

A portrait of Ethel Mae Simmons, a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a dark blue jacket over a light-colored top and a pearl necklace. She is positioned in the center of the image. The background is a soft-focus landscape of a field filled with purple flowers, with a sunset or sunrise sky in shades of orange, pink, and purple in the distance.

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Ethel Mae Simmons***

*Sunrise*

*October 18, 1942*

*Sunset*

*February 11, 2012*

*Service*

*Wednesday, February 22, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.*

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**

12 West 108th Street • New York, New York

***Pastor Keith W. Roberson, Officiating***

## *The Obituary of Ethel Simmons*

**ETHEL Mae Simmons** was born on October 18th, 1942 in Parkin, Arkansas to the late Laura Etta Lindsey and Abe Settles. ETHEL departed her earthly existence while hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital in New York, New York on Saturday, February 11th, 2012.

ETHEL was the eldest of five children. She started working at age seven and went to school at Mary Jackson High School located in Hughes, Arkansas. ETHEL never had a chance to finish her scholastic education because she had to abruptly stop to help raise her younger brothers and sisters.

In 1965, ETHEL relocated to New York City. After arriving in the city, she went to Metropolitan School for Nurse's Aide and had to postpone her goals of taking care of her family. ETHEL worked at Tower Nursing Home for a few years. Furthermore, she decided to go for training in Home Health Care, which she completed her required classes for, then began her career as a Home Attendant.

In 1984, ETHEL started working with Washington Heights Home Care Agency. She worked there for a total of twenty-two years. However, ETHEL had to retire early in October of 2006 due to an on-the-job-injury.

ETHEL joined in Holy Matrimony to James Wigfall on October 9th, 1981. She and her husband lived in New York City for over thirty years until his untimely death on February 15th, 1999.

*ETHEL leaves behind to mourn*

*Her daughters and sons who are:*

*Edna, Eddie, Leonard Jr. And Ruby;*

*Her granddaughter and grandsons who are:*

*Andromeda, Leonard, Lawrence, Shawn, Glenn and William Jr.;*

*Her great-granddaughters and great-grandsons who are:*

*Daquan and Desiree;*

*Her only surviving sibling is her sister, who is:*

*Annie Mae Brown and her husband, Litdell*

*who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana;*

*She also leaves behind nieces and nephews who are:*

*Raynette, Troy Jr., LauraEtta, Sherry, Dwayne, Eddie Jr., Angela,*

*Maurice, Ledrez, Lamark, Laverne, Lorraine, Catina, Cearia,*

*Troy and William;*

*As well as thirty-four other great-grand nieces and nephews.*

*With Love and Sorrow*



# *The Order of Worship*

The Processional ..... Pastor and Family

The Invocation ..... The Minister

The Hymn of Comfort ..... *“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”* #248

The Scripture Reading

    The Old Testament

    The New Testament ..... Romans 8:35-39

The Prayer of Comfort ..... The Minister

Musical Selection ..... Min. Melody Moore

Tribute(s)

Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences

Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection ..... Min. Melody Moore

The Eulogy ..... Rev.Keith W. Roberson, I, Pastor

The Committal

Benediction / Recessional

## **Interment**

Mt. Rest Cemetery  
Butler, New Jersey

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him 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 that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
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 share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

*(Unknown Author)*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation  
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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