

## *Dad...*

*If I could write a story*

*It would be the greatest ever told*

*Of a kind and loving Dad*

*Who had a heart of gold*

*I couldn't write a million pages*

*But still be unable to say, just how*

*Much I Love and miss him*

*Every single day*

*I will remember all he taught me*

*I'm hurt but won't be sad*

*Because he'll send me down the answers*

*And he'll always be MY DAD*



## *Casket Bearers*

*Classmates*

*Friends*

## *Interment*

**Mt. Zion AME Church Cemetery  
Florence, Alabama**

## *Acknowledgements*

*Our family would like to extend our deepest felt appreciation for all the calls, texts messages, love offerings and other forms of expression during our time of bereavement.*

*Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.*

*May God continue to bless and keep each of you.*

*The Simpson and Hawkins Family*

*Compassionate and Proficient  
Preparation Presented By:*



**TRINITY MEMORIAL  
FUNERAL HOME**

Remembering  
**Oakley Wendell**

*Simpson*



1972 - 2021

# Obituary

**Oakley Wendell Simpson** was born December 23, 1972, in Florence, Alabama to the late Verneta Simpson and the late William Hawkins Sr. He made his transition to his eternal home on August 20, 2021. Wendell was preceded in death by his grandmothers: Sarah Simpson and Mattie Hawkins, grandfathers: John Simpson and Claude E. Hawkins and uncle, Claude Hawkins.

**Wendell** confessed Christ at an early age and attended Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church. **Wendell** was a 1992 graduate of Bradshaw High School. He later attended barbering school at Calhoun Community College and became a barber with a local barber and later opening his own shop named **Mr. WENDELL BARBER SHOP** at West Irvine Market.

**Wendell** loved his family and friends. He was an entrepreneur and loved taking on new projects. He also loved to dress and never meet a stranger.

**Wendell** leaves his cherish memories to one daughter, **Erinn Simpson**, one beloved granddaughter, **Jordynn Jones**, second mother, **Linda Harris (Paul)**, stepmother, **Shirley Hawkins**, one sister, **Tabitha Clemons (Darren)**, brothers: **William Hawkins Jr. (Shalena)**, **Jonathan Grimes** and **Darren Grimes**, aunts: **Deborah McDaniel (Billy)** and **Brandy Simpson**, uncles: **Hilton Simpson (Lavanda)**, **Clifford Simpson** and **Melvin Mason**, one god brother, **Dalton Swinney**, and a host of cousins and special friends.

# Memories



# Order of Service

**11:00 A.M.**  
**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

**Graveside Service**  
**Mt. Zion AME Cemetery**  
**Florence, Alabama**

**Rev. Dexter Stanley, Officiating**

- Call to Order..... Rev. Dexter Stanley
- Scripture..... Appointee
- Prayer ..... Appointee
- Eulogy..... Rev. Dexter Stanley
- Committal
- Benediction