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CELEBRATION OF A LIFE WELL

EARTH'S GIFT
SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1939

HEAVEN'S GAIN
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023

Lived



ROBERT LOUIS SIMMS, SR.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2023 | 11:00 AM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELGIN
13916 COUNTY LINE RD.
ELGIN, TEXAS 78621

REVEREND JASON HUDDLESTON, SENIOR PASTOR

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PLEASANT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
REVEREND A. R. EVANS, JR., PASTOR AND OFFICIANT

REVEREND LOUIS HARRISON, JR., EULOGIST

OBITUARY

Robert Louis Simms, Sr., a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully on September 1, 2023. Robert was born in Cedar Creek, Texas on September 4, 1939, to the late Earline and Lula Bell Simms.

Robert attended Emile High School and received his GED. In school Robert participated in basketball, football, and track. While participating in track, he received the nickname of "Slow."

Robert accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at Lone Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend J. H. Penn. He later joined Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend J. E. James. He was ordained as a Deacon on December 31, 1965. He remained a faithful member of Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church until his death. At Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church he served under five pastoral leaderships: Reverend J. E. James, Reverend Mack Robinson, Reverend Don G. Cyphers, Reverend Louis Harrison, Jr., and the present pastor, Reverend A. R. Evans, Jr. Robert was active in church, using his gifts as an Usher, Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of the Deacons at Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church, St. John Sunday School Superintendent, and Elgin Sub-District Brotherhood President. Around the churches, Robert was known as a fluent speaker and powerful pray warrior. His prayer started off with "My heavenly father..." During his talks or prayers, he may have stayed a little longer than usual and his wife or children would give a gesture to let him know it's time to wrap it up and take your seat.

On June 8, 1963, Robert married Ruby J. Meeks, to this union two children were born. Robert and Ruby were blessed with an extended family of five children.

Robert was employed at Elgin Butler Brick during his earlier years. For forty-five years he worked in the retail industry from which he retired. During the course of his employment, the store had a few name changes: Handy Andy, Foodland, Market Basket, and finally City Market.

Besides church, Robert enjoyed dominoes, watching the Dallas Cowboys, Walker Texas Ranger, and Gunsmoke. His most joy was playing with his great-granddaughter, Cecelia Rose (CeCe) Gibson who was his partner in crime.

Robert was preceded in death by two children, Robert Louis, Jr., and Yolanda Gibson; his parents, Earline and Lula Bell Simms; and sister, Helen Short.

Robert leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of sixty years Ruby; daughters, Shyrl (Willie) Peek, and Mary (Will) Moody; son, Pastor Kevin (Patricia) Workman; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; son-in-law, Terry Gibson, Sr.; six siblings, Hattie McMarion, Delores Baker, John Henry Simms, Earl (Louise) Simms, Lula (Jerry) Reese, and Gloria Norfleet; three sister-in-laws, Irene Taylor, Margie Meeks, Betty (George) Jones, and Lois Thomas; aunt, Bernice Williams; uncles, Johnie Marshall, Jr. and Reverend Clarence (Faye) Roberson; and a special daughter, Cynthia Harvey. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, former coworkers, and his church family.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

MUSICAL SELECTION

Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church Choir

HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Old Testament Reverend Byron K. Green
New Testament Minister Rodney Geter**

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Reverend Bernard Davis

RESOLUTION

Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church (Others will be acknowledged)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sister Cynthia (Rose) Clemons

MUSICAL SELECTION

Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church Choir

EXPRESSIONS/REFLECTIONS

**Reverend B. K. Smith, Elgin Sub-District Brotherhood Spiritual Advisor
Deacon Albert Black, St. John District Brotherhood President
Sister Margaret Alexander**

SPECIAL REMARKS

Reverend M. W. Simms

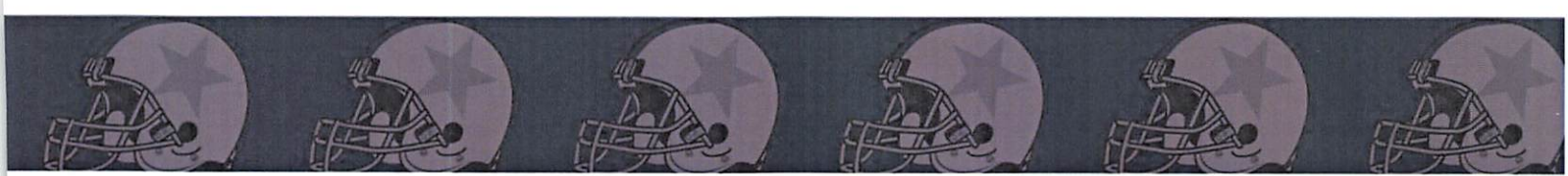
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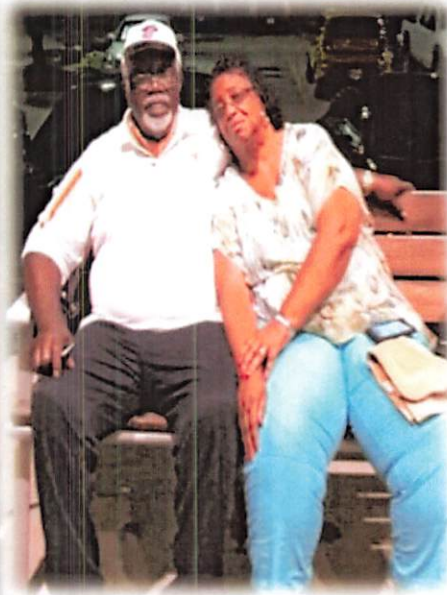
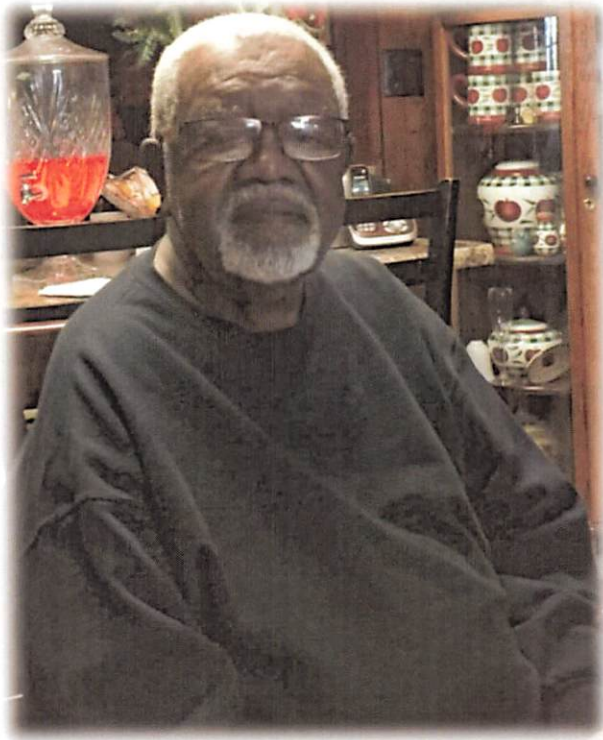
Pastor Kevin Workman

CELEBRATORY MESSAGE

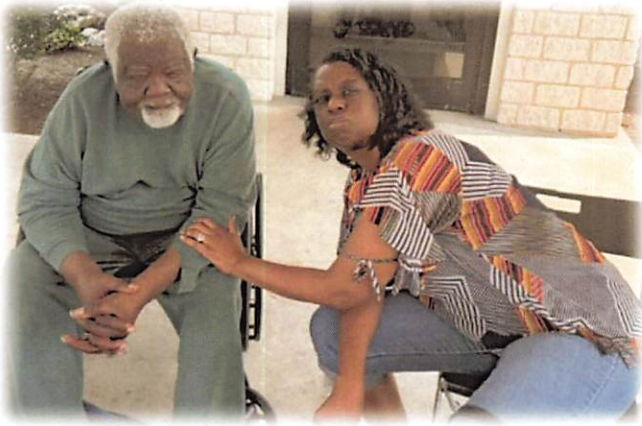
Reverend Louis Harrison, Jr.

RECESSIONAL

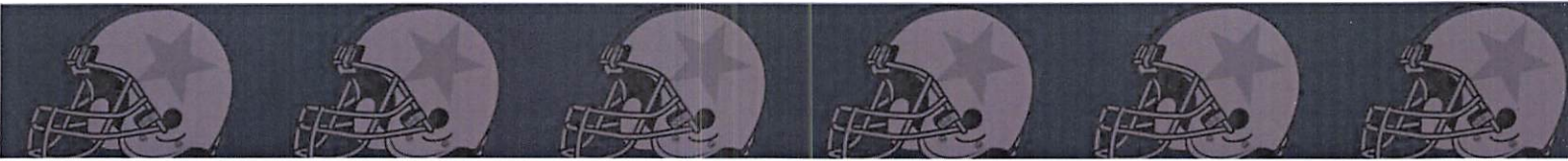
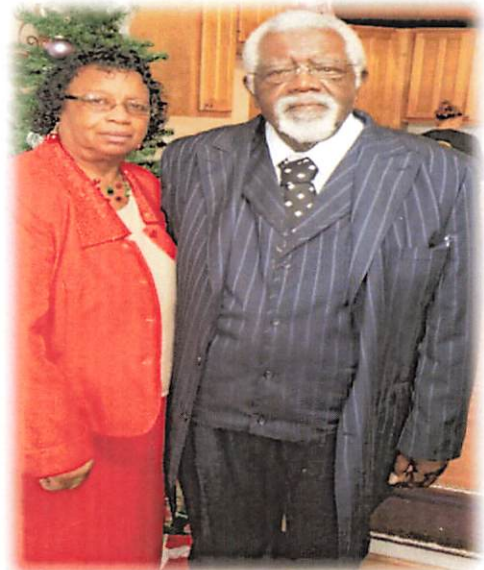
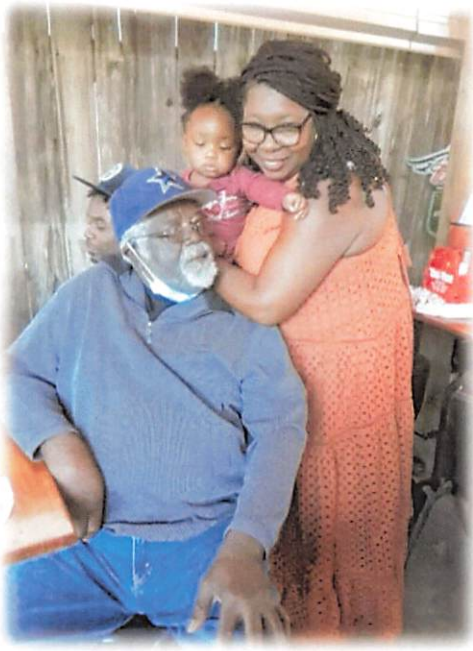




PRECIOUS



MEMORIES



A Limb Has Fallen

A limb has fallen
from the family tree
that says:
Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song,
the good life I lived,
while I was strong.



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Minister Daniel Brown
Kent Limuel
Murray Moore
Todd Wilson

Douglas Collins
Darrell Moore
Charles Wilson, Jr.
James Yates

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons of Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church
Elgin Sub-District Brotherhood

St. John District Association Deacons & Brotherhood

Larry Collin
George Jones
Anthony Moore

Terry Gibson, Sr.
Johnie Marshall, Jr.
Ted Thomas

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

God moves in His own way and on His own schedule. We don't always understand; yet, we always trust Him. During the loss of our loved one, your generous outpouring of love and concern has uplifted our hearts and spirits. The blessings of your prayers, food, expressions, phone calls, support, floral arrangements, or just thought of us is very much appreciated. We thank you so much whatever the part.

Special thanks to the entire staff at Davita in Taylor, Texas, J O L Home Health Care, Drive a Senior, his physical therapist, Elgin Nursing Rehab, St. David's of Bastrop, Texas, the EMT's whom worked so diligently on him, Elgin Police & Fire Department, and thanks to my family and the young men whom would help when I called them. May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

~ The Family ~

INTERMENT

Elgin Latin Cemetery
205 Ochoa St. | Elgin, Texas 78621

REPAST

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