

"God Only Takes The Best"



God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to Me"
With tearful eyes we watched you,

And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working as is at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

~Author Unknown

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and prayers during our time of bereavement. It will be truly engraved in our hearts whatever you did to console us; we thank you.

THE SIMMONS FAMILY

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A Celebration of Life

for



Golena Simmons

Sunrise
September 4, 1939

Sunset
January 16, 2023

Services:

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Merrick Park Baptist Church
120-02 Marsden Street
Jamaica, New York

Elder Thaddeus Hawkins, Pastor

Interment
Greenfield Cemetery
Uniondale, New York

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Musical Prelude Kelvin Jenkins
- Processional of Family and Clergy
- Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
 - New Testament - John 14: 1-3
- Prayer of Comfort
- Hymn of Comfort
- Reflections (Anyone wishing to say a few words in tribute to Golena may do so at this time. Please limit to 2 minutes)
- Acknowledgements and Condolences. Church Clerk
- Reading of the Obituary
- Musical Selection, , , , , Kelvin Jenkins
- Eulogy Elder Thaddeus Hawkins, Pastor
- Final Viewing
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Musical Postlude

Repast Invitation

Immediately following the service on Wednesday, you are invited to join the family for fellowship and refreshment in the church’s fellowship hall. All are welcome!

Interment

Thursday, January 26, 2023
Greenfield Cemetery, 650 Nassau Rd
Uniondale, New York
Departing from Church @ 10:30 A.M

OBITUARY

Golena Simmons

daughter of the late Mellie Carn and Reverend George Whack Sr, was born on September 4, 1939, in Harleyville, SC. She was the fourth child of six children. **Golena** was educated in the Dorchester County Public School System in SC, where she met the late Clyde Benjamin Simmons. On December 10th, 1958, they were united in holy matrimony. Their union was blessed with two children: daughter Belinda and son Erich Sherrard Simmons

After graduating from high school, **Golena** and her family packed up and moved to Coral Gables, Florida for a short period of time. Not keen on the persistent heat, the family soon thereafter relocated to Corona, New York.

Golena was employed for several years as a cashier and store manager in a local grocery store. The last employment she exercised before her retirement was as a Teacher's Assistant for preschool aged children in Queens, NY. Although the job was very demanding, she enjoyed working with the youngsters, especially having fun with arts and crafts.

Golena was a sports enthusiast. This reflects back to her earlier years when she played basketball. She loved to watch most team sports. For decades she enjoyed participating in league bowling and tournaments around the tri-state area. She was showered with numerous awards and trophies as a result of her high scores and professionalism. She also enjoyed music. She was a member of a singing trio. They went on the road with a rhythm and blues repertoire. Another pastime would be to relax by planting flowers and gardening in her backyard. That gave her a great sense of pride, accomplishment, and enormous pleasure. Those who knew her could tell you that she had a great sense of humor and wit. Spreading laughter with friends and relatives near and far. She often would keep you on the telephone for hours reciting antidotes in her unique and special way.

Regretfully, on January 16, 2023, while at a local hospital in Queens, NY, **Golena** peacefully departed this earthly life and joined the ancestral ranks of her parents, her husband, two sisters: Pansy Lee Boyd and Laura Bell Moorer, and one brother George Whack. She now leaves to cherish fond memories, two children: Belinda Simmons-Rosier and Erich Sherrard Simmons; two sisters: Ella Rhett Whack and Fayette Washington; daughter-in law Rhonda Simmons; grandson Kyle Simmons and his half-sister and brother Jenne and Jared and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Golena has undoubtedly made an impact in the hearts of those she touched; she will be missed immensely.

*Lovingly Submitted by
The Family*