

CELEBRATING THE
Life and Legacy of
Irene D. Simmons



SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

11:00AM

BETHEL #2 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

OFFICIATING MINISTER

REV. DR. YWELL K. CUNNINGHAM, PASTOR

Remembering Her



Irene Davis Simmons was born May 21, 1921, in Fountain, AL. She was the youngest of twelve children born to the union of Rev. John Wesley and Betty Cook Davis.

She accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Mt. Arat Baptist Church in Fountain, AL. Upon moving to Monroeville in 1953, she united Bethel #2 Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained an active and faithful member throughout her lifetime.

Mrs. Simmons was a Christian woman of God who believed in living the life that God planned for her.

She was educated in the public schools in Fountain, but found her passion for sewing at a young age. She worked briefly at Vanity Fair as a Sewing Machine Operator and then began sewing from home. Known throughout the community as one of the best seamstresses around; she made everything from wedding gowns to men's suits.

Irene Simmons was generous with her heart; loving family and friends equally. She was giving, unselfish and caring of others. Cooking for family and friends was a favorite for her. Each year she would open her doors for many to come and join in a good old fashioned "homecoming," eating the best of garden grown greens, peas, squash casseroles and hot cornbread. Her cakes were always a hit. She was a "fancy" dresser and showed up on Sunday mornings with matching hats, shoes and dresses. It was nothing for her to receive a compliment and turn around and deliver her outfit to the person who complimented her. Irene was just that unselfish. Her greatest passion was her flowers. As long as she was able, she "tended to her flowers."

In the early morning hours of April 11, 2023, her busy hands were put to rest. She quietly closed her eyes and took her Savior's hand. Oh! What a reunion, when she entered Heaven's gates and was greeted by her son: Steve; husband: Crafus Simmons; parents, her siblings: Mamie, Lena, Lame, Carrie Jane, Alberta, Jeffrey, Lessie Mae, Alpha, Frank, John, and Fletcher.

Irene Simmons leaves her devoted and loving children to cherish her memory: Mary Jean (Albert) Johnson of Brewton, AL, Cynthia D. Simpson of Evergreen, AL, Herbert (Deborah) McCants of Omaha, NE, John McCants of Monroeville, AL, and Larry (Gloria) McCants of Monroeville, AL; her grandchildren, Tracy (Lorenzo), Adrienne "TeKetha", Steven, Jamie, John, and Valerie; ten step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other loved relatives and many friends.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURES:

OLD TESTAMENT.....REV. WILLIE BONNER

NEW TESTAMENT.....MINISTER TERRY JOHNSON

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....REV. MATTHEW DAVIS

SOLO.....GEORGE JONES

EXPRESSIONS (2 MIN. PLEASE)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....GLADYS BOSWELL

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A Million Times

*A million times we've needed you,
a million times we've cried;
if one alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.*

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a special lace,
than no one can ever fill.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone
for part of us went with you
the day God called you Home.*

Your Family



PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Bethel #2 Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to say "thank you" to our friends and loved ones for being a constant source of comfort to us in this difficult time. Through her days of infirmity, and in the hours of grief, you have prayed, called and visited us.

We are eternally grateful to each of you. May God bless you.

The Family



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