

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Frances Lucille Simmons*

*Sunrise*  
*August 25, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*January 13, 2019*



**Service**

***Thursday, January 17, 2019***

Viewing: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wake: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

***Friday, January 18, 2019***

Funeral Service: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**FAIRHAVEN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, LLC**

667 Blake Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11221

***Elder John Powell III, Officiating***

***Brother Carnell Powell, Organist***

## Obituary

**Frances Lucille Simmons** was born on August 25, 1937, in Bennettsville, South Carolina to the late James O and Betty Bostic.

She attended Marlboro County High School and at an early age she fellowship at St. James Baptist Church, and later joined Miracle Temple Apostolic Holiness Church in the early 60's being a faithful member until death.

On May 29, 1956, she married the late Howard Herman Simmons and they were united for 41 years and to their union had five daughters.

Her career comprised mainly of domestic work utilizing the skills she developed at an early age. Oftentimes, being a second mother to not only her siblings but also many of her cousins. She was well known for her chocolate and pineapple/coconut cakes and when she thought dishes were messy they were actually blessings as notably mentioned by her husband, daughters and at times her church family. She worked briefly at Eastern District High School in New York City, where she flourished assisting teachers and school aides as her job duties included monitoring students, to which she oftentimes reprimanding them (can't do that now) and her daughters as well. She was a phenomenal mother raising daughters, grandchildren and a cousin that he would later call her "fat mama". All who knew her could attest to her strong relationship with God The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit. When prayer was needed for anybody, you would find her on bended knees or facing her bedroom wall pleading on behalf of the individual or standing in the spiritual gap for someone who had no relationship with Jesus. Her greatest desire was that anyone she came in contact with would consider knowing "Jesus as their personal Savior" she often told family and strangers alike "How is your walk with the Lord"?

On Sunday, January 13, 2019, after battling a chronic illness for so long, Frances slipped away to be with her Lord and is currently resting comfortably in the arms of Jesus.

Left to cherish her memory is; her four daughters and two son-in laws, Theresa (David), Betty aka (Ronnie), and Paula all living in Brooklyn, NY and Pamela (Michael) living on Staten Island, NY; her youngest daughter, Shameka preceded her in death. There are three grandchildren, Julius, Racquel and Michaela; and an honorable mention cousin, Jarrett. She is survived by three siblings, Peggy Ruth, and Tommy both residing in Bennettsville, SC and Willie Arthur residing in Bellport, New York; five sisters-in- law, Rosa Lee, Geneva, Mary, Sharon and EddieMae. The brothers preceding her in death are; James Jr (Sonny boy), Charles and John (JW); with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

***Her favorite scripture was Psalms: 91 ... and so Ma you will continue to dwell in the secret place and abide in the shadow of the Lord forever more.  
Your daughters will see you soon.***

# *Order of Service*

**Organ Prelude**  
Brother Carnell Powell

**Processional**  
Elder John Powell III and Family

**Prayer of Comfort**  
Matthew Andrews

**Scripture Reading**  
Old Testament (Psalm 21) - Miriam Andrews  
New Testament (2 Corinthians 4:7-18) - Pamela Andrews

**Solo**  
Deborah Ferguson

**Acknowledgement of Card, Obituary & Poem**  
Keenya Ferguson & Christina Andrews

**Solo**  
Yvonne Andrews

**Eulogy**  
Elder John Powell III

**Parting Glimpse**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**INTERMENT**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

# *Grandchildren's Wish*

*Elijah,*

*The cold, basement floor is where I sat still. To glean from your wisdom to talk about His will. You taught me His word, His way, I'll carry it to the end. And you said from the start that Jesus is our best friend. As a child I told the Lord not to take you from me, I needed more time. To learn how to walk with Jesus to have a relationship that was mine. The Lord gave me that gift of more time with you. To learn of his wonders, his joys and mercies anew. As I grew up you taught me that it's not my life but a surrendered one to His. And you would always say How salvation is the greatest gift there is. But one day you looked at me with eternity in your eyes. And said there's one thing you wanted when you left this life. You said when you leave you wanted to go out like Elijah. Passing from this life to eternity with chariots and fire. It was a noble request and bold for me to hear it. In that moment I became Elisha and asked the Lord for a double-portion of your Spirit. The way Elisha followed Elijah until the Lord took him away. Is the same way I gleaned in your presence until your final day. So I thank you for the God-fearing example that you set. And your stories about walking with Jesus I never will forget. Because your spirit lives in me, and I'll share it with the world. And always be your granddaughter, your little Jesus girl. And I thank God for granting your request to leave this world like Elijah, because Ma you sure deserve it. To meet Jesus face to face like Elijah, well done my good and faithful Servant.*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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