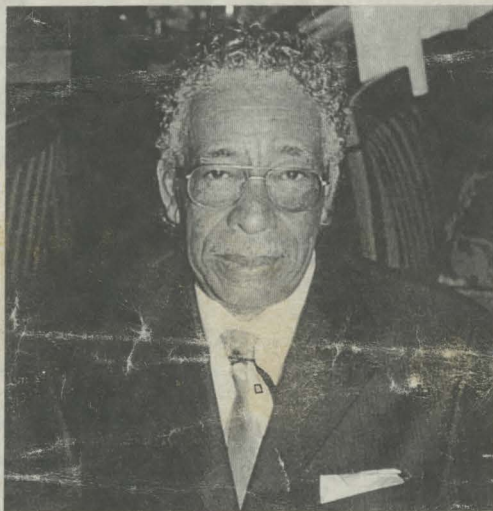


Home Going Celebration
for
Mr. John Henry Simmons



SUNRISE

November 7, 1940
Stokes County, NC

SUNSET

November 7, 2008
Surry County, NC

Wednesday, November 12, 2008
Two o'clock

J. J. Jones Auditorium
Jones School Road
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Reverend Michael King, *Officiating*
Elder GG Meadows, *Eulogy*

Interment
Simmons Family Cemetery
Westfield, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	(people standing)	
Words of Comfort		Guest Minister
Selection		Leon Shuff and Vera Withers
Invocation		Guest Minister
Scripture	Old Testament	Rev. Thomas Williams
	New Testament	Elder James Denson
Selection		Leon Shuff and Vera Withers
Obituary	(to be read silently)	
Acknowledgements/Church Resolution		Sister Althea Penn
Family Reflections		
Family Tribute		Dr. Amica Yong
Selection		Mischelle Houser
Eulogy	<i># Samuel</i>	<i>20</i> Elder GG Meadows
Recessional	(people standing)	
Committal/Benediction		Elder GG Meadows
Interment		Simmons Family Cemetery
Masonic Rites		Mt. Airy Granite City Lodge #828
The Final Flight		Spencer Funeral Home Staff

FLOWER BEARERS

Sisters of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

CASKET BEARERS

Mt. Airy Granite City Masonic Lodge #828

Professional Services Directed by

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THE OBITUARY

Mr. John Henry Simmons 68, of 453 Adrian Lane, Pine Ridge, Mount Airy, NC. Johnny was called home to be with the Lord on Friday evening November 7, 2008 at Forsyth Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC. He was born November 7, 1940 in Stokes County to William Maston Simmons and the late Louis Taylor Simmons. He was a member and on the trustee board of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Mount Airy, NC. Also played the bass guitar for the choir. Johnny was a retiree of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, NC. After retiring from Reynolds he started working for I.H. Services as Account Manager for ten years, and then he came aboard working for Spencer Funeral Home for several years as a devoted friend and worker and he will truly be missed. He is survived by the mother of his loving children, Thelma Simmons; five daughters, Joy (Minister Philip) Dailey of Westfield, NC, Nita (Minister Shawn) Hairston of Winston-Salem, NC, Mischelle (Dr. Joe) Houser of Winston-Salem, NC, Katrinia (Kenneth) Robinson of Mount Airy, NC and Mavis Wildes of Jonesville, NC; two sons, Micheal Simmons of Mount Airy, NC and Randy Moore of Winston-Salem, NC; eighteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; two sisters, Patricia Simmons and Doris Eldridge of Winston-Salem, NC; seven aunts, Odessa (Elder Robert) Brady, Catherine Valentine, Inez Simmons, Maxine Hughes, Connie Tatum and Willie Mae Hairston; as special and devoted friend Lavern Green; a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. One sister Mallie Penn and two brothers, Bernis and Lannie Simmons preceded him in death.

It Hurts

It hurts day by day to know that he's gone away. Even though he's gone, he still lives. It hurts to see my family down. It hurts to stand there and look around, knowing he's not there. It hurts staying up and not getting no sleep and being so weak. It hurts not seeing him again and not hearing his black truck began. It hurts to sleep and seeing my family weep. It hurts to know that God swept him off his feet. It hurts to cry live and to say good-bye. It hurts to even ask why. It hurts to look around and know its never gonna be the same. It hurts so bad its just not ever going to be the same. As I look around and exam I also took toward heaven and knowing he's looking down on me as I stare around and see all the pain he's brought on me, All I can say is father relieve me to know how unexpected this was and also seeing that white dove. It hurts to see people cry and not really know why. It hurts to know that somebody as special as him could be taken from our family. It hurts to see the mason's suffer without a trace. It hurts to stand through this all but one thing I promise we won't fall.

Kenesha Robinson AKA Meyssy



Thank You

*The flower that you sent that day,
The card you mailed along the way,
The service you stopped by to render,
The gift you brought with thought so tender.
The prayers you said which played a part,
In easing the pain that was in our hearts,
Each helped us to find that strength to bear,
The loss of the one we held so dear.
It was to us a great comfort indeed,
To see you in the time of sorrow and need,
So from our hearts which you tried to help mend,
We thank you sincerely again and again
For being such wonderful friends.*

The Family of

Mr. John Henry Simmons
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