

Traveling Itinerary for
Grace Ann Simmons-Bell



Homegoing Destination: "Heaven"
Arrival Date: December 19, 1939 at 8:55 am
Departure Date: August 4, 2023 at 10:30 am

Order of Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 – 1:00 PM

Harrison-Ross Mortuary - View Park

4601 S. Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90043

Officiant: Reverend Dr. W. E. Jenkins

- Processional "Amazing Grace" Clergy and Family
Amazing Grace will always be my song of praise.
- Congregational Hymn "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"
- Prayer Reverend Dr. Corey Williams
- Scripture: 91st Psalm. Deacon Xerik Bell
- Remarks (2 minutes, please). Limit 2-3 Guests
- Resolution from Bethel AME Church, Detroit, MI
Rev. Dr. David R. Jarrett, Sr., Pastor
- Musical Selection "God Promised Me A Home Over There" Jennifer Hudson
- Obituary Rodney Chester
- Eulogy Reverend Dr. W. E. Jenkins
- Recessional "Take Me To The King" Tamela Mann

Repast

WILFANDEL CLUB OF LOS ANGELES
3425 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018
Valet parking is available.

Final Resting Place

MT. OLIVET CEMETERY
17100 Van Dyke, Detroit, MI 48234

Obituary

I was born December 19, 1939, in Detroit to parents Johnnie McMillan and Ludora Harnett. I was not your typical girl growing up playing with dolls and dress up. I was a tomboy outside playing with the boys; playing sports and getting all muddy.

Who would have known that a tomboy would transform into such an elegant lady with such style, poise and grace.

I began my career in the beauty industry more than sixty years ago working as a fashion show model for many years, and got my cosmetology license. I loved what I did and was very knowledgeable. Any question you had about hair or skin care, I was your "go to" person.

I relocated to Los Angeles, CA in 1963, where I continued my career in the beauty industry, if not for Covid-19, I would have still been on the job.

I was such a hot commodity that I snagged not one or two but three husbands in my lifetime. My third marriage to Buford H. Bell was the Grand Prix, my golden ticket and may I add very handsome. I not only gained a loving and devoted husband, but I also gained three children and two grandchildren who loved, supported and cared for me until my last day.

I may not have had children of my own, but I was influential in raising and mentoring many. I enjoyed music, attending plays, and concerts and was always ready for a game of bid whist. One fun fact some of you may not know, I never drove a car a day in my life. But I always kept a gas card, "Triple A" card and Tap card at my disposal in case anyone I rode with needed a helping hand.

I need not name those who loved me during life and will cherish the precious memories we shared.





Gone But Not Forgotten

*I would like to be known as an
intelligent woman, a courageous woman,
a loving woman, a woman
who teaches by being.*

– Maya Angelou



Poems

True Riches

I am rich because I can smile,
And I am rich all the while.
I am rich because I give,
I am rich because I can forgive.
I am rich because I am humble
And I'm not afraid to stumble.
I am rich all day through because
My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
I have you.

Jesus Is My Joy And Peace

Jesus is my sunshine in the morning
He is my gladness through the day.
In the evening He's my comfort.
In the nighttime He's my stay.
For His Spirit never leaves me.
He is my joy and peace.

Acknowledgement

The family of Grace Ann Simmons-Bell would like to thank you for the many acts of loving-kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

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