



**Floral Bearers & Pall Bearers**  
Friends of the Family

**- Acknowledgements -**

The family of

***Mother Earlie Mae Simmons***

acknowledges with gratitude all acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness has been a source of comfort and strength as we prepare to say our final farewell to one we held so dear. Thank you for your prayers, your love, loyalty, and support. A very special thank you is extended to Dr. Christine Barton and her staff and the Hospice of Wilson. May the Lord bless you and keep you forever in His grace and mercy.

- THE SIMMONS FAMILY -

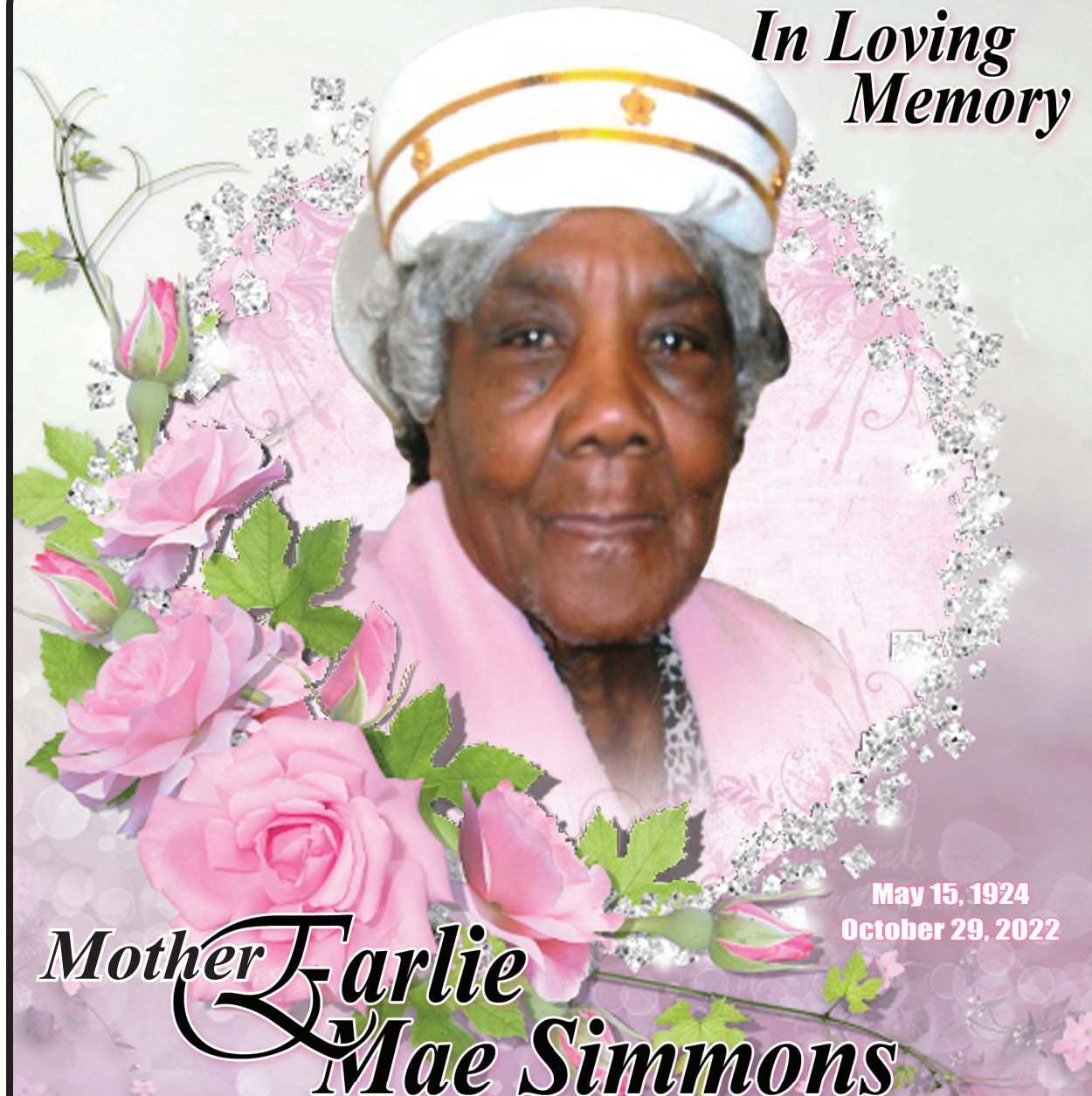
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*In Loving  
Memory*



May 15, 1924  
October 29, 2022

***Mother Earlie  
Mae Simmons***

Sunday, November 6, 2022  
- 1:00PM -

**St. John Apostolic Holiness Church**  
5449 Central Rd., Black Creek, NC  
**Bishop Eloise Sessoms, Eulogist**



- ORDER OF SERVICE -

*Overseer John L. Hart, Presider*

*Processional*.....Ministers & Family

*Musical Selection*.....St. John Majestic Choir

*- Scripture Readings -*

*Old Testament*.....Elder Teresa Clay

*New Testament*.....Missionary Gloria Atkinson

*Prayer of Comfort*.....Min. Evangelia Hart

*Solo*.....Min. James Joyner

*Remarks*

Deacon Board.....Deacon Christopher Batts

Mother Board.....Mother Mary Bunch

*Acknowledgements/Obituary*.....Missionary Brenda Batts

*Musical Selection "Sweeping Through The City"*.....St. John Majestic Choir

*Eulogy*.....Bishop Eloise Sessoms

*Funeral Director's Brief*

*Recessional*

*- INTERMENT -*

**Rest Haven Cemetery**  
1717 Bishop L.N. Forbes St.  
Wilson, NC

- OBITUARY -

***Mother Earlie Mae Simmons***

daughter of Lawrence Mitchell and Louisa Dew Mitchell, was born May 15, 1924 in Wilson County, North Carolina. Her earthly pilgrimage peacefully ended on Saturday, October 29, 2022 as she was called to her eternal rest. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her devoted husband of sixty-one years, Joseph Simmons; her son, Joseph Franklin Simmons; seventeen siblings; two grandchildren, Thomas Simmons, and Charlene Paige; son in-law, Willie Donald, Jr; and daughter in-law, Lenora Simmons. Mother Earlie was reared in Lucama, North Carolina where she attended Calvinlevel School which is still standing at 100 plus years. Ambitious and resourceful Mother Earlie worked on a farm. She loved working in tobacco and could pick 500 pounds of cotton in a day. After leaving the farm she became a housewife. She always made certain that the needs of her family were taken care of.

Devoted and compassionate, Mother Earlie was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who loved her family dearly. She delighted in the many pleasures she received and shared with each one. With a servant heart, she loved helping others in their time of need. Her favorite past times were fishing and communing with nature and cooking. She was considered the best cook in Lucama, and she also loved sewing and quilting. She would have quilting parties and fellowship with her friends most of the night. One year she made twenty-five quilts for her grandchildren for Christmas. To know Earlie was to love her. She was loving, caring and devoted. A witness to the Resurrection, she gave her life to Christ at an early age. She was a faithful member of St. John Holiness Church of Black Creek, NC where she worshipped, served, and carried out the spirit of God's word. A servant leader, she sang in the choir and was an ordained Mother of the church. A dearly beloved heart is now at rest and will always be remembered with love, adoration, and thankfulness.

Precious and lasting memories are forever cherished by her loving daughters, Earlie L. Simmons of Lucama, NC and Mamie S. Donald of Wilson, NC; eleven grandchildren, four of whom she helped to rear, Kenneth Donald (Crystal), Willie Donald, III, Tiffany Donald, and Courtney Donald (Davarus); twenty-one great grandchildren; thirteen great, great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law. Julia Barnes of Wilson, NC and Lettie Easterling (Solomon) of Columbus, MD; two special friends, Ceni Phillips of Wilson, NC and Peggy Pridgen of Lucama, NC; a host of other relatives and friends.