



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering
softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

~Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgements

Our thanks to everyone for your kindness and prayers.
Special thanks to Bethlehem Holiness and Dreamland Park Baptist
Church Families for your love and unwavering support.

Sincerely,
The Family

Clark S. Brown
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Celebration of Love for Mr. Michael D. Simmons



Sunrise
October 20, 1964

Sunset
April 19, 2021

Monday, April 26, 2021

11:00 AM

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel
727 North Patterson Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Elder Brenda Kirby, Officiating
Rev. Dr. Percy Coker, Eulogist

The Obituary

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.” Psalm 91: 1-2 KJV

Michael Denold Simmons born October 20, 1964 to Robert Lee Simmons, Sr. and Annie Land Parks and passed away on Monday, April 19, 2021. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Simmons, Sr., stepfather, Alphonso Parks, and aunts Terotha Murphy and Sara Johnson.

Michael attended Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and was a graduate of Parkland High School, Class of 1983. He was an exceptional football player for the Parkland High School Mustangs. A diehard Carolina Panther’s fan, his love for the game of football continued well past his high school days.

Bethlehem Holiness Church is where he was a member but he often attended Dreamland Park Baptist Church with his mother. He served his community as a former employee of the City of Winston-Salem.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Anthanet Simmons; mother, Annie L. Parks; stepchildren, Anthony (Kawanis) Whitley, Tiana (Timothy) Johnson; five grandchildren, with one near and dear to his heart, Micah Horne, who called him Pawpaw; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert Simmons, Jr., Arnold Simmons, and Earnest Simmons of Winston-Salem, NC; sister, Robin Pratt of Candor, NC; sister-in-law, Betina Duncan; aunts, Julia Gantt, Elder Mary Blair, Okeather Connelly, Donnie May Bennett of Southern Pines, NC, Jackcine (Jerry) Laughlin of Farmer, NC and Callene Alston of Asheboro, NC; uncles, Don (Doris) Simmons of Asheboro, NC and Ben Britton of Winston-Salem, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The Order of Service

Elder Brenda Kirby, Officiating

Bethlehem Holiness Church

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Elder Mary Blair

New Testament

Mrs. Okeather Connelly

Prayer of Comfort

Elder Brenda Kirby

Congregational Selection

“Whose Side Are You Leaning On”

Special Tributes

(Please limit to 2 minutes)

Solo

Ms. Lakeya Lane

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Percy Coker, Associate Pastor
Dreamland Park Baptist Church

Benediction