

In Loving Memory of



Mildred Simpkins

Sunrise
February 22, 1951

Sunset
May 17, 2014

Service
Saturday, May 24, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Ebenezer Baptist Church

153 William Street

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. H. William Rutherford III, Officiating

Obituary

On Saturday, May 17, 2014 God called our beloved “Mimi” and she gracefully walked with him home.

Mildred Simpkins was born February 22, 1951 to Abel and Cornelia Simpkins and not too long after was nick-named Mimi. As a child, she was fun loving, jovial and often times mischievous. Rest assured when mischief was about, you would find Mimi standing there with her thumb in her mouth. From the time she put Good & Plenty candies up her sister Londy’s nose or caused her brother Cornell to get burned by the hot comb, there she was, smiling like a Cheshire Cat with that thumb in her mouth. It took years for her to let go of that thumb, but when she did, she never let go of that unforgettable smile.

Mimi grew up and enjoyed many happy times in Orange, NJ. But in 1966, her parents relocated the family to East Orange, NJ. There, she attended the East Orange Public School system and graduated from East Orange High School in 1969. Mimi was very family oriented which is why she continued to live in East Orange for the better part her adult life, surrounded by her family, in the Kizuri Kijiji Community. Every holiday or family get together, front and center she’d be, the life of the party, that was Mimi. She lived for those times and never missed a one.

In 1969, Mimi gave birth to her first child and would go on to have three more children, to whom she loved dearly. She had several interest and hobbies but bowling was her favorite. If she wasn’t mothering, she was bowling. If she wasn’t traveling, dancing or making you laugh, she was bowling. Even after modeling in her brother’s fashion shows dating back to 1976, she’d make her way up to Palladium Lanes and lace up her bowling shoes. She continued to bowl for fun and in leagues up until 2012. Even in rough times, with a smile on her face, she’d say, “Let’s go bowling.” You could always count on her to lift you up even when she was feeling down.

Mimi wasn’t one to burden others with her troubles. She never liked sorrowful hearts or worried minds. That’s why in 2004 when she was first diagnosed with Breast Cancer, not many people could believe it. Through surgeries and treatment, she kept, keeping on. In 2008, she was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure and even that couldn’t keep her down. She remained upbeat and positive. Unfortunately, in late 2013, Mimi faced Breast Cancer again but this time with a weakening body and heart. She kept her faith and fought the good fight for several months, but ultimately decided to fight no more. And at her own time, she took God’s hand.

Mimi was loved and adored by so many. Among those left to honor and cherish her memories are her four children Tracy Hillman-Hunter, Lajuana Major, Michael Vines and Rudy Vines III. She is also survived by her siblings Elaine Lockhart, Abel Jr., Ethel and Cornell. As well as her beautiful grandchildren: Lamarr, Tyrone Jr, Mariah, Chantel, Quaze’, Ashley, Rakill, Nakiyah, Tyrone Jordan, Mekhi, Jahad and Elijah. Along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Mimi was preceded in death by her parents as well as her siblings, Harry Tisdale, Sterling, Ralpheal, and Yolanda Fields. Mimi’s physical presence will definitely be missed but her spirit and the endless memories of her will comfort and surround us forever.

Order of Service

Rev. H. William Rutherford III, Presiding

Prelude.....	Mr. Emory Lee
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament.....	Elder Sonya West
New Testament.....	Eddie Scott West
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. H. William Rutherford III
Musical Selection.....	Ebenezer Inspirational Choir
Reflections.....	Family and Friends
Acknowledgements.....	Kim Fields-Pendleton
Solo.....	Mr. Emory Lee
Obituary.....	Denise “Cuney” White
Musical Selection.....	Ebenezer Inspirational Choir
Eulogy.....	Rev. H. William Rutherford III
Recessional	

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Pallbearers

Michael Vines	Rudy Vines III
Lamarr Hillman	El-Juan Fields
Tyrone Hunter	Chris Fields

Friends are invited to join the family for repast following the interment at Ebenezer Baptist Church in the fellowship hall.

God's Garden

*God looked around His garden and found
an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb, so
He closed your weary eyelids and
whispered "peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you the day
God called you home.*

Expression of Gratitude

With grateful hearts, the family would like to express sincere appreciation for every act of kindness and love. Your prayers and expression of love have helped to comfort and sustain us during this difficult time. May God bless you.

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