

Honoring The
LEGACY *of*



“
*Emancipate yourselves
from mental slavery,
none but ourselves can
free our minds.*
”

March 25, 1946 - April 5, 2024

ALFRED
EMANUEL SIMMS

SERVICE

INFORMATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024
Viewing: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Service: 9:30 AM

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
52 South 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Senior Pastor
Rev. William Mizell, Senior Associate Pastor, Officiating
Min. Derrick James, Organist

INTERMENT
Friday, April 26, 2024
Gates of Heaven Cemetery
Hawthorne, NY

REPAST/FELLOWSHIP
The family invites their guests for repast and fellowship at:
Hotel NoMa:
1 Radisson Plaza • New Rochelle, NY 10801

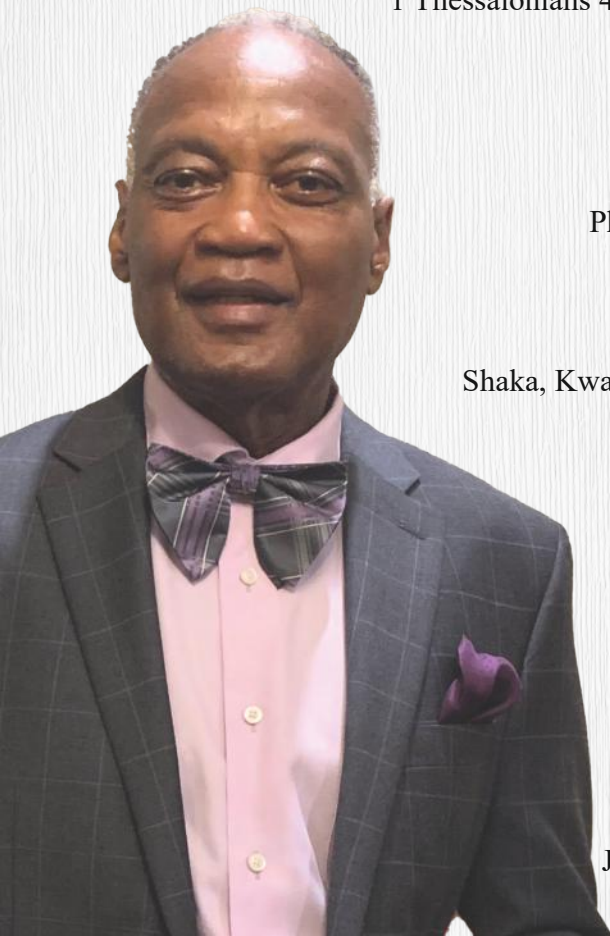
PALLBEARERS

Brittany S. Broomfield	Starlington Simms
Brian O. Broomfield	Shaka Simms
Shay Palmer	Kwame Simms
Don Smart	Sefu Simms
	Jelani Simms

ORDER

OF SERVICE

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Prelude

Derrick James (Minister of Music)

Processional

Reverend William Mizell and Family

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 46 - Jacqueline Morgan (Sister-In-Law)

Romans 8:28-39 - Cheryl Guy-Gordon (Niece)

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 - Urline Tabor (Sister)

Hymn

“Sweet Hour Prayer”

Prayer of Consolation

Acknowledgements

Phyllis Perkins (Family Friend)

Tributes

Michael Bernard (Friend)

Lascelles Buchanan

Shaka, Kwame, Ama and Sefu (Children)

Obituary

Brittany Broomfield

Testimony & Reflection

Earl Jarrett

Sacred Music

Hymn of Comfort

“Amazing Grace”

Eulogy

Reverend William Mizell

Recessional

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

OBITUARY

ALFRED EMANUEL SIMMS passed away on April 5, 2024, in The Bronx, New York. He was born to Adriana and Ivan Simms on March 25, 1946, in Jamaica W.I., and was the second-youngest of four siblings. Alfred (a.k.a. Al & Simmo) was destined to become one of the most affable, charismatic, benevolent, and entrepreneurial minds of his time.

Al was a proud Jamaican and an even prouder Wolmerian, graduating from Wolmers High School in the early 1960's. A multi-faceted man, Al also performed duties as financial manager for the Water Commission in Jamaica and acted as the commercial manager for the Jamaica Public Service Company. Later, as part of his commitment to his community, Al went on to become a founding member and manager for the Arnett Gardens Football Club in Jamaica. In 1977, the team entered its first competition and eventually won the major and national championships.

In 1984, Al officially migrated to the United States, but he never lost sight of his roots: it took him over 25 years to relinquish his Jamaican citizenship, and literally until the day he died, Al could always be found wearing a hat, t-shirt, bracelet, or some memorabilia showcasing his love for Jamaica.

Focused on his education and bright future ahead, Al attended Columbia University Graduate School of Business and graduated with an MBA in Managerial Accounting. Next, Al became certified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In true businessman form, Al used his business acumen to serve on the Board of Directors at Jamaica National Money Services Ltd. and played key roles as a Strategist and Senior Advisor for the Golden Krust Board of Directors. He also served as a Board Member of the Jamaican Overseas Gleaner.

In 1989, he opened his own accounting business (Alfred E. Simms, CPA), in The Bronx, through which he assisted the community with all their accounting and tax needs. By now, you should know that he did not stop there. Al always had a passion for Football/Soccer, so while he served his Bronx community doing accounting by day, he volunteered as a football coach in the evenings and on weekends. He was driven to work with "yutes," and he emphasized not only football, but the importance of education and personal development. A small summer program he created 33 years ago evolved into the Bronx Youth Soccer League, which

later went on to have nine distinct teams. This soccer program taught discipline, dedication, and a love for the game. He coached his very own team, “The Reggae Kids,” and helped to expose these inner-city youths to a world outside of the Bronx. He did not want his kids to be big fishes in a little pond—he wanted them to experience bigger, diversified ponds and seas. He donated his time and personal funds to ensure that these kids could travel interstate and know of a world outside of their limited environment. His team, and many other teams in the league, would go on to compete and win several competitions and tournament trophies, including Regionals.

In recognition of his services, Al was honored and presented with numerous awards for his professional and community services. Whoever said that accountants were frugal, did not know Al. He was committed to supporting various charities throughout the years and did so with great pleasure. He was a man who wanted to elevate others with him.

Al was an incredibly hard-working man who routinely worked at his office until 3-4a.m. during the tax season, but he certainly knew how to have fun too. After a busy tax season, Al would travel the world and thoroughly enjoyed learning about the cultures, customs, and histories of other nations. He was an avid reader, and the only man I know who had a Barnes & Noble membership, sometimes spending afternoons perusing through books. He loved listening to music and would dance until the sun came up, often the last one on the dance floor, suit covered in sweat. Al loved the ocean; he was like a fish and would swim all day if you let him. In his down time, Al enjoyed watching jeopardy, sports, and CNN. He also loved well-written movies and found joy in uncovering mysterious plots. Al took a massive interest in politics and admired Marcus Garvey and Bob Marley. If he could leave us with a quote, it might fittingly be one from both aforementioned, “Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds.”

Al was predeceased by his sister: Avis Kelly; and parents: Adriana and Ivan Simms.

Al is survived by his beloved wife: Heather M. Simms; children: Shaka, Kwame, Ama and Sefu Simms, stepchildren: Brian, Brandon, and Brittany Broomfield; grandchildren: Jelani, Zahra, Salehe, Afiya, and Osei Simms; sister: Urline Tabor; brother: Starlington Simms; and a host of extended family, loved ones, and friends.

As we mourn the loss of Alfred E. Simms, let us also celebrate the joy he brought to our lives and the lasting impact he made on many of us through his words and deeds. May his spirit live on in our hearts forever.

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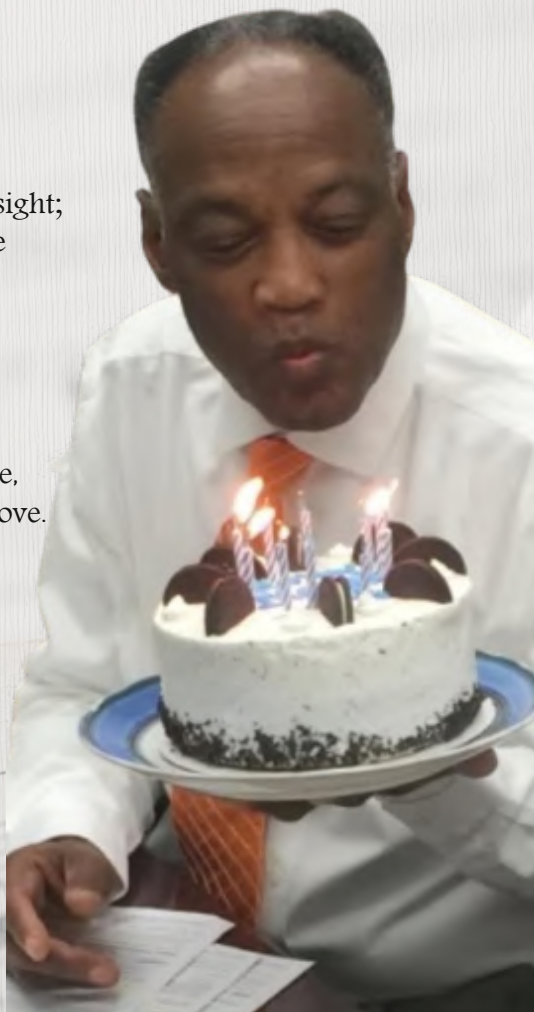
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
[Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
[Refrain]





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Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Alfred Emanuel Simms** wishes to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for all acts of kindness during this time. We greatly acknowledge and thank you for your calls, support, and prayers. God bless you all.



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