

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

James T. Simon

Sunrise
December 7, 1969

Sunset
April 13, 2024



Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 11:00am

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Michael H. Odom, Sr., Officiating

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

We are here today to honor the life of James T. Simon, who was truly remarkable. James was known for being strong, resilient, and having a strong faith.

He left an indelible mark on the minds of everyone who knew him.

James was born on December 7, 1969, in Paterson, NJ. His mother, Deloris, and father, Zeb, raised him in a society that encouraged his drive and kindness. He attended the Paterson Public School system including Eastside High School.

Throughout his life, James found peace and direction at the Highway Church of Christ in Paterson, where Bishop Liston Page, Sr., and his wife Mother Hazel R. Page were his spiritual father and mother. He was able to overcome obstacles because of his strong faith, which also encouraged others around him to persevere. James's devotion to his spiritual path touched everyone who knew him.

Later in life, James found a new church family at Wholelife Community Church, led by Bishop-elect Michael H. Odom, Sr. and Pastor Pamela Odom. There, he continued to grow in his faith and help others with his love and knowledge. Having him in the community brought comfort and joy to the people in his life.

James loved his family, friends, and church family and everyone who knew him knew that. James will also be remembered for loving a good cup of coffee, especially from Dunkin' Donuts. He also enjoyed old-school church music, and sports teams especially the New York Giants and Yankees.

As we say, celebrate James today, Let us not be sad about his passing, however let's rejoice in the memories of the good things that happened in his life. Remember his contagious laugh, his warm smile, and the love he always had for everyone. James's strength, faith, and kindness will continue to motivate us to face life's difficulties and be kind to everyone we meet.

As we come together to remember James, let's help each other and take comfort in the wonderful times we had with him. May his soul rest in peace forever, and may his spirit always protect and guide us.

James departed this life on Saturday, April 13, 2024. James was predeceased by his father, Zeb Higgins, who died November 19, 2022.

He leaves to cherish wonderful memories; his beautiful mother, Deloris (Otis) Alston of Lodi, NJ. His loving family also includes his two sisters and four brothers in Maryland, eight aunts, Lula Simon, Gracie Earl (Holmes) of Sumter, SC, Janice King of Columbia, SC, Elizabeth Shiver & Mary L. Higgins of Paterson, NJ, Nora Richardson of Eastover, SC, Julia (Alonzo) Middleton and Shirley (James) Rivers both from Hopkins, SC, his four uncles; Bobby (Barbara) Simon of Sumter, SC, Eugene (Melanie) Simon of Charlotte, NC, Leroy (Gail) Higgins of Eastover, SC and Julius (Juanita) Higgins of Gadsden, SC. He is also survived by a host of cousins and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Prayer for the Occasion.....Clergy

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture.....Psalms 23

New Testament Scripture.....St. John 14:1-7

Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy

Selection

Reflections of Life

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Remarks.....Family & Friends

Selection

Eulogy.....Bishop Liston Page, Sr.
Greater Highway Temple, New York, NY

Recessional

Final Disposition
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
255 Main Ave
Clifton, NJ 07014

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh,
To love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now, He set me free.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of James T. Simon wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation, all acts of kindness extended to them during this time of bereavement. May God bless you all.

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