

<u>Reflections of Life</u>

Zelma Alford (Nee Simpkins) was born in Newark, NJ, June 14, 1928 to Allen Lewis Simpkins and Roshelly (Nee Smith).

Zelma attended Park Avenue Elementary School in Orange, NJ. She attended Manual Training and Industrial School For Colored Youth in Bordentown, NJ. Zelma was a member of the Eastern Stars.

Zelma was a devoted Christian, attend and graduated from Eastern Bible Institute and Essex County College. She was a dedicated member of Christian Love Baptist Church of Irvington, NJ during her later life. Zelma was a previous member of First Baptist Church of Nutley, NJ. She served as a member of the angelic choir.

Zelma worked at general electric for over thirty-five years. Zelma was a friend, mother, mother-in-law and aunt to many.

Zelma leaves to cherish her memory and mourn her loss: her sisters-in-law, Janet Simpkins (Allen) and Mary Harrison; her daughter, Jacqueline Cooper; son, Allen Cooper (Marilyn); grandchildren, Ivy fuller, Walisa Rutherford, Allen Cooper, Jr., and Michael Austin (Bridgette); great grandchildren, Jamal Cooper, Jerome Fuller, Kyle Hopson, Tianna and Tia Richardson, Asmar Bilal, Tiffany Rutherford and Michaela Austin. Zelma has eight great, great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by, her husband, James Alford, brother, Allen Simpkins, sister, Mary Portis and grandson, Lamar Dickey.

Zelma had many friends but one was cherished the most her friend, Frazier Thomas.

<u> Irder of Service</u>

Processional

Prelude

Song

Scriptures Old Testament – Psalm 23 New Testament – John 14

Prayer

Song

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Obituary

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Ronald Christian

Viewing of Remains

Recessional

~Interment~

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

Just close your eyes and you will see All the memories that you have of me Just sit and relax and you will find I'm really still there inside your mind



A million times I've needed you A million times I've cried. If love alone Could have saved you You never would have died, in death I love you still. In life I loved you dearly, In death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place, No one else can ever fill. It broke my heart to lose you, But you didn't go alone Part of me went with you, The day God took you home.

Acknowledgements

The members of the family wish to thank everyone for their love and support during our loved one's illness. We extend a special thank you to her church family and friends that prayed during her illness and who traveled to see her. To send online condolences: <u>www.perryfuneralhome.com</u>

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