandchildren and made countless sacrifices for them.

Margaret Susan Love was 87 years old when she transitioned at her home in Fort Myers, Florida with her two loving children, Marcel F. Love and Janine L. Love-Estes, by her side at her departure. She shall forever be remembered for her charismatic smile, sweet spirit, elegance with grace and impeccable sense of fashion.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her son and daughter-in-law, Marcel F. Love of Fort Myers, FL and Barbara Love of Atlanta, GA; her daughter, Janine L. Love-Estes of Fort Myers, FL; in-laws, Mary Etta Harris of Kankakee, IL, Norman Love of Park Forest, IL, Germaine Love of Newark, NJ and Nancy White of Las Vegas, NV; cherished grandchildren, Marcellus Love, Kimeneisha Love (Gutema Mumed) of Brooklyn Park, MN, Jasmin Love (Kelton Turner, Sr.) of Montgomery, AL, Frank J. Upton, Jade L. Estes and Joslyn M.S. Love, all of Fort Myers, FL; 26 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Lillie Gathing; her brothers, John Gathing, Jesse 'JC' Gathing, Fred "Pappy" Gathing, Charles Gathing, Nathaniel White and Earl White and her sisters, Bernadine Evans and Dorothy "Doll" Ousley.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 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

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star
570 N. Harrison
Kankakee, IL

Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ Rosie Smith Williams lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love



Rosie Smith Williams - February 05, 2022 at 12:21 AM

CT

“ My prayers and condolences to the family 🙏

Cheryl Tall-Hawkins - February 04, 2022 at 11:20 PM

ID

“ Ilene R. Davis lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love



Ilene R. Davis - February 04, 2022 at 05:15 PM

TP

“ Terry Prude lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love



Terry Prude - February 04, 2022 at 05:01 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love



Patricia Jamison - February 04, 2022 at 04:01 PM

EG

“ I'm sorry for your loss my Prayers, Sympathy & Condolence to the Love & White family I met Margaret through my mother when they worked for ILLINOIS Bell she was sweet, kind & a loving friend but she was like an auntie to me & my daughters Margaret will be loved & missed Love you Janine. Love you Margaret 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Erion Greene - February 04, 2022 at 11:46 AM

VD

“ My prayers go out to the entire family 🙏



Verlean Dunigan - February 04, 2022 at 11:24 AM

KJ

“ Love you aunt Margaret ❤️❤️ You are truly going to be missed. R.I.P Margaret



Khish Jackson - February 04, 2022 at 05:53 AM

CB

“ *My condolences to family. Mrs. Love always had smile on her face she'll be missed!*



crystal bryant - February 04, 2022 at 01:32 AM

EC

“ *Elayne Coffie lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love*



Elayne Coffie - February 04, 2022 at 01:09 AM

EC

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the Love Family. I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Love at Illinois Bell my senior year of high school. She was a very kind and considerate co worker.*

Elayne Coffie - February 04, 2022 at 01:07 AM

MT

“ *Prayers are with the family.*



mary thomson - February 03, 2022 at 11:40 PM

EL

“ My sincere condolences to the Love’s Family. Ms. Margaret was a beautiful and classy lady with a sweet spirit. I remember the first time I ever saw, her, which was at Morning Star Church. I was about ten years old, she was so well dressed, I thought she was the prettiest woman I had ever seen. May she rest easy in the arms of the Father❤️🙏🙏



Ethel Lee - February 03, 2022 at 11:31 PM

MG

“ My condolences to the family. Mrs. Love and I were members of the Redhat Society. But She knew me long before that. I went to school with her daughter. Rest in love ❤️🕊️



Mary Gant - February 03, 2022 at 10:45 PM



“ Aunt Margaret you will be missed. Earthly loss heavenly gain. Good and faithful servant well done. Love, Regina, Jason and Ayo Gathing



Regina Gathing - February 03, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Love.



February 03, 2022 at 06:26 PM

JB

“ *Joann Box lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love*



Joann Box - February 03, 2022 at 06:10 PM

DM

“ *I worked with Margaret for many years at Illinois Bell. She was a great friend and a beautiful person. My sympathy to her family.*

Deena Meyer

Deena Meyer - February 03, 2022 at 02:43 PM

CR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Ms Love. Carolyn Hairston Rice*



Carolyn Rice - February 03, 2022 at 11:16 AM

SJ

“ *My condolences to the family. Your mother was beautiful inside and out. One of the kindest person you've ever met. My prayers for strength goes out to the family.*

Sue Jenkins - Billings

Sue Jenkins-Billings - February 03, 2022 at 06:24 AM

TW

“ Terry Wilson-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love



Terry Wilson-Lloyd - February 02, 2022 at 08:50 PM

MB

“ Minnie Brewer Brewster lit a candle in memory of Margaret Love



minnie brewer brewster - February 02, 2022 at 07:53 PM

MW

“ My condolences to this Beautiful lady whom i knew all my life.May you Rest in the arms of the Lord.

Michele Whitlow - February 02, 2022 at 07:42 PM

CW

“ My Condolences to the family. Prayers.



Cheryl Wilson - February 02, 2022 at 07:15 PM



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



February 02, 2022 at 03:17 PM