



Pearlie Moton Farmer

September 28, 1948 - October 27, 2025

Pearlie Moton Farmer was born on September 28, 1948, in Hollandale, Mississippi, to her loving parents George and Kattie Moton. She was one of several siblings. In 1972, she was joined in holy matrimony with Edgar O. Farmer. Her parents and her husband all preceded her in death.

Pearlie attended and graduated from Hirsch High School in Chicago, Illinois, and later earned her degree in Early Childhood Education from DePaul University. Her love for learning led her to continue her academic journey, pursuing additional post-secondary degrees from both DePaul University and Governors State University, along with numerous professional certifications.

Pearlie dedicated over 35 years of service to the Chicago Public Schools, teaching Pre-K through fourth grade at Brian Piccolo Elementary School. She was deeply passionate about education and continued to share her gift by teaching others to read during her retirement.

Pearlie truly embraced retirement. She loved attending theatre performances and was an avid supporter of the arts, frequently visiting The Court Theatre, Steppenwolf, and Goodman Theatre. She enjoyed peaceful walks around her beloved Hyde Park neighborhood and regular shopping trips to Trader Joe's. A lifelong resident of Harper Square Cooperative, she cherished every moment spent with her grandson Miles—exploring nature, nurturing his

curiosity, and celebrating each new discovery. She also filled her days with workouts alongside her beloved group at the South Side YMCA, where she was a familiar and cherished presence, as well as monthly lunches with “The Sitdown” ladies.

In 1985, Pearlie joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, rededicating her life to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the late Reverend Gordon A. Humphrey. She faithfully served as a Sunday School teacher, a role that beautifully reflected her lifelong commitment to education, mentorship, and spiritual growth.

Pearlie was known for her patience, kindness, and humble spirit. She believed deeply in the importance of family and was affectionately known as the family photographer and historian. At every family gathering, she could be found with her phone in hand, capturing moments and preserving memories for generations to come.

Pearlie leaves to cherish her memory her devoted daughter, Janine; her son-in-law, Miles III; and her beloved grandson, Miles IV. She is also lovingly remembered by her siblings Herbert, Kattie, and Cynthia; her nieces and nephews Candace, Ron, Jade, Chloe, and Coty; her great-nephews Martell, Desاون, Darrion, Christian, Ever, and Evan; her great-niece Sunday; and a host of extended family and dear friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home Landmark Chapel
7030 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Visitation

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shiloh M. B. Church
10540 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL 60628

Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Shiloh M. B. Church
10540 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL 60628

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I was unable to attend the services. I send you my love, I always got a smile and a check-in from Pearlie at our yoga class at the YMCA. She was so full of grace, love, and joy. Her spirit carries on and I wish you all peace as you celebrate such a wonderful person and grieve the loss you feel. I will miss her a lot. Kristy

Kristy Ulrich Papczun - December 02, 2025 at 01:27 PM

CW

“ Pearlie was a wonderful friend to my mother, Elizabeth Wilkins. I have such fond memories of seeing her with Pearlie and her friends at Curves. She now joins my mother in Heaven. RIP

Carolyn Wilkins - November 19, 2025 at 08:17 AM

JE

“ Jeannie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pearlie Moton Farmer.



Jeannie - November 18, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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“ Jeannine Esparza purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pearlie Moton Farmer.



Jeannine Esparza - November 15, 2025 at 02:40 PM