

A Celebration of Life for

*Melvin "Taddy" Simmons*



Sunrise: July 5, 1947  
Sunset: January 3, 2018

**Service:**

Saturday, January 13, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*

*Walt Sorey, Organist*

# Obituary

**Melvin Simmons** was born on July 5, 1947 in Allendale County, South Carolina to the late Wilmer Washington, Sr. and Sarah Simmons. He departed this life on January 3, 2018 at the age of seventy.

**Melvin** did not have much formal education. He was self-taught, learning a trade in carpentry and woodwork that prepared him to make a living doing what he loved. His work rivaled that of carpenters who had excessive amounts of training that didn't prepare them with half the knowledge **Melvin** had.

He became a Master Cabinet Maker, working in the field over forty-five years. He owned his own business, Colormate Formica Works, as well as lending his expertise to other companies.

**Melvin's** favorite beverage was coffee, and everyone knew it. He also loved music. Jackie Wilson and Sam Cooke were among his favorite singers. Classical music was also on top of his list. When working, he often listened to Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Handel and Vivaldi... to name a few.

**Melvin** was preceded in death by his mother and father; two sisters, Evelyn Alls and Richardean Simmons; and three brothers, John C. Simmons, Harry J. Simmons, Sr. and Wilmer Washington, Jr.

He leaves to celebrate his life and cherished memories, eight children and their spouses, James (Danielle) Simmons, Lorenzo (Sunny) Simmons, Tony (Tonita) Simmons, Wylene (Charles) Ellington, Cheryl (Fuquan) Robinson, Kenneth Hughes, Quinn (Niya) Simmons and Dekieda Mansfield; twenty-one grandchildren; five sisters, Audrey Bray, Mary Simmons, Glenda Smith, Mary L. Washington and Lorene Williams; one brother, Willie James Washington; one aunt, Edna Williams; two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Simmons and Adeline Simmons; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and a special friend, Victoria Robins.

*And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

# Order of Service



**PROCESSIONAL**

**PRAYER**

**SELECTION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

**SELECTION**

**CARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**OBITUARY READING** (*Please read silently*)

**SELECTION**

**EULOGY**

**RECESSIONAL**



**INTERMENT**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

The family of *Melvin Simmons, Sr.* would like to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during their time of bereavement.



## *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
to dry before the sun;*

*Of happy memories that I leave  
when my life is done.*

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