

Living Legend of Cumberland

Mrs. Helen L. Brown Sims



Mrs. Helen L. Brown Sims was born August 22, 1940. Mrs. Sims is a product of Florence County Schools. She is a graduate of Wilson Senior High School. After graduating high school, she continued her education at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Mrs. Sims was married to the late Cornelius G. Sims. They were blessed with a daughter, Alethia King.

In 1965, Mrs. Sims was the first African-American female hired by E.I. Dupont De Nemours & Company. She worked for the company for 33 years before her retirement. Retirement did not stop Mrs. Sims from working. She worked various jobs before being employed by Smith Funeral Home where she has worked for the past 20 years and presently serves as the Office Manager.

Mrs. Sims is a faithful member of Cumberland United Methodist Church where she has been active in several ministries of the church. She has served as Chairperson of the Council on Ministries, member of the Administrative Board, part time church secretary, member of Health and Welfare Work Area, member of History and Records Committee, Girl Scout Leader, President of the United Methodist Women, and served as church treasurer for the past ten years.

Mrs. Sims has served as President of the Florence District United Methodist Women and on the Conference United Methodist Women Nominating Committee.

She has been actively involved in her community. She served on the Parks and Recreation Committee for the City of Florence and President of the Azalea Garden Club. She has been honored with the planting of a tree at Delmae Elementary School. Mrs. Sims has also served as

Secretary of the Florence Chapter NAACP, member of the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault Shelter Board, Treasurer of the Florence Garden Club, and a member of Keep Florence Beautiful Committee.

Mrs. Sims is an active member of the Florence Zeta Amicae Auxiliary Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She is presently serving as local president of the auxiliary and has served as State President of the South Carolina Zeta Amicae Auxiliaries and Vice President of the Southeastern Regional Zeta Amicae Auxiliaries.

Through it all, Mrs. Sims has kept her faith in Jesus Christ and is loved by lots of family and friends.