

Active Pallbearers

Leroy Simmons, Jr.
Gary Campbell
Chad Ellerbe
Jayden Jones

Kenneth Simmons
Teron Mitchell
Cedric Ellerbe
Nickolas Campbell

Ah' Mari Walker

Honorary Pallbearers

Jordan Campbell
Mishai Mitchell
Ace Reyes

Marquis Simmons
Isaiah Ellerbe
Jiaire Walker

Floral Attendants

Family and Friends

Expressions of Thanks

The family of the late Mary Holmes Simmons is eternally grateful for the many acts of kindness and expression of sympathy shown to us during the illness and passing of our angel. You have been a great source of strength. May God bless each of you.

-The Family

Farewell

Dear Mother we all love you
And hate to see you go
You meant so very much to us
We're glad we told you so
Thru the precious years you spent with us
In memory you shall always remain
And in our hearts there is faith
To temper every pain
We know you'll like your new home
And like the people too
We thank God that we are Blessed indeed
To have a mother as sweet as you



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Celebration of Life for

Mrs. Mary Holmes Simmons

Sunrise: January 8, 1931 ~ Sunset: May 22, 2021



Saturday, May 29, 2021 | 10:00 A.M.

Second Arnold Baptist Church
1427 East 37th Street | Savannah, GA 31404
Reverend Richard L. Hall, Sr., Pastor

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Holmes Simmons was born January 8, 1931 to the late Arthur and Elizabeth Holmes Sr. She was granted her Angel Wings on May 22, 2021 while surrounded by her loving family. She was married to the late Leroy W. Simmons, Sr. She was preceded in death by seven brothers: Benjamin, Arthur, Nathaniel, James, Clarence, and Eugene Holmes and two sisters: Catherine Bruen and Inez Holmes.

She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to all. She attended the Savannah Chatham Schools. She was mainly a housewife and stay at home mother who worked sporadically when available as a Substitute Food Service worker for Savannah Chatham Schools. She joined Second Arnold Baptist Church at an early age and was a faithful servant and member until her death. She served in many capacities at Second Arnold as a Sunday School Teacher/Helper, Harvest Day Chairperson, Senior Choir Member, Elizabeth Bolden Mission Member, and Golden Charity Circle Member. She loved the Lord and read the Bible often in her quiet times and was always praying.

Appearance was very important to her, so she always made sure she looked beautiful. Make up and jewelry had to accompany her attire when planning for any event. She had to have a watch on her wrist and did not care if the batteries were dead, the watch was to be worn! If you were wearing jewelry that she liked; she would say, "let me see that" and the next thing would be, "I am keeping this, it looks good on me." She was a lover of hats and had one to match every outfit be it dress, formal or casual. Flowers and plants were her passion. Good Friday was her planting day so potting soil and plants had to be ready for planting. She watered them daily until her health declined. Anytime she was hospitalized her first order of business when visiting her, "did anybody water my flowers?" Cooking was also a passion of hers and Okra Gumbo, Dry Lima Beans and Hoppin' John being a few of her favorite dishes to prepare. In addition, she was a baker from scratch with homemade biscuits and cakes as her specialties.

She was an active member of the Old Fort Steering Committee and one of the last original members. She held multiple positions and served faithfully for 50 plus years until her health declined. She also served as a member of Neighbor Hood Watch and was passionate about helping her neighbors in need. If a neighbor experienced hardship she would be the one to organize/facilitate help for them.

She loved her family and had such a sweet, beautiful spirit. She did not have a whole lot but what she had she did not mind sharing. She was very compassionate and would give her last to anybody. If you visited her hungry in her younger days, you would leave full because she liked to feed the world.

Lovingly known as mommy, momma, grandma, GG, boo, and aunt/auntie, she leaves to mourn all seven of her children: Wanda Simmons, Jacksonville Florida; Ruth Simmons; Beverly (Charles) Ellerbe- Sterling Virginia; Sandra Simmons; Leroy Simmons Jr.; Kenneth Simmons; and Leslie (Vinson) Walker; Nine grandchildren: Gary (Angelia), Teron, Kimberly, Cedric, (Brittany) Chad, Timeka, Marquise, Ah'Mari and Ashlynn. Eleven great grands; Jordan, Sydney, Nickolas, Jayden, Mishai, Meagan, Isaiah, Aubrie, Makai, Ace and Jiaire; One sister: Cassie Gray- Augusta Georgia; two sisters-in-law: Bertha Holmes and Yvonne Holmes; Two nieces and one nephew whom she helped to raise: Renee, Lisa, and Eric Holmes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be trouble; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Order of Service

Processional

Final Glance

Presiding ~ Pastor Richard Hall, II, St. James Baptist Church

Scriptures:

**Old Testament ~ Minister Albertha Steel
Second Arnold Baptist Church**

**New Testament ~ Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwa, MSP
Pastor, St. Benedict The Moore Catholic Church**

**Invocation.....Pastor Charles Ellerbe
True Deliverance Church of God of Manassas, Virginia**

Selection ~ Second Arnold Praise Team

Remarks (Limited to 3 minutes)

As a friend ~ Sis. Florence Adams

As a Deacon ~ Deacon Willie Grant, Sr.

**Oldest Daughter and Oldest Son ~ Wanda Simmons
and Leroy Simmons, Jr.**

Selection ~ Second Arnold Praise Team

Acknowledgements/Resolutions ~ Wanda Chester

Selection ~ Second Arnold Praise Team

Words of Comfort ~ Pastor Richard L. Hall, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

**Catholic Cemetery
1720 Wheaton Street**

