



Mrs. Genevieve Simms

December 18, 1920 - July 20, 2022

Mrs. Genevieve Ballard Simms

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Little Zion Baptist Church, (128 N. Academy St., Opelousas, LA.) for Mrs. Genevieve Ballard Simms, 101, who entered eternal rest, Friday, July 22, 2022 in Houston, Texas.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park, in Opelousas, LA. Rev. Calvin Moore, Pastor of Little Zion Baptist Church will be officiating at the services. Mrs. Simms is survived by her daughter, Mattie Simms-Lazard of Houston, TX; her brother, Albert Ballard Jr. of Lawrence, KS; her sister, Melba Kempt of New Orleans, LA; four grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and a host of extended family members and friends.

Mrs. Simms was preceded in death by her loving husband, Clifford Simms; her parents, Albert Ballard, Sr. and Lauvinia Ventress Ballard; one son, Felton Simms; one brother, Clifford Ballard; ten sisters, Naomi Lott, Alberta Lewing, Signora Moore, Julia Milburn, Zenalia Moore, Norma Nash, Barbara Leonard, Jetta Mae Harris, Ora Joseph, and Leatrice Boswell.

Visiting hours will be observed from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Little Zion Baptist Church.

Share words of comfort with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Genevieve Simms*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Beth Edwards lit a candle in memory of Genevieve Simms*



Beth Guilbeaux Edwards - November 17, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *To family of sister Genevieve Simms.
She was my mother (Annie Mae Jones) running partner with Seven District Youth organization. She was so great with the children . She believing all they can be she had a positive attitude and she loved being with them.*

Rest in peace on peace

Ardinia Yvette Jones

Odessa Annette Coleman

Steve Jones jr

Ronald w Jones.

ardinia jpnes - August 10, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ Toni Richardson Elam purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Genevieve Simms.



Toni Richardson Elam - August 05, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Genevieve Simms.



August 04, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Genevieve Simms.



August 04, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ Erica H. Louis and Family, Baton Rouge, La.



Erica Louis - August 04, 2022 at 07:42 PM

TS

“ *The Moores Won, Melvin & Signora purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Genevieve Simms.*



The Moores Won, Melvin & Signora - August 04, 2022 at 12:04 PM

WJ

“ *I remember her working with the Junior Choir. With me Alvin, Calvin, Stella and rest of gang. Her attitude was always positive and caring. Watt Jefferson*

Watt Jefferson - August 03, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Genevieve Simms.*



August 01, 2022 at 11:31 AM

KE

“ *Karen Simms Evans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Genevieve Simms*



Karen Simms Evans - July 31, 2022 at 05:57 PM

DL

“ *Delbert T. Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Genevieve Simms*



Delbert T. Lewis - July 31, 2022 at 06:03 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Genevieve Simms.*



July 28, 2022 at 08:23 PM

IB

“ *Iris Ballard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Genevieve Simms*



Iris Ballard - July 28, 2022 at 06:20 PM

NM

“ *Mrs. Simms was a wonderful Christian woman. She was my youth choir director. I loved her for all she did for me and my other siblings. Very loving and giving woman. She loved her youths in the church. She lived a very good life. Always giving of her time to help and teach others. Always kept us in line. Rest now Mrs. Simms*

Nancy Marks - July 28, 2022 at 05:32 PM

AB

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family. 🙏*

Ave M. (Choo-Choo) Bonham - July 28, 2022 at 04:21 PM

DA

“ *Deepest sympathy, sincerest condolences and prayers to my loving family in the loss of Cousin Genevieve. I love you all and am praying that your hearts are comforted and healed by the Father of all comfort during this time of grief.*

Deidre Dennison

Deidre Ashton - July 27, 2022 at 06:59 PM

MS

“ *To the family of Ms Genevieve Simms. We offer our deepest condolences to the sister of our dear Aunt Ora Ballard Joseph.*

Moses Shillow

Moses Shillow - July 27, 2022 at 06:25 PM

LG

“ *I remember Mrs. Simms, she was a Pilar in the education field. I remember her from Plaisance High. She was one of the teachers that inspired you to learn. God bless you, Mrs. Simms!! I'm thankful for what you taught me!!*



LaDondra Garriette - July 27, 2022 at 12:57 PM

JA

“ I can write a book about her. She was my Sunshine Choir and the adult choir. I think it was Adult. She was the best. Have not seen her in years. May she Rest in Peace.
Jacqueline Hall-Sonnier

JacquelineHall-Sonnier - July 27, 2022 at 12:37 PM

NG

She was a beautiful person who inspired so many of us. She leaves a great legacy.

Naomi R. C. Green - July 27, 2022 at 01:47 PM

VJ

“ Vernita Lewis Joubert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Genevieve Simms



vernita Lewis Joubert - July 27, 2022 at 08:55 AM

Toni
Richardso
Elam

“ My Mom's [Louwilda Richardson] "running partner." I remember Ms. Simms and my Mom dropping me off at USL back in 1979. Let's not even begin talking about the Sunshine Band at Little Zion. Ms. Simms is sewn into the fabric of my coming of age [and many, many others] and will be missed immensely. Rest in Peace now; your work here is done. Lou can't wait to see you.

Toni Richardson Elam - July 27, 2022 at 08:30 AM

CP

I taught with Mrs Simms at Lawtell High School. I wanted to teach my seniors how to write a book review and went to meet her in the library to see what material was available. She told me to bring my classes in and she would help me. And she did. If we couldn't find what we needed, she drove to USL, researched, and brought back material for the students.

Mrs Simms was lovable and huggable. I loved her.

Corinne Pitre - July 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM

RJ

“ *I'd like to offer my condolences to the family of Ms Simms, our Jr HS substitute teacher at Plaisance High. After retirement, we were blessed to have her share of many years of wisdom with us, preparing us for the future. I am so sorry for your loss. The Ballard & Simms families are in our thought and prayers. Class of 1982.*

Ruby Johnson - July 26, 2022 at 11:32 PM

MM

“ *You will be sadly missed Mrs. Sims. Will always cherish the memories of Youth encampment as well as the junior choir at Little Zion Baptist Church. Rest In Peace. Thanks for everything, Mary Marks-Roberson.*



Mary Marks-Roberson - July 26, 2022 at 10:30 PM

JM

“ *JEUNE MOORE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Genevieve Simms*



JEUNE MOORE - July 26, 2022 at 09:21 PM

BR

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the family...Mrs. Simms helped me to be the man I am today...I was truly heartbroken when I heard that she was called Home to be with the Lord...* 🙏
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Bobby Richard - July 26, 2022 at 07:48 PM