

In Loving Memory of



Annabell “MAMA” *Simmons*
November 23, 1927 – July 15, 2021

Obituary

Annabell “MAMA” Simmons was born on November 23, 1927 in Joans Island, Charleston South Carolina to the late Laura Arce; along with siblings, Annete, Joan, George and Louie.

Annabell had 10 kids, Robert Wright (Ruby), Erma Simmons, Sandra Simmons, Issac Simmons (Marlene), George Simmons, Ricky Simmons, Joseph Simmons, Catherine Granville (Michael), Arlene Ellison (Roger) and Alphonso Simmons. She then met the great Peter Boags, Jr. whom helped raise all of her kids and grandkids as his own.

The Family then migrated to New York City where she worked for the Health and Hospital Department until her retirement. Although Annabell was done working and raising her kids. She put on her superhero cape and adopted four of her grandkids, Clifton, Venus, Nakia and Shontae and continued to help raise the rest.

Annabell enjoyed her retired life surrounded by her family, sitting on the bench across from her building, playing numbers, listening to music and enjoying time with her friends. Annabell was the life of the party. Whenever she asked you to go to the liquor store for a “Red Top” you can bet it was going to be nothing but fun and laughter.

Every Sunday Annabell had a big pot on the stove, she was known for her baked mac and cheese, red rice, collard greens, fried fish and more. Family and friends would come with an empty stomach, but leave full with a smile on their faces. Whoever knocked on Mama's door was always welcomed in and never wanted to leave. She embraced everyone as family.

Annabell is survived by her 25 grands, 26 great grands, and 10 great great grands; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

During Annabell's final stages of life the name you can hear her calling the most was Venus, who she would say, “That's my mama, my daddy, my everything”. Venus took care of Annabell up until her final breath.

Also preceding her in death is Annabell's partner, Peter Boags Jr.; Sandra Simmons and Ricky and George Simmons; and grandsons, George (99), Merley (Yum Yum), Clifton and Robert (Nudi).

MAMA's favorite sayings:

- **I didn't sleep at all last night. “What you was doing Annabell?” Tossing and turning all night long!**
- **I pay the cost to be the boss!**
- **The things I used to do I can't do nomore!**
- **You can kiss my butt in Macy's window!**
- **You got any more jokes!**
- **Annabell Annabell!**
- **I ain't never lived like this a day in my life!**

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AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me

To be a happy one,

I'd like to leave an afterglow

Of smiles when day 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 behind,

When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

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