

A close-up portrait of an elderly Black man with a shaved head, wearing red-rimmed glasses, a white dress shirt, a blue tie, and a dark suit jacket. He is smiling slightly. The background is a blurred stained-glass window with yellow and purple tones.

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

**Sunrise**  
June 11, 1925

**Sunset**  
June 11, 2011

*Willie  
Simmons*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Willie Frank Simmons** was born June 11, 1925 in Macon, Georgia to the late Joe Simmons and Blanch (Fredrick) Simmons, and resided in Paterson, NJ for sixty-one years. He departed this life on June 11, 2011.

He was employed by Binn Fountains and Sinclair Lumber Company for many years.

He was a member of the Christ Temple Baptist Church, where he served on the Senior Usher Board.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Daisy (Sanders) Simmons; parents, Joe Simmons and Blanch Simmons; sons, John, Leon and Milton Simmons; sisters, Lucille, Ethel, Louise, Bertha, Willie, Essie, Ola Mae and Nora; brothers, Elmer and Joe Simmons, Jr.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: one daughter, Chanel Walker of Paterson, NJ; three sons, David and Gary Simmons of Paterson, NJ, and Raymond Simmons of Utica, NY; fifteen grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; daughters-in-law, Denise Simmons, Doris Prince, Vernell Whitfield and Brenda Kendricks; son-in-law, Johnnie Walker.

*Order of Service*

*Service*

Friday, June 17, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

**CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

38 Hopper Street

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Gregory Turner, Officiating*

*Kevin Johnson, Organist*

*Prelude ..... Kevin Johnson*

*Processional*

*God Speaks To Us*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*We Speak To God*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*and Reflections*

*Reflections of Life*

*Selection*

*Eulogy..... Rev. Gregory Turner*

*Recessional*



**Interment**

*St. Peters Cemetery*

*Garfield, New Jersey*

# *Fly Away*

*As we watch you fly day by day  
We never knew it would end this way  
As we turn to your heart for  
comfort and relief.*

*You told us the things we needed to hear.  
For the love we have for you Daddy made us  
glad! Although we sit around and wonder why  
you left us sad. As time goes by and by we will  
say to you "You're Free, You're free!"  
So spread your wings and soar. And always  
remember we will be grateful for your grace,  
love and wisdom. As we close this poem with  
love, peace and faith We say to you Daddy, We  
Love You. So spread your wings and fly away,  
fly away. I'm sure we will meet  
another day.*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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