



Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr.

May 3, 1930 - July 10, 2025

Mr. Ruben Simmons, Sr.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, July 26, 2025 at Little Zion Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA, for Mr. Ruben Simmons, Sr., 95, who entered eternal rest, Thursday, July 10, 2025 at his residence in Opelousas, LA.

Pastor Calvin Moore will officiate at the services.

Mr. Simmons is survived by one son, Rubin Simmons, Jr. (Anna) of Opelousas, LA; five daughters, Mary A. Roberts of Opelousas, LA, Viola “Molly” Chenier of Baton Rouge, LA, Dr. Norma J. Frank (Ulysses) of Zachary, LA, Judy A. Madison of Shreveport, LA and Kathy M. Kennerson of Lafayette, LA; one brother, Eddie Simmons (Gertrude) of Opelousas, LA; two stepsons, Derylle Spears (Renita) of Baton Rouge, LA and Dr. Kenneth Spears of Stockton, CA; sister-in-law, Ida Dossman-Coleman of Baton Rouge, LA; eleven grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Mrs. Vurlee T. Simmons; his second wife, Dr. Mattie F. Spears-Simmons; parents, Sylvester and Pearl Simmons; three sons-in-law, Louis Roberts, Robert “Bobby” Madison, Sr. and Harold Wade Lemond; one grandchild, Schewanna A. Simmons; one great grandchild, Marley Lemond and twelve siblings.

Visiting hours will be observed from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Friday, July 25, 2025 at Little Zion Baptist Church. Visiting hours will resume on Saturday, July 26,

2025 at 8:00 AM at the 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.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Little Zion Baptist Church
832 E. North Street
Opelousas, LA 70570
(337) 948-6490

Visitation

JUL 26. 8:00 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (AKT)

Little Zion Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ Your extended family, Rice ERA Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr..



Your extended family, Rice ERA Team - July 25, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Deidre and Eric Street purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr..



Deidre and Eric Street - July 25, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr..



July 25, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr..

July 25, 2025 at 08:36 AM

FS

“ Fred Singleton lit a candle in memory of Ruben Simmons



Fred Singleton - July 23, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr..



July 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM

AF

“ Alva Renee Millican & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr..



Alva Renee Millican & Family - July 22, 2025 at 04:29 PM

AF

“ Alva Renee Millican & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ruben Simmons Sr..

Alva Renee Millican & Family - July 22, 2025 at 04:29 PM

KH

“ Thank you "Pops" for welcoming my dad (Frank) , sisters (Kimberly and Kianna), nieces (Kyndall and Kalei), children (Keiasia [Buck] and Kimrick), Demarcus and myself into the family. We had great fellowship with one another and we will forever cherish. For we will always remember in Psalms 73:26, it states, “My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.” Also, in Psalms 119:50, it states, "This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life." We love you infinitely and beyond and we say take your rest for you have finished your race and won in many ways than one. We have already understood it better by and by. Thank you for you obedience and sacrifice. Ya todo esta bien.

Kenya Hall - July 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM

RO

“ I sending prayers to The Simmons family your have my deepest sympathy. I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to go to his party. Cuz Ruben was a good man and had a great wife. I so blessed to have known you and your family and be be a part of our family. My mother love your children like her own and I Thank God how your daughters always check on her. I will keep your family in 🙏 From Marjorie Goodwill family and her daughter Roxanne Orphey

Roxanne Orphey - July 19, 2025 at 08:37 PM

SP

“ Sending Our Condolences and Prayers To Aunt Kathy, Kayla, Kentrell, Aunt Kathy Siblings and Other Grandkids. We Love You All Very Much ❤️🙏🙏 From The Pickney Family, John, Brad and Rene



Shala Rene Pickney - July 18, 2025 at 10:52 PM

SD

“ I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Ruben Simmons better known as cousin "Toby". I have so many fond memories of him and cousin Vurlee. His second wife, Mrs. Mattie Faye Spears Simmons, and I worked together in Rosedale, La. I will continue to keep the family in my prayers. I am also so grateful and truly blessed to have had the opportunity to share with him as he celebrated his 95th birthday in May. We were blessed again with his presence as our family celebrated a reunion July 4th and 5th. It was an honor to share this special occasion with him. Take your rest cousin Toby, a life well lived. You will be missed! I love you family.

Sandra Guidry Davenport - July 17, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SS

I'm so glad that the Lord allowed us to have a great time with you my Godfather that was truly my friend my family some things are so hard to say in a time like this but I remembered you when I was a little kid and I said I asked for a nickel and you gave me a quarter and every time we would visit you you said all you just said come on in oh it's so good to see y'all so good to see you you made us feel so at home I'm going to miss you but I thank God for you if you ain't our life surely

Shirley M Senegal - July 22, 2025 at 11:49 AM

DS

“ May God keep the family in his care and give them strength as they mourn the passing of their love one.

I thank God that he blessed me to meet Mr Ruben and his daughters. He will be missed.

Daisy Slan - July 16, 2025 at 08:49 PM

CW

“ *Mr. Simons (Pops) was always a genuinely loving and caring man of God with an ever-present smile that lit up the room. His legacy of love and laughter will remain in our hearts.*

We pray that you find comfort in knowing that Pops was a wonderful man who we'll deeply miss.

Cedric & Regina White - July 16, 2025 at 02:03 PM

DN

Norma's Dad was genuine and a gem. Very welcoming and full of life. All you have to do is meet him one time and you are infected by his aura. Yes, I will miss him. He enjoyed life to the fullest, loved his family like there is no tomorrow, showed affection to people he met and departed with dignity. To his family, I urge you all to mourn his loss but celebrate the life he lived and showed you all. He was a good human being and we all are going to miss him.

May his gentle soul rest perfectly with his maker.

For the families I say, please accept our heartfelt sympathies for the loss.

Dr. Rufus and Mrs. Patience Nwogu and family.

Dr. Rufus Nwogu - July 16, 2025 at 07:56 PM

HK

I am sending out condolences to the Simmons family. So many fond memories with the family. Mr. Simmons was a pleasure to be around. He will be remembered!!!

Howard Kennerson - July 21, 2025 at 06:09 PM