

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.*

Interment

Pine Grove Cemetery
401 SE 21st Avenue | Gainesville, Florida 32641

Special Thanks

The family of the late Doris Simmons Mandrell would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our bereavement. Thanks for all the calls, visits, and sincere gestures. It is our prayer that our Heavenly Father will continue to richly bless each and every one of YOU.

-The Family

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Alpha
January 29, 1938

Omega
June 30, 2021

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

PINE GROVE CEMETERY
401 SE 21st Avenue | Gainesville, Florida 32641

Reverend Darrell Mobley, Eulogist

*Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
Psalm 30:5*

Her Life Story

DORIS SIMMONS MANDRELL was born on January 29, 1938, to the late Reverend Hugh Cofield Simmons and Pearlie Mae Simmons of Bayboro, NC. This union produced two children: Doris, who was the oldest, and her brother, Hugh Cofield Simmons, Jr., who preceded her in death. She was married to the late Edward Monroe Mandrell of Live Oak, FL.

Doris was educated in the Pamlico County School System in North Carolina. She attended Livingston College in Salisbury, NC, where she received her bachelor's degree in Social Work. She was employed as a schoolteacher by the Kinston Public School System in North Carolina, where she taught Black Studies and American Minorities for 33 ½ years before retiring in 1995.

Doris was raised up in the ammunition of the Lord by her parents, and she gave her life to the Lord at an early age. She was a member of St. Peter's AME Zion Church in New Bern, NC, where she served in the Ministry of Hospitality until her health would not allow her to physically participate. In 2017, she relocated to Gainesville, FL, where she entered into long-term care at Palm Garden Rehabilitation Center until her demise.

On Wednesday, June 30, 2021, Doris S. Mandrell accepted the Master's call and entered her eternal and heavenly rest.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: two sons, elder son, Eddie Gino Mandrell of New Bern, NC, and Quintin C. Mandrell of Gainesville, FL, his wife, Sonya Mandrell, and their two children, Kivi Ellis and Cayla Mandrell, both of Gainesville, FL; three great-grandchildren, Dallas Carter Ellis of Gainesville, FL, Alyssa Kayani Ellis of Gainesville, FL, and Gideon Ellis, who preceded her in death; one nephew, Sean Simmons of New Bern, NC; and a host of other relatives, friends, and caretakers

The Homegoing Service

Minister Quintin C. Mandrell, Presiding

Prelude

Processional & Final Glimpse

Selection..... Mrs. Leona Williams

Invocation..... Minister John Cromwell

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Mrs. Sonya Mandrell

New Testament Mrs. Diane Cromwell

Acknowledgements & Resolutions Phillip & Wiley Mortuary Staff

Medley of Songs..... Mrs. Leona Williams

Words of Encouragement..... Reverend Darrell Mobley

Final Remarks..... Minister Quintin C. Mandrell

Recessional

