

## *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of

righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the

shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art

with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence

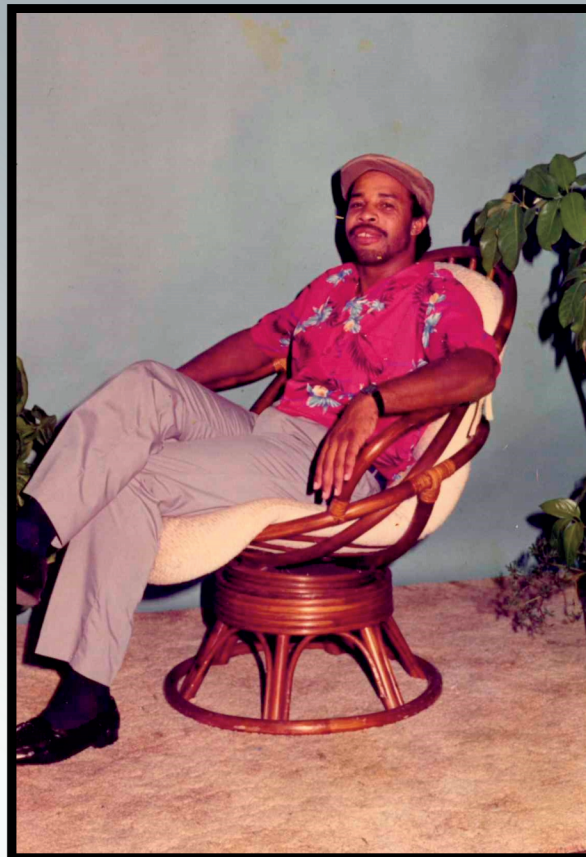
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the

days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the

LORD forever.



## *In Gratitude*

The family of Mr. Raymond Lee Sims, humbly thank you for all the kind expressions of sympathy, prayers and words of comfort, during this time of bereavement. May the blessings of God shine upon you forever.



## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Raymond Lee*  
**Sims**

**SUNRISE**

**JUNE 27, 1954**

**SUNSET**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2023**



**Saturday, March 4, 2023**  
**12:00 P.M.**

**Newberry Memorial Gardens**  
**Newberry, South Carolina 29108**

**Reverend LaTasha Cook, Officiating**



# The Obituary

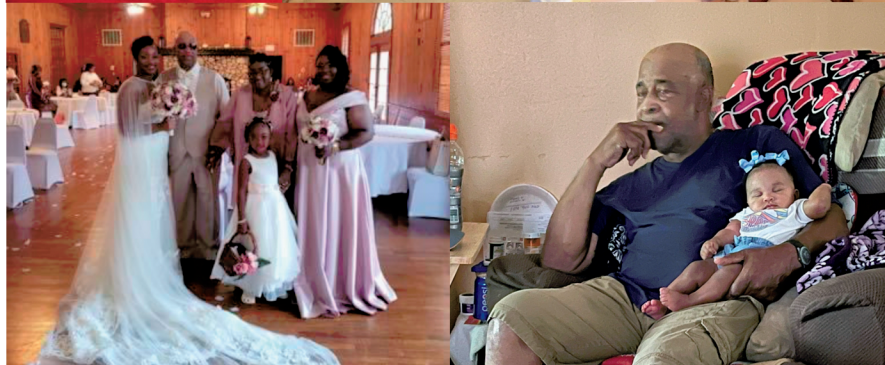
## *Mr. Raymond Lee Sims*

Mr. Raymond Lee Sims, age 68, was born in Newberry, South Carolina to the late Mrs. Julia Sims Ruff and the late Mr. Haskell Gray. He was raised by his grandmother the late Mrs. Claudia M. Sims. He passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, February 27, 2023.

He was a graduate of Newberry High School class of 1973 and was a faithful employee of Whitaker Floor Coverings for 44 years. Mr. Sims retired from the South Carolina National Guard. He was an Atlanta Falcons fan and he loved to ride his motorcycle with his friends and cruising around in his Dodge Charger RT the love of his life.

Mr. Sims was predeceased by his son, Ramon Sims; sister, Audrey Gray and brother, Larry "Cream" Sims.

Left to cherish his memory is his lifelong partner, Gwendolyn Duckett; daughters, Comoda Duckett-Holmes (Wilbert, Jr.) and Tawanda Sligh (Jamel) of Newberry, SC; son, Ryan Hawkins (Nakisha) of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Janell Alexander (Daniel), Linda Ruff and Pamela Gray all of Newberry, SC; brothers, Michael Ruff (Doris) of Laurens, SC; Wilson Ruff, III, George Ruff (Pamela) of Newberry, SC and Frankie Ruff of Wellford, SC; six grandchildren, Otis Hutcherson (Kimberly), Ethan Sligh, Xyteria Sims Takiyah Sims, Peyton Holmes and Reagan Sligh; two aunts, Mabel Reeder (Frank) of Newark, NJ and Faye Sims of Newberry, SC; great-aunt, Marie Williams of Columbia, SC; three uncles, Lewis Sims of Newberry, SC; Ray Sims (Martha) of Columbia, SC; and Tommy Sims of Cross Hill, SC; daughter-in-law, Rhonda Sims of Charlotte, NC; nieces, nephews, numerous cousins and friends. Devoted caregiver/sister-in-law, Sue Clark; devoted cousin, Thomas Sims; devoted nephew, Kenya Duckett.



# The Order of Service

**Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.**

**Reverend LaTasha Cook, Officiating**

Scripture Readings      Reverend Dr. Willie Graham

Old and New Testament

Prayer      Deacon Kenya Duckett

Selection      Deacon Kenya Duckett

Remarks      Mr. Tyrone Atchison

Deacon Kenya Duckett

Mrs. Comoda Holmes

Selection      Ms. Shastie Williams

Words of Comfort      Reverend LaTasha Cook

Committal and Benediction      Graveside

Interment      Newberry Memorial Gardens

Newberry, South Carolina