

In Loving Memory of



Rachel A. Simmons

Sunrise

March 27, 1942

Sunset

August 23, 2014

Service

Monday, September 15, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

CHAPELS OF EDEN FUNERAL HOME

110 South Munn Avenue • East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Mark Carter-Pierce, Officiating

Gerold Walker, Organist

Obituary

Rachel A. Simmons was born on March 27, 1942 to the late Betty Ann Hill and Pleasant Hill in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

Rachel attended the North Carolina Public School System. On Saturday, August 23, 2014 her spirit departed this life.

Rachel was a devoted member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church for a number of years.

Rachel, came to New Jersey in 1961 where she met and married Joe Lewis Simmons, Sr.

Rachel spent most of her time working until she wasn't able to work any longer. She worked as a Nurse at United Hospital for a number of years and preceded on to become a Domestic Care Giver. She worked for the Jan Cavalli family for many years and also for several other families. She loved working with the families.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Phletcher Hill; grandson, Christopher Marvin Simmons and very special cousins, Bertha Carter, Brenda, Barbara, Ricky Hawkins; and Brenda J. Harrington whom she loved as her sister.

Rachel leaves to cherish her memory: her two sons, Garnet Simmons of East Orange, NJ and Joe Lewis Simmons, Jr. of South Carolina; seven grandchildren, Becky, Tiffany, Alex, Tanisha, Lateefah, Rachel, Joe Lewis III; in-laws, Mamie King and Dotson King; four great grandchildren; a special cousin, Charles Bobbit; those she called her nieces and nephews, Veronica Cavero, Randy, Tyrone Hawkins, Debra Williams, Bernice Williams, Daryl A. Harrington and Chuck; and many more cousins and family friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Seating of the Family

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Mark Carter-Pierce

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Daryl Harrington

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Open

Remarks and Reflections

Open to Whomever

Poem

Veronica Caverio

Obituary

Veronica Caverio

Selection

Open

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Mark Carter-Pierce

Recessional

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

620 Central Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Heart and Soul

Each person's life is but a breath, and I don't know how much air that I have left. I am in pain and distress and I still wonder why my love is put to rest. There isn't a day that goes by that my heart sorrows and I didn't have to cry. If only this was a bad dream, only then could I wake up tomorrow with a brighter gleam. Day and night my heart pounds, my strength fails me, and even the light has gone from my eyes. It seems that I'm about to fall, and my pain will be ever with me. Mom will always touch my heart and I will always touch her soul. For she is my diamond pearl, she is my entire world. If I can borrow angel wings or grace like a dove, there wouldn't be a day that I'll miss your smile in Heaven above. A woman was created from a man's rib and closed up in flesh meaning "life itself or created life" God had to remove something out to make room for another life. I can only pray and hope that God could take my rib and create that special life again. I would do anything just to hear her laugh, smile, and call my name because without her nothing's the same. May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in her sight for all is her love and love is her all a restful night. I'll love you forever. For great is your love reaching to the Heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the skies, awake her soul for here she lies awaiting your hold. Mother, you will be truly missed and certainly not forgotten. May God bless your soul. Mommy, Heaven's waiting for you, I Love You and you will always have my heart. May God be gracious to us, bless us and make her face shine upon us.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow. May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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