

## *Acknowledgement*

*We the family of Brenda J. Simmons wish to express a heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy in our time of grief. May God forever bless and keep each of you is our prayer.*

### ***“Come with me”***

*God saw you getting tired  
A cure was not to be.  
So he put his arms around you  
And whispered, “Come with Me.”*

*With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating  
Your tender hands at rest.  
God took you home to prove us*



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## *Services For Our Beloved*



*Mrs. Brenda J. Simmons*

Saturday, December 9, 2023  
Rock Of Ages Baptist Church

3806 Prospect Avenue

Kansas City, Missouri 64128

Visitation 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Services 11:00- 12:00 pm

Reverend Travis Yeagens Sr., Officiating



**From the Eyes of Her Children: Reflecting on The Life  
of Brenda Joyce Simmons**

Reflecting on the life of our beloved mother, Brenda Joyce Simmons (maiden name: McCloud), we find ourselves embracing a mix of grief and joy. Momma had a unique way of finding laughter amidst her struggles while shedding tears of happiness when witnessing the achievements and accomplishments of those who were near and dear to her. It is through this lens that we share thoughts of our Mother, Brenda Simmons – a woman whose journey was marked by strength, sacrifice, lots of laughter, joy, and boundless love.

Momma's transition to eternal glory fills us with great sadness, but there is an unexplainable joy when reflecting on all the love and laughter she brought to our lives. We take comfort in knowing that she now resides in the eternal presence of God, liberated from the pain she endured throughout her life. Her departure represents a permanent breakthrough and victory that no one can encroach upon; forever.

Momma made her share of mistakes, but she rose above them all by the way that she chose to live thereafter. We honor such an amazing, remarkable, precious, and beautiful gift! Momma's immense strength, unwavering sacrifice, and her heart devoted to showering love upon others left an indelible impact on our souls. Her journey was far from easy, but her resilience illuminated her path and left an everlasting impression on all those fortunate enough to have known her.

Known as "Bingo Brenda" at her favorite bingo locations, South KC Blue Ridge and Shriners, Momma was not just someone who went and played bingo, but someone who went and connected with people on a personal level. Wherever Momma would go, somebody had a friend.

Momma had a great love for books and extensive reading. Her collection of novels read over the years had to be in the thousands. She loved all of the V C Andrew's books starting with Flowers In The Attic.

Momma had a genuine interest in others' lives and always made herself available, ensuring that she was never a stranger. Her laughter and love knew no bounds, radiating warmth and joy to countless individuals. It was her beautiful and joyful spirit that radiated the most.

Momma possessed an extraordinary memory that astounded us all. Birthdays, phone numbers, addresses – she remembered it all! Much greater than Siri or Google, she was always readily available with information and assistance whenever we needed it. "Hey Momma!"

Beyond her remarkable memory was her unwavering love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. With every phone call and visit, she would express her love through big hugs, giving them candy, and always inquiring about their well-being or what they were up to.

We fondly recall moments when Momma's humor brought laughter into our lives, even in the most unlikely situations. Her witty remarks would brighten the spirits of nurses, doctors, and everyone fortunate enough to be in her presence. Momma cherished her time reading the

Call paper, Sunday comics, crossword puzzles, and coloring books while sharing these simple pleasures with her loved ones. Momma's unconditional love for her family, her unfathomable sense of joy, and the fact that she was a giver, was the cornerstone of who she was. In times of need, she would always answer the call – literally! Regardless of the hour, Momma would answer our phone calls to offer her support, guidance, or, in most cases, to simply be a joyful place of conversation.

While the void left is immeasurable, we find solace in the knowledge that Momma now resides in a place of everlasting peace, free from pain, surrounded by the boundless love of God. Brenda Simmons, (Momma, Granny, Sister...beloved friend) your journey was one of perseverance, laughter, and love. Your impact on our lives will be eternally treasured. As we carry your inspiration in our hearts, we honor your memory and carry your legacy. We celebrate the victories that you achieved in your extraordinary life.

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Clergy & Family*

*Crowning Ceremony*

*Golden Gate*

*Prayer*

*Clergy*

*Scripture Reading*

*Clergy*

*Selection*

*Walk Around Heaven All Day*

*Acknowledgements & Condolences Golden Gate*

*Life Reflections*

*Video Presentation*

*Remarks*

*Family & Friends*

*Two (2) Minutes Please*

*Selection*

*I'm Going Home*

*Words of Comfort*

*Rev. Travis Yeagens Sr.*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

