

Pallbearers

Men of Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church

Honorary Floral Bearers

Missionary Society of Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church

Floral Bearers

Nurse's Ministry

Remember Me

*Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years,
Recall a "closeness" that was ours,
A love as sweet as fragrant flowers,
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
We'll see each other once again,
I am at peace....try to believe,
It was my time.... I had to leave.
But "what a view" I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near,
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.
And when God calls you...you will be,
Right by my side....right here with me,
Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,
We'll be united....evermore*

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Beatrice Smith Simmons, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us, during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you with His love, grace, and mercy.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel

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Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

I. S. Leevy Johnson
-Owner & Director-

Leevy's

F U N E R A L H O M E

Chris Leevy Johnson
-President & Managing Director-

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(803) 776-6922

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-General Manager-

*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MRS. BEATRICE SMITH SIMMONS



**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

**GUNTER'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1631 WINDOVER STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND LEWIS GUNTER
-PASTOR EMERITUS-**

Reflections of the Life
of
Mrs. Beatrice Smith Simmons

On Wednesday June 5, 2022, at 4:15 a.m., Beatrice Simmons exchanged her earthly life for her reward in heaven, at Prisma Richland Hospital, in Columbia. Beatrice Simmons, daughter of the late Benjamin and Louvenia Smith, was born on June 29, 1945, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Beatrice was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1963.

She was a devoted member of Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church of Columbia, South Carolina, for over 40 years. While at Gunter's Chapel, she held a number of positions within the church. Beatrice was a member of the Missionary Society, President of the Nurses Auxiliary of Gunter's. Chapel, and president of the Special Recognition Committee. Beatrice was a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Ladies of Peace Chapter #714 Order of Eastern Star Modern Free and Accepted Masons.

She was employed at Richland Memorial Hospital for over 15 years, as a Unit Clerk. She then went on to work at Meadowfield Elementary School as the cafeteria manager, where she retired after many years.

Beatrice was a devoted member of the Irmo Salvation Army Women's Home League. Beatrice served as the treasurer for many years. She also taught many lessons on health care, and kept the team in the know on health care trends. She was a woman who wore many hats, literally, and figuratively. Beatrice was a fashion coordinator and held many fashion shows throughout the City of Columbia for adults and children. She was a **DIVA** with **HATTITUDE!**

In addition to her parents, Benjamin and Louvenia Smith, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Luberta McDuffie, Rosa Rose, and Juanita Smith; a brother, Warren Smith, and a loving granddaughter, Whitnie Davis.

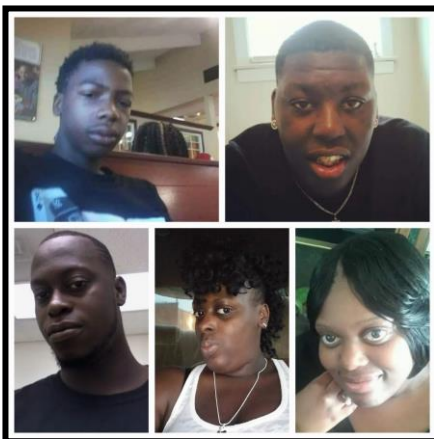
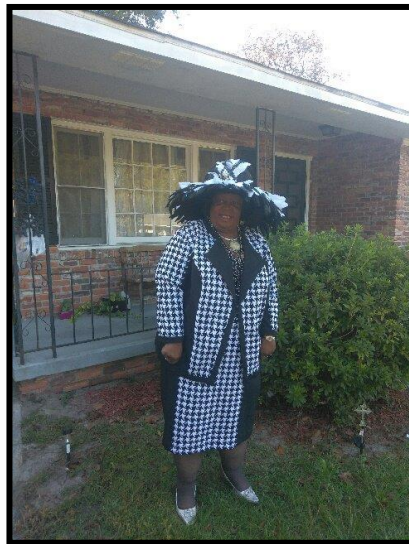
Beatrice leaves to honor and cherish her memory: her loving children, Jonathan (Vergie) Simmons, of Middleburg Florida, Cheryle Raymond, of Columbia, SC, Pamela (Keith) Davis, of Irmo, SC, Anthony (Dana) Simmons, of Columbia, and Phyllis MacPherson, of Columbia, SC, twelve grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Beatrice also leaves to honor and cherish her memory: her diva friends, Reverend Elizabeth Wine, Helen Brooks, Lois Rawls, and Reverend Paulette Sikes.

Farewell Mother

*Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is 'MOTHER', she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother for all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.*

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Broderick Prioleau, Presiding
Associate Minister, Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church

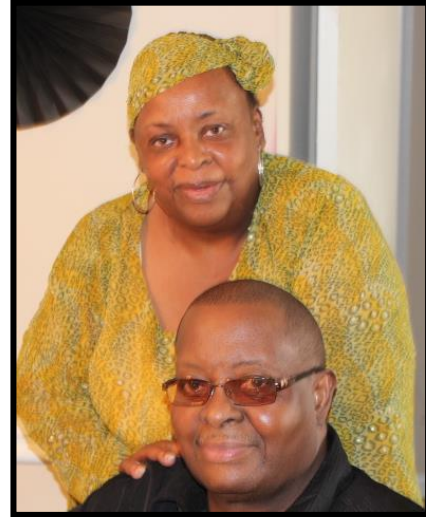
- Prelude
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Opening Selection.....Gunter's Chapel Combined Choirs
- Old Testament.....Reverend James Williams
- New Testament.....Reverend Anna Lane
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Algerron Williams
Pastor, Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2/New Dimension Church
- Musical Selection....."Don't Call The Roll"Gunter's Chapel Combined Choirs
- Remarks.....*Limit Three Minutes, Please* Reverend Maxine Sumter
Friend
Mrs. Delores Rawls
GCBC Nurse's Ministry/Salvation Army
Ms. Metheria Livingston
Missionary/Special Recognition Ministries
Ms. Catherine Johnson
State Nurse's Ministry
Mrs. Alice Williams-Ellison
Grand Worthy Matron, Easter Star
- Selection.....Gunter's Chapel Combined Choirs
- Resolution.....Ms. Barbara Frierson
- Selection....."Lean On Me"Mrs. Dana Simmons
- Reflections.....Reverend Elizabeth Wine
- Words of ComfortReverend Lewis Gunter, Pastor Emeritus
Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church
- Viewing.....*In the Vestibule*.....Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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