

**Flower Attendants**

Nieces and Family

**Casket Bearers**

Nephews and Family



**Acknowledgements**

We are grateful for all prayers, cards, calls, and expressions of sympathy we received.

A special thank you to Ridge Valley Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

The Family



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*Homegoing*  
CELEBRATION



*Mrs. Brenda T. Simmons*

*December 5, 1952 ~ March 3, 2026*

**Friday, March 13, 2026**

**12:30 PM**

**Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church**

**1435 E. Fourth Street**

**Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

**Rev. Dr. Tressala Hicklin, Officiating**

# Obituary

*“I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”  
II Timothy 4:7*

Mrs. Brenda Transou Simmons, 74, departed this life on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 peacefully at Ridge Valley Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in North Wilkesboro, NC. Brenda was born December 5, 1952 and was the second youngest child of the late Robert Wilford Transou and Nellie Pearl Pinson Transou.

Brenda attended public school in Davidson County, NC at Midway Elementary and North Davidson High School and was a graduate of Winsalm Business College. Brenda was employed at Integon Insurance for 30 years. Faithfully, Brenda was a member of Goodwill Baptist Church of Arcadia, NC. She later met and married the late Rev. Gary M. Simmons, a member of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Winston-Salem, NC. There she joined him and became a dedicated member of the church.

At an early age she developed a passion for playing the piano and the organ. Throughout her life, she maintained her kindness, grace, compassion, and appreciation of the love for her family and friends.

Preceding her in death were: her late husband, Rev. Gary M. Simmons; parents, Mr. Robert Wilford Transou and Mrs. Nellie Pearl Pinson Transou; brothers, Sherman “Bobby”, Richard, Ray Allen, and Jerome.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sister, Pearline T. Imes (Roy/deceased) of Rochester, NY; brothers, Jimmie I. Transou (Wilma/deceased), Joseph F. Transou (Nicole/deceased), Ervin B. Transou (Carolyn/deceased) of Winston-Salem, NC and Leon K. Transou of Kernersville, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Special thanks cousin Loretta Pinson, Simon and Irene Coleman.

Brenda will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

# Order of Service

**Processional**

Clergy and Family

**Family Visitation**

12:00 PM ~ 12:30 PM

**Selection**

Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Gospel Choir

**Scripture Readings**

*Old Testament*

Minister Keith Transou

*New Testament*

Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church

**Prayer of Comfort**

Rev. Dr. Tressala Hicklin

**Church Resolution**

Ms. Annette Wilson

**Remarks** (2 minute limit please)

Family and Friends

**Soft Music** (Reading of Obituary)

**Special Words of Love**

Ms. Irene Coleman (Cousin)

**Selection**

Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Gospel Choir

**Eulogy**

Rev. Dr. Tressala Hicklin

**Recessional**

“I’ll Fly Away” Goler Metropolitan Gospel Choir

**Interment**

Parklawn Memorial Gardens  
2730 Peters Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina