



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Evelyn Simonds*

*Sunrise*  
October 29, 1939

*Sunset*  
August 8, 2014

Service

*Friday, August 15, 2014- 7:00 p.m.*

**RUSH TEMPLE**

119-48 Sutphin Blvd. • Jamaica, New York 11434

*Rev. Isidoa Branch, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Evelyn Juanita Burns-Simonds** also known as “FROG” departed this life on August 8, 2014. She was born on October 28, 1939 to the late Nettie Ruth Floyd and Jessie Burns in Due West, South Carolina. Evelyn graduated at the age of 18 from Wrights High School in Abbeville County-where she also drove the school bus that led to her long history and love of driving.

Evelyn moved to Inwood, Long Island in 1961, she met and married, Richard P. Simonds, within this union were two sons, Richard and Dexter.

Evelyn worked for many years for New York Tel to Lucent Technology until she retired in 1999. She was a devoted member of Rush Temple African Methodist Zion Church until her health started to decline. She was also a breast cancer survivor for fifteen years.

Evelyn was a devoted mother not only to her family but to most of the children from Inwood Street. She was one of those mother’s of the block. She symbolized what is meant by “It takes a village to raise a child.” Evelyn was a very loving and caring person who enjoyed the simple things of life.

Evelyn’s presence have changed the lives of any who will continue to keep her legacy alive. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, William and Calvin Burns and sister, Marion Dotson.

Evelyn leaves to celebrate her life, two sons, Richard Simonds and Dexter Simonds; one daughter-in-law, Liana Simonds; four sisters, Jessie Smith, Brooklyn, NY, Johnnie Ruth Butler, Helen Anderson and Linda Jackson all from Due West, South Carolina; two brothers-in-law, James Butler of Due West, South Carolina and Ollie Dotson of Tacoma, Washington; three grandchildren, Michael Simonds, Alira Simonds, Shakira Simonds; two great grandchildren, Nya Simonds and Michael Simonds, Jr.; a lovely and dear longtime friend, Martha Daniels; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

*Order of Service*

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Congregational Hymn..... “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” - #300

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 27 ..... Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith

New Testament Lesson - John 14:1-7

Prayer of Comfort ..... Min. Jeff Fannell  
Pastor, One Good Ground Christian Fellowship • Wrightstown, NJ

Choral Response

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Reflections ..... Jessie Smith

Poem ..... Michelle Timmons

Obituary..... Vanessa Faulk

Choral Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. Isidoa Branch, Jr.

Hymn ..... “It Is Well With My Soul” - #507

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

**Final Disposition**  
All Souls Crematory  
Queens, New York

**Repast**

146 -77 Farmers Blvd. Queens, NY  
Immediately after the service

# *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!*  
-author unknown

## *Acknowledgements*

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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