

God Saw He Was Getting Tired

God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around him
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With Tearful eyes we watched him Suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Author Unknown



Floral Bearers

Nieces
Great-Nieces
Friends of Family

Pall Bearers

Randy Sims	Lorenzo Sims
Nelson Glenn	Rudy Sims
Paul Banks, Jr.	Samuel Downs

Honorary Pall Bearers

Hannie Milling, Sr.
Earl Bonner
Nephews
Great-Nephews

Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Mr. Nelson Walter Sims wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to our family and friends for the many expressions of love and kindness shown during the passing of our loved one. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and may God continue to bless each and every one of you.

The Sims family would like to extend special thanks to Mr. Sims' daughter, Ava E. Sims, his granddaughter, Latia Chappell and Hospice Nurse, Rachel Reist.



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A CELEBRATION *of Life*



Mr. Nelson Walter Sims

November 19, 1919 – April 20, 2017

Monday, April 24, 2017, 1:00 P.M.

Wayman Chapel Church
400 S. Garden Street

Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180
Reverend Lonzo Ruff, Interim Pastor

Obituary for Nelson W. Sims

Mr. Nelson Walter Sims peacefully departed this earthly life in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loved ones on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

On November 19, 1919, Nelson was born in Carlisle, South Carolina to the late Reverend John K. and Lucy Craig Sims. At an early age, Nelson joined Wayman AME Church and was a faithful lifelong member and he served on the Trustee Ministry.

Nelson graduated from the Fairfield County Training School. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served in the Korean War. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he attended Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina where he met his wife of 70 years, Mamie Esther Childers Sims, who was the love of his life. Out of this wonderful union, four daughters were born, Charlotte (Little Jack Rabbit), Ava, Althea (Vertell) and Wanda.

Nelson returned to Winnsboro, SC where he owned and operated a construction company. He later became an educator with the Fairfield County Vocational Center where he was a Building Construction Instructor for 15 years. After retirement, he decided to become an entrepreneur of rental properties.

After retirement, Nelson was selected to sit on the Board of Trustees for Fairfield Memorial Hospital. He was also a member of several organizations, such as, the Masons and the Elks (Frank Pauling Lodge). He was a great farmer and avid hunter. He loved coon hunting and his coon dogs, but he really adored his favorite dogs, Taeman, Smokey, JoJo and Duke.

He leaves to cherish fond memories his wife, Mamie E. C. Sims; three daughters, Ava E. Sims of Winnsboro, SC, Althea V. Adams of Great Falls, SC and Wanda L. (Moses) Chappell of Winnsboro, SC; his grandchildren, Quincy Sims, who was reared in the home, Courtney Adams, Latia Chappell and Jarzsyn “Polly” Adams; a very special grandson and best friend, Vasean Chappell; two great-grandchildren, Chloe and Teagan; his very special baby sister, Nuresa Sims Glenn; one son-in-law, Michael Boyd; one sister-in-law, Victoria (Chester) Alford of El Paso, TX; one brother-in-law, Clifton (Olive) Childers of Silver Spring, MD; and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends who loved him dearly.

Nelson was preceded in death by one daughter, Charlotte Sims Boyd; four brothers and two sisters.



Order of Service
Reverend Lonzo Ruff, Presiding

- Prelude - - - - -David Belar
- Processional - - - - -Clergy, Family and Friends
- Hymn of Praise - - - - - Wayman Chapel Church Choir
“Open the Flood Gates of Heaven”
- Scriptures:
Old Testament - - - - -Diane Bowden
New Testament - - - - -Benjamin K. Sims
- Solo- - - - -Marcus Sims
- Prayer of Comfort - - - - - Jerome Hollis
- Solo- - - - - Eddie Nelson
- Reflections (2 Minutes) - - - - - Clifton Richmond
Betty Dorsey
Arthur Craig
Glenda Sims Martin
Diane Bowden
Marcus Sims
- Solo- - - - -Sandra Gail Thompon
- Words of Comfort- - - - - Reverend Hannie Milling, Jr.
- Selection - - - - - Wayman Chapel Men’s Choir
“On My Way Home”
- Recessional - - - - - Nelson’s Funeral Home

Committal and Presentation
Ross Cemetery
Middle Six Community
Winnsboro, South Carolina