

*A Service of Love and Gratitude
For the Radiant Life of
Margaret Louise Simmons*



Sunrise
September 30, 1918

Sunset
June 8, 2014

Service

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton-Parker Funeral Home

37 Clinton Avenue

Jersey City, New Jersey

Rev. Reginald McRae, Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

Order of Service

Officiating Rev. Reginald McCrae

Musical Interlude “Ave Maria”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – St. John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort “The Lord’s Prayer”

Musical Selection “How Great Thou Art”

Reflections

Tributes to Mom & Grandma

Selection “Wind Beneath My Wings”

Obituary Reading

Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

(Please remain seated until pallbearers and family members have recessed).

Interment

Machpelah Cemetery
5801 Tonnelle Avenue
North Bergen, New Jersey 07047

Obituary

Margaret Louise Simmons, affectionately known as “Maggie” a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, quietly passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at Saunders House.

Margaret was born on September 30, 1918 in Elizabeth City, NC. She was one of five children born to the late Ethel and Edwin Jackson. She had 2 brothers James and Edward who preceded her in death and 2 sisters, Ethel Mae and Dorothy (Dottie). The family later moved to Hoboken, New Jersey where she received her education and also became a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. In her young adult years, she relocated to Jersey City New Jersey where she met and married the late Symon Marshall Simmons. From this union were 2 children, Marshall and Curtis. Margaret and Symon often traveled up and down route 13 in 100 degree weather to visit family and friends in Maryland and North Carolina. She was a loving wife and in later years cared for Symon during a lengthy illness until his death. Margaret was a very affectionate and loving mother which was her proudest role in life. She sacrificed endlessly and strongly encouraged her sons to get an education and achieve their dreams. She was a wonderful caring person with a very generous spirit, and a big heart. She had a gift for making others feel that they mattered. If you had the pleasure of being in her company for a lifetime or just a moment, she left a genuine impression of warmth and compassion. Her charismatic and loving personality left an impact on all who knew her.

In 1991, Maggie moved to Philadelphia with her devoted companion Calvin James. She and Calvin had a special bond that lasted 23 years. He was by her side until she departed this life.

Maggie demonstrated a strong sense of family and family unity pouring out love, warmth and compassion. Proud, stately beautiful inside and out, she encouraged her family to “be the best and look the best” at all times.

She enjoyed spending holidays with her sons, (alternating Thanksgivings and Christmases), attending dances, traveling and having fun at the casinos. The legacy left to her family was “a legacy of love and honor” which was her life and in truth will never die.

Maggie leaves to cherish her memory a loving and devoted family: Her 2 sons, Marshall Simmons (Mary) of Somerset, New Jersey, Curtis Simmons (Janice) of Elkridge, Maryland; Her devoted companion, Calvin James of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 2 sisters, Ethel Mae Johnson and Dorothy (Dottie) Jackson of Jersey City, New Jersey; 6 Grandchildren, Andre Simmons of Portland, Oregon, Marques Simmons (Donnielle Simmons) of Cottage Grove, Minnesota, Toya Simmons of Somerset, New Jersey, Selina Palmer of Owings Mills, Maryland, C. Branden Simmons and Chad Simmons of Elkridge, Maryland; 3 great grandchildren, Breonna Martin, Kellen and Elise Simmons; special nieces, Doris Knight of Annapolis, Maryland and Evelyn Etheridge of New Canaan, Connecticut, as well as many other beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

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The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand.

*As she journeys to God's chosen land, may she be blessed and ever loved.
Her imprint is indelible... and she is safely home!*



Pall Bearers:
Grandsons & Special Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Margaret Simmons** is sincerely grateful for the comforting expressions of kindness, love and heartfelt prayers conveyed during the illness and bereavement of their loved one.

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