Celebrating the Life of Delores Elaine Simon

Sunrise September 7, 1949

Sunset April 30, 2020

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<u>Obituary</u>

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Hence forth there is laid up for me a croom of righteowness, which the Lord, the righteow judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing" 11 Timothy 4:7-8

## Delores "Lois" Cimon

Delores Elaine Simon, affectionately known as "Lois" was born on September 7, 1949, in Bishopville, South Carolina. She was the first child born to the late Joseph R. Simon and the late Vivian Frederick Simon. She transitioned from her earthly journey on April 30, 2020.

Delores joined New Zion AME, in Bishopville, SC at a very early age. She received her formal education in the public schools of Lee County. She was a 1968 graduate of Mount Pleasant High School in Lynchburg, South Carolina. After graduation, she relocated to Newark, New Jersey where she met her life partner of 44 years Gobie "Skeet" Thaggard. She became employed as manager and operator of South Orange Ave Dry Cleaners. She was employed with University Medicine and Dentistry Hospital, in Newark, Jersey for 25 years until the time of her passing.

Delores was a beautiful, caring, thoughtful, giving, sophisticated, proud woman known for making sure that everyone was okay. She encouraged and supported everyone who crossed paths with her. Her family was her priority and greatest pride and joy. During her life, she loved nothing more than having gatherings with family, often quietly watching from the side. She was favored by God with a gift of compassion.

Delores was preceded in death by her grandmother Emma S. Bradley; and four brothers, Joseph (Tat), James, Rodney (Ronnie) and Derrick L. Simon.

Delores leaves to cherish her memories are her two daughters, Marquetta L. Simon of Jersey City, New Jersey and Sherritta Crawford (Harold) of Greensboro, North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Brianni, Amber, Dejahna, Asa, Brielle, Amadi and Bryce; five great-grands of which she adored, Kai, Suhaila, Zuri, York and Shawne; four sisters; Corinthia Casey (James), Deborah Reid, both of New Jersey, Julia Young (Jack) and Vivian Simon (Mike) of Bishopville, South Carolina. Also left to cherish her memories are her Aunt Carrie S. Dizzley and Uncle Roland Simon of Bishopville, South Carolina.

Delores enjoyed trips home to South Carolina to see her family. She held a special place in her heart for her nieces; Myesha, Lorraine, Crystal, Jessica and Danielle and nephews; Rico, Chadwick, Neil, Quan, Derrick, Joshua and Chauncey.

Remembrance



## A Special Moment with the Grandchildren

You know they say when a person has a beautiful soul you feel them all the time. Since Day 1, I always knew that I had a very radiant energy protecting me. I couldn't tell you who it was or where it came from but, I knew it was there. At this very moment, the energy is now stronger than ever. Almost like a bear hugging me tight, giving me the comfort I need during your celebration of life. At this very moment, I realized that it was you, Nana, the entire time.

You always wore this single elephant around your neck, every time I would see you we would have conversation about that necklace. It wasn't until now that I realized how symbolic that elephant was. Grandmother elephants always made sure her young had food. Grandmother elephants teach their young grace, poise & elegance. Grandmother elephants constantly made sure her herd was safe.

Nana, all of those days and nights you filled our stomachs, all those times you yelled because you knew we weren't representing our best selves, all those times you called to just make sure that we were ok, is exactly why the Grandmother Elephant is you.

Now, it's time to take your step to the throne. You have given us everything we need to maneuver in this life. Now it is time for you to rest, we will take it from here. We will all continue to make you proud. We thank you. We honor you. We love you, forever.



## Miss Me – But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free! Miss me a little – but not too long and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss Me – But Let me Go!

For this is a journey we all must take And each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's Plan A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart Go to the friends we know and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds Miss me – But Let Me Go.





Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am – John 14: 1-3

In Appreciation

We, the family of *Delores Elaine Simon*, are grateful to all of you for the acts of love, prayers, flowers and kindness expressed during the short illness and passing of our loved one. Please know the family of *Delores Elaine Simon* will never forget your expression of sympathy, devotion and strength of your friendship. May God's richest blessings be yours.

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