

## *Pallbearers*

Denardus Bowman      Jerel Wilkerson  
Jerimiah Wilson      Ali Wilkerson  
Matthew Wyman      Langston Williams

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Byron Williams      Montanier Rainey  
Anthony Rainey      Nolan Wilkerson Jr.  
Lafayette Williams Jr.      Sylvester Wilkerson Sr.  
David Preston Jr.

## *Flower Attendants*

Nieces and Grandnieces

## *Acknowledgements*

On behalf of the family, we wish to express our gratitude for your many kindnesses, as evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at the service.

~The Sims Family ~

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# *A Celebration of Life for Barbara Wilkerson Sims*



*Sunrise*

July 2, 1945

*Sunset*

February 2, 2022

*Service*

11:00 AM, Friday, February 11, 2022

*Grace Baptist Church*

1553 East 21st Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

**Rev. John J. Devoe, Officiating**

# Obituary

Barbara Wilkerson Sims was born July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1945, after a courageous battle against cancer she transitioned peacefully at her residence on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022. Barbara accepted Jesus Christ at an early age uniting with Little Rock Baptist Church. She was a driven academic and socialite of the 1963 class of Matthew Gilbert High School. After graduation she pursued several careers under the civil service to include the United States Army Reserves, Internal Revenue Service, and the United States Post Office. Barbara continuously sought knowledge and became formally certified in the areas of Life Skills Training, Health and Safety and Financial Literacy. Barbara, in possession of these certifications, coupled with her energetic and nurturing demeanor became a foster parent and advocate for the disabled.

Barbara with the love of her life and husband of 38 years, John, fostered several children over the years and was recognized as Foster Parent of the Year in 1998 for her exemplary work with children and the importance that foster care plays in our society. Barbara continued to pursue her passion with the help of John in establishing transitional housing for the disabled and special needs adults which provided life skills and real-world training. As a military wife and mother, Barbara developed a great love for travel. Over the years Barbara has visited several countries including Germany, Cuba and the Caribbean. Her favorite traveling experience was via cruise. Barbara's signature style and poise was undeniable and recognized by all who loved her. Barbara was family oriented, she cared deeply for her siblings, nieces, nephews, extended family and practiced true friendship with loyalty and consistency.

Barbara's role as a mother and grandmother was paramount, their happiness and well-being were her top priority. She enjoyed being one with nature which fueled her enthusiasm for gardening. Barbara cherished her membership within the College Park Gardening Circle. Her commitment to an active lifestyle provided the momentum for memberships in the Live Long and Like It Seniors Citizens Club, The Red Hats Club, and as a line dancer. Barbara was an avid businesswoman and astute in the areas of real estate and investments. Barbara approached life with boldness and confidence and practiced agape love with all that were blessed to know her.

Barbara was preceded in death by her loving parents, Rev. David and Albertha Wilkerson; husband, John Sims; sister, Zelena Crawford and son, Floyd 'Cameron' Capers. Left to cherish her memory and continue her legacy: sons, Alfred D. (LaQuana) Capers and Isaac D. (Jasmine) Sims; siblings, Rosa Whitfield, Delores (Ronald) Sims, Nolan Wilkerson Sr., Leola (Lafayette) Williams, Mary Preston, Shirley Wilkerson and Diane Hanna; twelve grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of beloved family members and friends.

# Order of Service

- Prelude & Processional ..... Darian Buggs
- Prayer ..... Minister Prince Johnson
- Presentation of the Word ..... Dr. Johnny Turner
- Musical Selection ..... Minister Daiquan Flagler
- Reflections ..... (Two Minutes Please)
- As A Aunt ..... Debonaire Hampton
  - As A Friend ..... Jackie Roulhac
  - As An In-Law ..... Tony Gayden
  - As A Classmate ..... Pastor Helen Conyers
- Honor In Dance ..... Silka Craig & Ashley Wyman
- Acknowledgements ..... Ravnell Williams
- Musical Selection ..... Jasmine Sims
- Eulogy ..... Rev. John Devoe
- Recessional

# Interment

10 AM, Monday, February 14, 2022  
Jacksonville National Cemetery  
4083 Lannie Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32218