

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

Willie Mae L. Simmons
"BaBa"

Sunrise
April 12, 1950

Sunset
October 3, 2026

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Grace Chapel Baptist Church

26 Haledon Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Anthony Cureton, Officiating

Obituary

Willie Mae "Lorraine" Simmons was born on April 12, 1950, in Paterson, NJ. She was the daughter of the late Thomas Leroy Yough Sr. and Ella Mae (Sims) Yough. Raised with strong values of faith, she attended New Christian Missionary Baptist Church and was a member of the Women's National Evangelistic Missionary Conference, Inc. Lorraine attended Paterson Public Schools and later graduated from John F. Kennedy High School.

For more than 20 years, Lorraine worked in Passaic retail stores, including Canadian's, Belle's Sophisticates, and Town Wigs. Through her years of employment, she was known for her professionalism, her friendly spirit, and her dedication to serving others with care and respect. Her work ethic and pleasant manner left a lasting impression on coworkers and customers alike.

Lorraine was a woman of faith who loved the Lord and sought to live according to Christian principles. She found joy in music, journaling, fashion and styling, but truly cherished spending time with her family. These interests reflected her vibrant personality and her appreciation for beauty, expression, and togetherness. Those who knew Lorraine will remember her for her classy style, and sense of humor.

Lorraine was united in marriage to Arthur Simmons, and together they shared 56 years of love. She leaves behind her beloved husband, Arthur who stood faithfully by her side. Daughters, Celeste Dunham of Rutherford, NJ and Yovanna Muhammad of West Orange, NJ. She also leaves behind her son-in-law, Mahmud Muhammad; her grandson, Jihad Dunham; and her granddaughter, Aliyana Muhammad. Lorraine took great joy in her family. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her love will remain a lasting blessing in their lives

Lorraine, affectionately known as "BaBa" to her family, was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Thomas Leroy Jr., Ronald, Vecus, Crapxo, Stanford and David Yough; and her sister, Betty Ann (Yough) Boyd.

She went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her sisters, Mary Jane Lewis, Gail Fletcher, Laura Ann Yough, and Loretta Yough; her brother, Ricardo Yough; her brothers-in-law, Elmer Jr., John, and Jerome Simmons; and her sisters-in-law, Joann Pace, Judith Pyron, Arlene Simmons, Naomi Thomas and Thomasa Yough. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends who will forever treasure her memory.

Order of Service



Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Anthony Cureton

Recessional



Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Avenue

Clifton, New Jersey

Heavens Garden

The garden of heaven couldn't be complete
Without you being there and so
God allowed you to leave
They needed your sunshine
And your blossoming smile
They needed you there
So, you had to leave us for a while
Heavens garden is so beautiful
Since you joined the rest
God makes no mistakes
He always takes the best
Beautiful bouquet of roses
The grandest of them all
Look at you blooming
From summer to fall
Heavens garden couldn't be complete
No, not without you
Heavens garden couldn't even be a garden
Without having you

Written by, Shannell G. Griggs

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

Professional Services Provided By **CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES**

Caring for the Community Since 1937

256 Rosa Parks Blvd. • Paterson, NJ 07501 • (973) 278-6330

Harris M. Holloway, Manager-NJ Lic. #3235

143 Myrtle Avenue • Passaic, NJ 07055 • (973) 779-1892

Eleanor J. Rudolph, Manager-NJ Lic. #4517

To send online condolences, visit www.braggfuneralhome.com

www.honoryou.com

