

***Order of Service***  
***Reverend Joe Bush, Presiding***

Musical Prelude----- Mr. Rex Tacker

Processional-----Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selection -----  
“Oh, I Want to See Him”

Scriptures:

Old Testament-----

New Testament----- Rev. Nora Cunningham

Prayer ----- Rev. Joe Bush

Selection -----

Reflections – (3 Min) --- Deacon Thomas Evans  
Ms. Joyce Dean

Reading of Obituary ----- Ms. Ernestine Nelson

Selection -----

Words of Comfort ----- Rev. Edward Mitchell

Processional-----Funeral Directors

**Interment**  
**Old Rehoboth Baptist Church Cemetery**  
**Highway 34**  
**Ridgeway, SC**

***Floral Bearers***  
Family and Friends

***Pall Bearers***  
Family and Friends

***Acknowledgements***

The family of Mrs. Alberta Simmons would like to thank everyone for all of their prayers, phone calls, cards and visits during the time of the loss of our beloved Alberta. May God continue to bless all of you.



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***In Loving Memory***



***Mrs. Alberta Simmons***

August 22, 1934 – June 11, 2018

Sunday, June 17, 2018, 2:00 P.M.

New Revelations Baptist Church  
1131 North Firetower Road  
Blythewood, SC 29016

Reverend Edward Mitchell, Pastor

***TO THOSE WHOM I LOVE AND THOSE WHO  
LOVE ME***

***Anonymous***

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

***Obituary***

***"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."***

Mrs. Alberta Simmons was born August 22, 1934 to the late Ida Nelson. She departed her life on Monday morning, June 11, 2018 at the age of 83.

She attended the Public Schools of Kershaw County. After high school, she moved to New York to seek employment. She was employed at St. Joseph Hospital in Far Rockaway, NY for 38 years. After retiring, she returned to Blythewood, SC where she lived with her sister Christine Solomon and her brother-in-law, Charles Solomon.

Mrs. Simmons became a member of Rehoboth Baptist church where she sang on the Gaymon Gospel Choir. After a number of years at Rehoboth, she moved her membership to New Revelation Baptist Church where she served as an usher until her health declined.

Those left to cherish fond memories are three sons, Eugene (Dorothy) Nelson of Elgin, SC, Joseph Simmons of Long Island, NY and Dartadnan Simmons of Virginia; four sisters, Ida Mae (Donald) Lampkin, Christine (Charles) Solomon, Brenda B. Davis and Lenore (Kevin) Reese; six brothers, Reverend Joe Albert (Mary) Bush, Henry Bush, Roscoe Bush, Frank Bush, Carnell (Helen) Bush and Johnny (Carolyn) Bush; 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Nelson, two sisters and two brothers.

**When Tomorrow Starts Without Me**

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see.  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with  
tears for me.

I wish you wouldn't cry the way you did today.  
While thinking of the many things, we did not get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you.  
Each time that you think of me, I know you will miss me  
too.

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand.  
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the  
hand.

The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above.  
And That I would have to leave behind all those I dearly  
love.

But, when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much  
at home.  
When GOD looked down and smiled at me, from his golden  
throne

He said "This is Eternity and all I promised you  
Today for life on earth is done; but here it starts a new."

I promise no tomorrow for today will always last.  
And since each day's the exact same way, there is no  
longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me, do not think we're  
apart.  
For every time you think of me, remember I'm right here in  
your heart

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