



Imogene Princella Woods Heard

January 1, 1939 - May 14, 2021

Imogene Princella Woods Heard transitioned on Friday, May 14, 2021 at home in Mableton, Georgia. She was affectionately called “Penny” and was the 3rd sibling born to the union of Hill and Beulah Woods (both deceased) on Sunday, January 1, 1939 in Neelyville, Missouri.

At the age of 10, Penny, along with her mother and siblings, relocated to Gary, Indiana where she attended Roosevelt High School from 5th to 12th grade. She was very active in sports and dance. She also became a cheerleader at Roosevelt High School. During her senior year in high school, she met and dated Otis Heard Sr. (deceased) who later became her husband on December 24, 1957. Imogene (Penny) graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1958.

Penny and Otis moved to Chicago where she worked for a children’s home and Spiegel catalog.

They bought a house in Gary, Indiana in 1962. While residing in Gary, Indiana, Penny and Otis owned several businesses. Nevertheless, Penny managed to remain very active in her community by often volunteering at her children’s

parochial school plus many church and community functions and events.

Penny attended a junior college in Illinois where she earned her EKG Certificate and graduated Valedictorian. She worked for Gary Methodist Hospital from 1978 until 1980. In 1980, Penny and her husband, Otis moved to Austell, Georgia. From 1982 until retirement in 2003, Penny worked at Saint Joseph Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia as a supervisor in the EKG department.

While residing in Austell, Georgia, Penny attended Hunter Hill Missionary Baptist Church for many years prior to becoming a member. After becoming a member, Penny was very active in

several of the Hunter Hill's Ministries. She served with the Finance Ministry, Courtesy Guild Ministry, Mothers Ministry, Season Saints Ministry, and the Women's Ministry.

Penny attended and graduated from Holland Institute of Ministry (HIM) 2013-2016.

Above all her accolades, Penny was a beautiful person with a wonderful spirit. She was full of love, humor, and positive energy. She was always joking and making everyone laugh. In the true spirit of her husband, Otis, she always had an open door and an open heart to help all those in need.

Imogene is preceded in death by her husband Otis Heard Sr. (July 2, 2018), both her parents (Hill and Beulah Woods), 4 brothers (Mosby Woods Sr., James Evans, Hill Woods Jr., and Tony Woods Sr.), 1 sister (Edna Lillian Montgomery-Thornton), Granddaughter (Penithia *Star* Hamer), and Great Granddaughter (Corliss Aubree Johnson).

Five children: Linda (James) Rouse Atlanta, GA; Lorenzo (Delthia) Heard Sr. Coushatta, LA; Glenna (Anthony)Walker Riverdale GA; Otis (Tirene) Heard Jr. Douglasville. GA; and Tammy Heard-Hodges Long Beach, CA

13 grandchildren: Carlina Davis Indianapolis, IN; Robert (Terra) Johnson III Decatur, GA; Anthony (Aqueelah) Johnson Loganville, GA; Andrew (Lisa) Key Portage, IN; Antoine Cardine Minneapolis, MN; Rickenna (Joseph) Walker Fort Wayne, IN; Ricardo (Jessica) Hamer Jr. Fort Belvoir, VA; Lorenzo Heard Jr. Rochester, MN; Amber (Darnell) Peeks Douglasville, GA; LaTara Hodges Mableton,GA; Sean Simmons Las Vegas, NV; Kianna Hodges Lithia Springs, GA; and Otis Heard III Douglasville, GA

33 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren.

One brother Ed Montgomery Jr. Mableton, GA

A host of nieces and nephews, other family members and a host of friends.

Please join the family via livestream at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WimberlyFuneralHome/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Willie A Watkins Funeral Home
1003 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
(404) 758-1731

Tribute Wall



“ *Imogene Princella Woods Heard*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Louise Randolph lit a candle in memory of Imogene Princella Woods Heard*



Louise Randolph - May 23, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family. You are in our thoughts and our prayers.*



Carolyn - May 21, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. You are in our prayers.*

Collette Hunter & family - May 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM

MJ

“ *To the family.
When you lost your mom, I lost her too. 23rd. Ave, Gary, IN. next door neighbors. 23rd. Ave., was a family. Your mom/dad was my mom/dad. that's the way the block was. May you be comforted with Gods grace and mercy.
Mary Jo (Walker) Jones*

Mary Jones - May 21, 2021 at 03:33 PM

DH

“ *Prayers and Love for the Family and a Great Homegoing Celebration for Mrs Heard!!! Denise, Love you Tams!*

Denise Holmes - May 21, 2021 at 02:04 PM

TM

“ *Tina M lit a candle in memory of Imogene Princella Woods Heard*



Tina M - May 21, 2021 at 12:32 PM

TI

“ *As you celebrate the life of Penny, one true Matriarch, may you find comfort in sharing all the successes and memories she has left with you. Her strength, resilience and wittiness were like no other. It is with great honor to have met you!
Sending love and peace during this time of sorrow, Tina.*

Tina - May 21, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Imogene Princella Woods Heard.*



May 20, 2021 at 03:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Imogene Princella Woods Heard.*



May 19, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *my condolences to the Heard family. she will forever be a shining star in Gods Heaven.*
Merrill Wyatt
class Of 58
Gary Roosevelt High School

merrill wyatt - May 19, 2021 at 05:03 PM



My condolences to the family

Troy Durden - May 21, 2021 at 03:57 PM



My condolences to the family

Troy Durden - May 21, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Imogene Princella Woods Heard.



May 19, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ My Condolences to the Heard family. I did not have an opportunity to meet Mrs Heard but I am a friend of her daughter and she has shared great memories. May you all Live in Peace knowing She is resting in Peace. Much Love. SAM

Sam - May 19, 2021 at 02:38 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Penny's death. We can see why the bible call death an enemy. But please look to the future when death will be no more. Love you have and may you find comfort in knowing the promises GOD has in store for us.

Rosemarie Daves - May 18, 2021 at 10:24 PM



I am so sorry to hear about your moms passing. I pray that all her family have peace . That God will comfort you all. May she RIP.

Terry Hendricks - May 18, 2021 at 11:10 PM



My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and also my prayers. We will see her in the resurrection.

Elizabeth Watkins - May 19, 2021 at 01:26 PM

Jl

As my fellow 1958 Roosevelt H.S. graduates pass into the after life I remember them as vibrant young people I had the pleasure to experience youth with. My deepest sympathy to those left behind.

JEANETTE A IRONS - May 19, 2021 at 06:29 PM