

Expressions of Gratitude

We are never quite prepared to face life's darkest hours alone. We thank God for each of you and your gracious expressions of love and thank you all for the many kind deeds of sympathy extended during the passing of our mother. Also we thank those who have traveled from near and far to be present with us today.

Special Thanks to Community Hospice Acosta-Rue Center for Caring.

~The Family

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that place at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh yes, these things, I will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life has been full; I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. God wanted me now, He set me Free.

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A Celebration Of Life for Dorothy Jean Simmons



Sunrise

September 13, 1943

Sunset

July 13, 2019

Memorial Service

11:00 AM, Thursday, July 18, 2019

Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel

4315 North Main Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206
Bishop Amos Williams, Officiating

Life Reflection's *Of* *Dorothy Jean Clay Simmons*

On Monday, September 13, 1943, under the lights of candles (due to an executive order issued during World War II, for no electrical light be turned on) God allowed one of his angles to leave heaven and to be born in Nassau County Fernandina Beach, Florida. The parents of this special child, was the late Eloise Clinch Clay Gibbs and the late Thomas Alberta.

Dorothy attended public school and graduated from Peck High School in 1961. Later in life, she continued her education by earning an Associate Degree in Office Systems Technology from Florida Community College of Jacksonville.

Dorothy was the wife of Joseph Simmons, Jr. (1962-1985), and to that union, two daughters and three sons were given. She excelled at being a wonderful mother and homemaker. Dorothy was an excellent cook, baker, and seamstress. She always had a desire to enter the workforce and was employed at Amelia Island Care Center as the Assistant Administrator for many years. She retired from Cathedral Gerontology Center in Jacksonville, Florida around 2005.

Dorothy loved the Lord, and during her last days, she quoted these words, "All my life I have given God praise..." Over the years she was a member of several churches with the final church being Spirit of Truth Deliverance Ministry, Jacksonville Florida. Dorothy served in many roles in the church such as, girls club coordinator, choir member, ladies ministry and the mother of the church.

On Saturday, July 13, 2019, God made a roll call and peacefully with her children at her side, Dorothy answered the call and left this earthly home.

Dorothy leaves to celebrate her home going: two daughters, Ann Williams (Amos) and Deborah Brown (Kenneth); three sons, Joseph III (Grace), James (Cindi) and Jeffrey Simmons (Veronica); one sister, Mary Brown; one stepsister, Frankie Flowers; adopted sister, Annette Stevens; adopted brothers, Earl Jr., Phalas (deceased) and Timothy Richo (Mayra); she was blessed with fifteen grandchildren, Carla Patterson (Tommy), Dr. Colette Poole-Boykin (Matthew), Justin Shefton, Kenneth, Montreal, Keyada Brown, Nyasha, Dara, Daniel Simmons, Chanelle, Jakeal (deceased) Simmons, Jennishua, Jada, Jeffrey Jr. and Jaxon Simmons; seventeen great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service Pastor Kenneth Brown, Presiding

- Processional** **"I Need You To Survive"**
Invocation **Deacon Kenneth Shepard**
Selection **Spirit of Truth Deliverance Choir**
Scripture Reading **Evangelist Marilyn Brown**
Solo **Carla Patterson (Granddaughter)**
Reflections **(Two Minutes Please)**
Poem **Jeffrey Simmons Jr. (Grandson)**
Solo **Jennishua Simmons (Granddaughter)**
Selection **Spirit of Truth Deliverance Choir**
Eulogy **Bishop Amos Williams**
Church Of God
Recessional

Interment

Private

Repast

Majestic Event Complex
5870 Norwood Ave
Jacksonville, Florida 32208