



WILLIE MAE PIEL

September 7, 1934 - March 24, 2017

Willie Mae Piel, 82, of Sun River Terrace, IL, died Friday, March 24, 2017 at Citadel Care Center. Visitation will be Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. until time of funeral services at 10:00 A.M. at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Sun River Terrace. Reverend Ricky Dixon will officiate and Minister Elliott Parker will deliver the eulogy. Burial will be in Momence Cemetery.

Willie Mae Piel was born September 7, 1934 in Jackson, Tennessee to Willie Lee and Bertha Mae Fletcher. She was baptized at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Denmark, Tennessee at an early age and was a member of Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board.

She had worked for the Manteno State Hospital, the Sun River Terrace Police Department and was a Foster Grandparent for the Kankakee School District. She attended Kankakee Community College. She liked watching the TV shows, QVC and PUSH and enjoyed listening to jazz. She loved going to church, teaching children and anything to do with Black History. She was instrumental in the startup of the Sun River Terrace Library and served as a board trustee. She received the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation's Rosa Parks Award for her contribution.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three sons, Cecil Ward of Seattle, Washington and John Ward and Allan Piel, both of Kankakee, IL; one

daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and George Santaguida of El Paso, Texas; one brother, Charlie Fletcher of Minneapolis, MN; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cecil Ward; one son, Christopher C. Ward; one sister, Catherine Fletcher O'Neil DeNeal and a granddaughter, Brandy Ward.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *My condolences to the family! I was unable to attend but truly her sweet spirit will be missed.*

Karen Harrison - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *so sorry for your loss!*

Cheryl & John - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Love you mother*

santaguida - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My sincerest prayers and love to the family*

Jerry Rice - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Dear Cheryl, So sorry to hear about your mom. I had seen her about 2 years ago and she still remembered me and I asked about you. I always enjoyed talking to her. My sincere condolences. Donna Casino (former employee of K Mart 4322 on Court St.)*

Donna Casino - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *So sorry for your loss, mother Piel was a very pleasant person. I am a member of MT. Calvary and live in Sun River Terrace.*

Bernice Burkett - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *My sincerest prayers and love to the family.*

Rita Morris - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *We love you mother and will miss you dearly*

Cheryl santaguida - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *So sorry for your loss! Praying for the Family!*

Annie Moody & Family - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Cheryl I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences from my family.
Love ya mari*

Mariana jimenez - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I love you guys you have my heartfelt condolences I pray that God will give you strength when you are weak and peace when you need it. God will continue to keep you all. Just trust him completely you will come through this I promise.*

Cheryl Johnson - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *I will always remember Grandma Piel, who always had a smile, even when she was at Citadel she still had that loving spirit every time I visited. She was a beautiful Foster Grandparent.*

mary gant - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *MY CONDOLENCE*

JOANN BOX - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM