

## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for  
me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the  
hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at  
home*

*When God looked down and smiled at me from His great  
golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."  
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last  
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the  
past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far  
apart,  
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

## Honorary Pallbearers

United Methodist Men

## Pallbearers

Nephews and Friends

## Floral Bearers

Nieces and Friends

## Acknowledgement

**We, the family of Mr. Doctor Matthew Sims III, would like to thank each of you for the many expressions of love and kindness extended to us during the passing of our loved one. We pray that for your kindness the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.**

## Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of

MR. DOCTOR MATTHEW SIMS III



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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NORTH, SOUTH CAROLINA

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# Obituary

Mr. Doctor Matthew Sims III was born on January 26, 1951, in Columbia, South Carolina. Affectionately know as *Doc* or *Little Doc*, he was the oldest child of the late Doctor David Sims II and Hattie Jacques, of Gadsden, South Carolina. *Doc* departed this life on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, in Columbia, South Carolina.

*Doc* was educated in the public schools of Richland County, where he attended Cedar Spring Middle Level and Webber High School. After graduating, *Doc* attended Spartanburg Junior Methodist College, in Spartanburg, South Carolina and the University of South Carolina from which he graduated. In 1978 while at the University of South Carolina, *Doc* was initiated as a member of the Kappa Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the University's inaugural line. He was also a member of Beta Chi Sigma, Graduate Chapter. After his formal education, *Doc* worked as a counselor for many years, employed at Midlands Center and the SC Commission for the Blind Columbia Campus. Coming from a family of farmers, he always possessed an entrepreneurial spirit with the desire to operate his own business. *Doc* established a greenhouse, which he operated for several years and later retired as a Concession Stand Manager for the Commission for the Blind. He was involved with the Gadsden Senior Citizens Group and the Gadsden Crime Watch meetings.

*Doc* was baptized at an early age and joined the St. Mark Baptist Church, in Gadsden, SC. He married Evelyn on November 26, 1994, and shortly after he moved his membership and joined St. Mark United Methodist, in North, SC. *Doc* served as a Licensed Lay Servant and as President of the United Methodist Men.

*Doc's* had many hobbies, but his favorites were fishing, talking on the phone, and listening to music.

In addition to his parents, *Doc* was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Christopher Sims.

Mr. Doctor Matthew Sims III leaves to mourn his passing: his loving and devoted wife, Evelyn Colter-Sims, of the home; his siblings, Herbert W. Sims (Sandra) of Blythewood, SC, Margaret V. Sims, William E. Sims, and Hattie C. Sims, all of Gadsden, SC; brothers, Larry Brown (Helen) of Gadsden, SC, Anthony Brown (Jacquiline), of Hopkins, SC, Nathanael Brown, of Charleston, SC and Willis Brown, of Eastover, SC; nephews, Jeremy D. Sims and Matthew D. Sims, both of the family home; in-laws, Edro Doster, of Columbia, SC, Leon Colter (Betty), of Cayce, SC, Allen Colter (Patricia), and Patricia Carter, both of Columbia, SC; three aunts, Esther Ruth Sims, Thelma Culler, and Helen Culler; a host of special nieces; nephews; friends, Jackie Washington, Tony Matthews, and Willie Johnson; other loving relatives, all of whom will miss him dearly.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing .....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”
- Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. Secaida Howell  
St. Mark Baptist Church, Gadsden, SC
- New Testament.....Reverend Hazel Reese  
First Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
- Prayer .....Reverend Bobby Gorden  
Retired United Methodist Pastor
- Reading of the Obituary
- Selection.....St. Mark Mass Choir
- Remarks.....Mr. Clarence Donaldson  
Mr. Ralph Golden  
Mr. Jack Washington, Sr.  
Ms. Hattie C. Sims
- Selection .....St. Mark Mass Choir
- Words of Comfort .....Reverend Dr. Marvin A. Ross
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

**11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2024**  
**Greenlawn Memorial Gardens**  
**7100 Garners Ferry Road**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Repast immediately following services**  
**in the fellowship hall.**