

A Celebration of Life

Honorary Pallbearers

Reginald L. Johnson Joseph Ward
Dionisio R. Johnson George R. Johnson
Malcol'm M. Bridgewater Berman Mathieu
Min. Charles Wilson

Active Pallbearers

Lamoine R. Ward Keith O. Johnson
Delery A. Davis Kendrick C. Wilson
Joseph Fisher, Jr. Tyrone R. Jones
Ernest T. Jones

Flower Attendants - Friends of the Family

Acknowledgements

The family of Debra A. Johnson Simpkins wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during their bereavement. May the Lord bless and keep you in our prayers.

*Repass - Merry-Go-Round Hall
8815 Hickory Street, NO LA 70127*

*Interment - Carrollton Cemetery
1701 Hillary Street, NO LA 70118*

*Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:
Freddie E. Doyle Funeral Home
2340 Fourth Street
Slidell, LA 70459
985-290-8885 -- 985-290-3768*



*Sunrise
12.31.54*

*Sunset
03.07.21*

Debra Ann Johnson Simpkins

*Saturday, March 20, 2021
11:00 A. M.*

*Viewing One hour Before Service
(10:00 - 11:00 A.M.)*

*Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church
8616 Hickory Street
New Orleans, LA 70118*

B. Byous, Pastor - Officiating

Obituary

Debra A. Johnson Simpkins affectionately known as Lil Debbie, Bubba, Kizzy, and Ms. Debbie Cakes, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 7, 2021 in Jacksonville, Florida. She passed on peacefully from this life after a gradual decline in health.

Debra was a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, born on December 31, 1954 to George T. Johnson and Dorothy Stewart Johnson, who preceded her. Debra moved to Jacksonville, FL in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina. She found a friend in Paul Simpkins and the two were united in Holy Matrimony.

Debra attended J.W. Johnson Elementary, Alfred C. Priestley, JH, and Alcee Fortier HS in New Orleans. She did a brief stint in the U.S. Army. Debra was employed at Louis Armstrong Airport as a security checker, later as a TSA manager, later retiring from Cintas Uniform Services.

Debra attended Greater St. John M.B.C. from youth, she later accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized and became a member of Holy St. Matthews Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA. She would visit with family at Deland Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL.

Debra had many talents, singing, cooking, a flair for design, and a joyous spirit. She was a member of Fabulous J. Social and Pleasure Club, and Honorary member of the Liberated Mom Squad Social and Pleasure Club.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Paul Simpkins, two sons Reginald and Dionisio Johnson, and one daughter Ernestine Simpkins, Godson Malcol'm Bridgewater Jacksonville, FL; two brothers Joseph Ward, George Ronald Johnson (Deborah) three sisters, Dale Mathieu (Berman/Butch) New Orleans, LA; Diann Wilson (Min. Charles), Dorothy Mae Fisher Jacksonville, FL. One Aunt remaining, Shirley Dennis; Nieces: Tiffany (Henry), Kimberly (Kevin), Roquita, Trenelle, Arielle, Chris, Catrice, Brook, Artamia; Nephews: Lamoine (Charlene), Delery (Shirffa), Keith, Kendric (Tamika), Joseph/Peady (Pat), Tyrone (Karen), Ernest, and a host of great nieces and nephews. She always sent a birthday shout-out on Facebook to them. Special mention to honorary son, Willie, and lifelong friends Wendy, Katie, and Joyce. When neighbors heard of her passing the street and yards were filled with people seeing her off. Not a dry eye could be seen in women or men. Debra had a love of God, for all her family, friends, and neighbors. Well Done Soldier!

Order of Service

Rosa Ponds Mistress of Ceremony

Processional

Selection

Prayer Dec. Darryl Lewis

Scripture Rev. Lewis Benjamin
Old Testament
New Testament

Solo Mark Sterling

To our Mom (Sons) Reginald & Dionisio Johnson

Poem (Daughter) Ernestine Simpkins

Solo Artamia Johnson

Poem (Husband) Paul Simpkins

Poem (Sister) Brook Johnson

Solo..... Dec. Darryl Lewis

Poem (Godchild - Malcol'm Bridgewater).....Chris Johnson

Solo..... Donald Doyle

Expressions 2 Minutes Please

Reading of Obituary &
Acknowledgement Margorie Washington

Solo 1st Lady Janet Byous

Eulogy Pastor, B. Byous

Final Viewing

Recessional