



In Loving Memory of
Simone Armand

October 21, 1945 - August 27, 2026

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 - 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH
119 Elm Street, Montclair, NJ 07042
Rev. Dr. Bernadette Glover, Officiating

Obituary



Simone was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, into a large and loving family. The daughter of Marie Euchariste Phillipe and Antoine Armand, she learned from an early age the importance of family, responsibility, and caring for others values that remained at the heart of her life.

In Haiti, Simone worked alongside her mother in the family's cushion and mattress business while also sharing her talents as a hairstylist and gifted seamstress. Her extraordinary skill in sewing earned her a scholarship that opened the door to

a new chapter in the United States. She continued to share her creativity through sewing classes and artistic projects, expressing her love of craftsmanship and self-expression.

In 1969, Simone moved from Port-au-Prince to the United States, where she rekindled her relationship with Andre Leonard. Together, they built a life and welcomed nine children: Jerry, Sandie, Andre Jr., Woody, Wanda, Gregory, Natasha, Sabrinah, and Manouchka. As the first in her family to leave Haiti, Simone's courage and determination became a source of pride and inspiration, opening a path for others to follow.

After Andre's passing in 1995, Simone embraced the tremendous responsibility of raising their nine children as a single mother. Through strength, perseverance, and unwavering love, she provided for her family, guided her children, and took great pride in the adults they became.

Simone was also a woman of deep faith who loved God wholeheartedly. She taught her family the importance of knowing Him, trusting Him, praying, and keeping God at the center of their lives. Her faith was among the greatest gifts she passed down to her children and grandchildren, planting spiritual seeds that will continue to grow for generations to come.

Simone's love extended far beyond her children. She was a cherished presence in the lives of her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family. Her home was a gathering place filled with children, laughter, stories, delicious food, and love. She joyfully shared her Haitian traditions, keeping her culture and heritage alive for generations to come. Her much-loved legume (stewed vegetables) and diri blanc (white rice) were among the many ways she expressed her love and brought family together.

Simone's life was a testament to strength, sacrifice, resilience, creativity, faith, and love. She leaves behind a lasting legacy in the children and grandchildren she nurtured, the family she supported, the traditions she preserved, the faith she instilled, and the countless memories she created. Her love, wisdom, and values will continue to live on through those she leaves behind.

Simone is predeceased by her parents, Marie Euchariste Phillipe and Antoine Armand, and her husband, Andre Leonard. She survives her children: Jerry Armand (wife, Rachelle Armand), Dr. Sandie Pitts (husband, Damon Pitts), Andre Armand Jr., Woody Armand, Wanda Armand, Gregory Armand, Natasha Armand, Sabrinah Armand, Manouchka Leonard and stepson, Dondell Leonard. As well as a host of siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
Najir Robinson, Grandson

Opening Declaration “For Every Mountain”

Invocation Harvyn Pitts, Granddaughter

The Scripture Speaks

Old Testament

Psalm 23

Harvyn Pitts, Granddaughter

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Jeremiah 29:11

Wanda Armand, Daughter

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

New Testament

Philippians 4:13

Wanda Armand, Daughter

I can do all this through him who gives me strength

Musical Selection..... “Grateful”

Remarks Tamara Suvil, Niece

Life Reflections Tamara Suvil, Niece

Musical Selection..... “For Your Glory”

Word of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. Bernadette Glover

Life Reflections / Special Selection

Recessional “Total Praise”

Interment

Clinton Cemetery Association
195 Union Ave, Irvington, NJ 07111

Repast Services

Please join our family for a repast following the burial services at:

St. Paul's Baptist Church

119 Elm Street, Montclair, NJ 07042

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to his name.
Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You
honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the
days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD
forever.

Acknowledgement

The family of Simone Armand would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your expressions of sympathy, prayers, comforting thoughts, and kind words during this difficult time. We extend special thanks to Reverend Dr. Bernadette Glover for her heartfelt support and for so beautifully capturing the true essence of our mom. We are also deeply grateful to the Montclair Care Center (111–115 Gates Avenue, Montclair, NJ) for the loving care, kindness, and support they provided to our mom during her time there. Our sincere thanks also go to Woody's Funeral Home for their compassionate assistance, support, and guidance in helping us prepare for our mom's homegoing. We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Evelyn Nelson, Simone's niece, and Bob Mabour, Simone's nephew, for purchasing a family plot where our mom will be laid to rest alongside her mother, sister, and other loved ones. This thoughtful gesture means more to our family than words can express. Finally, we thank each of you for joining us in celebrating our mom's life and legacy. Your love and support have meant so much to our family. She will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and never forgotten.

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