



*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Harriet Simmons**

Sunrise  
June 11, 1940

Sunset  
September 12, 2012

*Service*

Saturday, September 15, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**THE CHURCH ON THE HILL A.M.E. ZION**

975 St. Nicholas Ave.

New York, New York

**Rev. DeForest L. Raphael, Pastor**

**Officiating**

*Prof. Douglas Banks, Organist*

# *Order of Service*

*The Prelude ..... (Congregation in Devout Meditation)*

*\*The Processional ..... The Pastor and Family*

*The Invocation ..... The Rev. DeForest Raphael*

*The Hymn*

*\*The Gloria Patri ..... Page #642*

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

*The Old Testament Lesson*

*The New Testament Lesson*

*The Prayer of Comfort*

*The Obituary ..... (To be Read in Silence)*

*The Sermon ..... The Rev. DeForest Raphael*

*\*The Recessional*

*(Asterisk (\*)Congregation Please Rise)*

## **Interment**

*Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York*

## *Reflections of Life*

*Harriet Simmons* was born on June 11th, 1940 to the late Rosa (Pickney) and Louis Simmons in McClenoville, South Carolina.

*She attended Lincoln High School where her vigorous spirit led her to New York City to embark on her journey in 1962.*

*She had two beautiful children to lead her legacy, Laurie Ann Simmons and Kevin Joseph Simmons. Harriet was a true inspiration to the hardworking black women of the county. She devoted her skills for forty years in her career of Merchandising where she touched the lives of many. Harriet was a force to be reckoned with. She worked six days a week tirelessly and devoted her life to positivity and strength. Harriet always said, "God don't like ugly and very little care for pretty." This spoke to her truth that meant she was the voice of love, of beautiful, of Glory, of joy and the voice of mother reason.*

*She leaves to mourn: two children, one daughter, Laurie Ann Simmons; one son, Kevin Joseph Simmons; one brother, Banova Simmons; one granddaughter, Alexis Brianna Ortiz; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.*

*The Apostles Creed*

*I believe in God the Father almighty  
Maker of Heaven, and Earth.  
And Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord.  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate  
Was crucified, dead, and buried.  
The third day he rose from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the  
Right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.  
AMEN*

*Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their deepest  
appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of  
kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.*

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