

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the Simmons Family, would like to thank you for your unfailing sympathy and acts of kindness. Your prayers, your love, your presence, and service have sustained us. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you very much. May God continue to bless you.

*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*
MR. SIMON SIMMONS



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024
12:00 NOON

BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
1066 SUNSET BOULEVARD
WEST COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Reflections of the Life of Mr. Simon Simmons

Simon, also affectionately known as "Fry," a cherished and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, left us for his final resting place on Friday, October 18, 2024. He lived a life filled with tremendous passion and service toward others.

Simon was born on December 21, 1948, to the late Willie Simmons and Lula Bell Lance Simmons. He was the youngest of nine children. Four brothers, Willie Jr., Richard, McElveen, and Prince, and one sister, Kathleen Johnson, all preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his beloved daughter-in-law, Yvonne Hayes Simmons.

Simon grew up in rural Georgetown County, South Carolina, where family, community and church were an essential part of his life. In that vein, he became a lifelong member of Chester Hill Baptist Church. Later, after falling in love with the teachings of Pastor Charles B. Jackson, Sr., he joined Brookland Baptist Church, in Columbia, SC.

Although he was quiet and introspective throughout his adolescence, Simon gained self-confidence by participating in extracurricular activities; he played basketball for the Choppee Indians and was a member of the Glee Club. He graduated from Choppee High School, in 1968. Simon matriculated to Denmark Technical College, where he received two associate degrees in electrical technology and engineering graphics technology.

Simon was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from June 1970 through December 1971. For his service he received several military decorations and honors, including two Bronze Service Stars, a National Defense Service Medal, and an Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest. After completing his tour of service overseas, Simon continued to serve in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve for more than 30 years.

Simon married the love of his life, Earline Curtain, on December 15, 1979, in Georgetown, SC. Soon after, they moved to Columbia, and began building a family and settled into their first home. Later, Simon, Earline and their three children moved to Irmo, SC, where they built their dream home in 1995. The Simmons' Family home was truly a labor of love for Simon, as he assumed major responsibilities as the sub-contractor and completed all the electrical work for the home. Simon also completed the front yard landscaping and added finishing touches to the home.

An electrician by trade and profession, as well as a businessman, handyman, mechanic, and carpenter--Simon was truly a "jack of all trades." Simon was a Plant Electrician at the McMeekin Station of the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) for nearly 40 years. After his retirement, he spent his time cooking, fishing, and tending to his garden, as well as spending quality time with his family and loved ones.

As we grapple with the loss of his physical presence, we find solace in knowing that Simon's spirit lives on through the love that he instilled in all of us. He loved his children furiously and provided all three of them with a college education. Simon's strength of character, fortitude, selflessness, and kindness were unmatched. He leaves to mourn his loving wife of nearly 45 years, Earline; his three children, Simon Christopher, Jared Alexander, and Jasmine Elana; his precious granddaughter, Ava Christina; grandson, Javon Hayes; his brother, Louis Simmons (Ruby); his sisters Lily Wright and Ruth Gamble; special sister-in-law, Nell Simmons; sisters-in-law, Dee Simmons, Zelma Simmons, Reather Gamble, Bernadette Reed, and Helen Jackson (Keith); brothers-in-law, Joseph Curtain (Cindy), Napoleon Curtain (Gwen), Will Curtain (Kwanda), and Bryant Curtain (Jennifer); a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as countless friends

For My Husband (My Superman)

**Every woman hopes to find
the true love of her life.
A handsome man to take her hand
and choose her as his wife.**

**I looked here and everywhere
to find someone like you.
Then one day, you were there
and all my dreams came true.**

**You've filled my life with joy
and set my heart aglow.
You are cherished and adored
more than you could ever know.**

**No truer love anywhere
on earth could ever be.
With all my heart
I THANK YOU,
Sweetheart, for loving me.**

(c) Ron Tranmer

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude.....Instrumental Medley

Processional.....“I Shall Wear A Crown”

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....Reverend Jerome Bracey

New Testament.....II Timothy 4:7-8.....Reverend Jerome Bracey

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Sharon Gambrell

Musical Selection.....“ I Can Only Imagine”Ms. Marvinna Green, Friend

Remarks.....VFW Representative
 Choppee High School Class of 1968
 Deacon Michael Williams
 Mr. Alvin Williams, Friend and Neighbor
 Minister Rodney Strother, Friend and Neighbor

Tributes.....Nieces and Nephews
 Mr. Christopher Simmons, Son

Musical Selection.....Mr. Randy Gamble, Nephew

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.

Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Postlude.....Medley of Songs



Committal, Benediction, and Interment
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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