

Sketch of Life

Mary L. (Billie) Simmons, age 93 was born in Woodstock, Ohio on February 10, 1927 to the union of the late Arthur and Alta Newsome. She was educated in the Dayton Public School system and graduated from Roosevelt High School. Mary was a longtime member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. She married Donald Simmons in July of 1951. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and member of the Defense Electronics Supply Center (D.E.S.C.) Officers Wives Club.

Mary was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She was caring and always thought of others. She was an avid reader and enjoyed bowling.

On Thursday, December 3, 2020 Mary transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord. She was also preceded in death by; her husband of 56 years, Donald Simmons; maternal grandmother, Jessie McGinnis; sister, Arsel Thomas, and niece, Gayle Artis.

Mary leaves to cherish precious memories and celebrate her life; (2) sons, Ronald (Ollie) Simmons of North Chicago, IL and Keith (Michelle) Simmons of Atlanta, GA; (6) grandchildren, Milton (Jacalyn) Parker of Portsmouth, VA, Ronald (Stacy) Simmons II of Allen, TX, Shaquana Simmons of Plano, TX, Shannon (Milton) Plater of Snellville, GA, Donald (Eleni) Simmons of Allen, TX, Keith B. Simmons Jr. of Dayton, OH and Kristopher Simmons of CA; (22) great grandchildren and (12) great, great grandchildren; niece, Michelle (Herb) Porter of Urbana, OH; nephew, John (Karen) Thomas of Columbus, OH; daughter-in-law, Pamela Simmons of Norfolk, VA; also a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

~ Mary ~

*"Your life was a blessing, Your Memory a Treasure.
You were loved beyond words and
Missed beyond Measure."*

Order of Service

- Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
- Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
- Parting View.....The Family
- Scripture Reading...Old/New Testament...Clergy
- Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy
- Obituary Reading.....(Please read silently)
- Poem/Acknowledgements.....
- Tribute To Mother.....Ron Simmons, Son
- Reflections.....(Please limit to 2 minutes)
- Eulogy.....Pastor John Thomas
- Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
- Interment.....Dayton National Cemetery

Please wear mask during Service and Repast

Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David (kjv)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Miss Me But Let Me Go

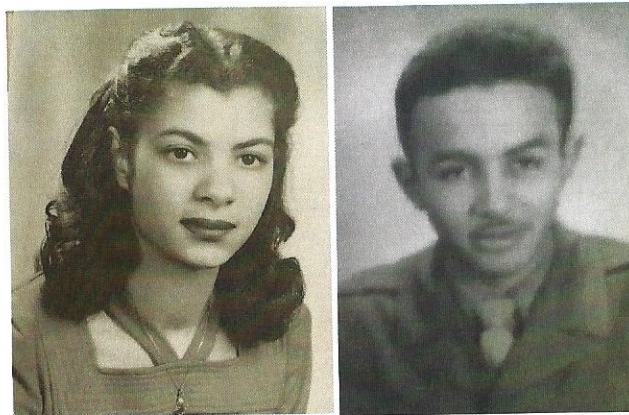
When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in gloom-filled rooms, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little--but not too long and not with your head bowed low; remember the love that we once shared, miss me--but let me go. This is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know, and busy your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me - but let me go.

-Betty Miller



Remembering Mother with Love

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Acknowledgements

During these difficult times we are extremely fortunate to have family and friends who have conveyed prayers and sympathy. Our prayer is that God will truly bless you and your families. We would like to thank Hospice of Atlanta and also special friends Mrs Ruth Wright and the late Mrs Lorraine Wright. We are especially grateful to two of the best caregivers anyone could ask for, Roslyn Wilson and Antoinette Abram who made our mothers' life comfortable and joyful.

The Family of Mary L. Simmons

Pallbearers

Milton Plater Herb Porter Keith Simmons, Sr.
Keith Simmons, Jr. Ronald Simmons John Thomas

Flower Bearers
Family Members and Friends

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Celebration of Life



Mary L. Simmons
February 10, 1927 - December 3, 2020

Service 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Thomas Funeral Home
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Pastor John Thomas,
Officiating