

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.*

*I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

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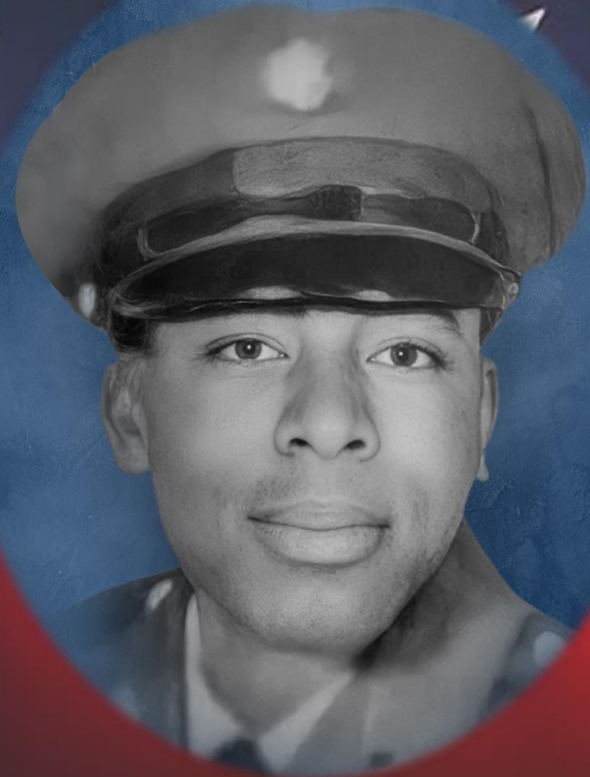
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# In Honor of your Memory



*Mr. Bennie Lee Sims, Jr.*

## *Obituary*

Mr. Bennie Lee Sims, Jr. was born on August 3, 1946, in Newberry County, South Carolina. He was the second oldest son of Bennie Lee Sims, Sr. and Louise Rikard “*Baby*” Sims. He departed this life on Friday, September 24, 2021, at the Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center.

Mr. Sims was educated in the public schools of Newberry County, South Carolina. He graduated from Gallman High, Class of 1965. He was drafted into the United States Army at Fort Jackson, SC.

Mr. Bennie Sims, Jr. served as a 12C20 Bridge Specialist. He earned the National Defense of Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Metal and device in 1960, 2 O/S bars, and expert (Rifle M-14). Mr. Sims was honorably discharged in 1968.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Bennie and Louise Sims; his brother, Thomas Eichelberger; sister, Barbara Brown; daughter, Andrea Sims; and a son, Scottie Sims.

Mr. Bennie Lee Sims, Jr. leaves to mourn his passing: his devoted friend, Lottie Harvey; his daughters, Linda Johnson, of Columbia, SC, Pamela (Rusty) Caldwell, of Irmo, SC and Krystal (Christopher) Frazier, of Beaufort, SC; sons, Tyrone Eric Sims and Steven (LaTeacha) Sims; brother, Larry (Betty) Sims, all of Columbia, SC; two sisters, Ruby Renwick and Essie Stephens, both of Newberry, SC; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; mother of his children and caregiver, Mary Sims; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; other relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mr. Bennie Lee Sims, Jr., would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

## *Order of Service*

*Thursday, September 30, 2021  
11:00 a.m.*

*Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Comfort.... Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PH.D.

Scripture Reading.....Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PH.D.

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, PH.D.



## *Committal, Benediction and Interment*

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