

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I have savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He has set me free.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We wish to thank you all for the kind words and comforting thoughts and prayers as we endure our moment of bereavement. Your expressions of concerns keep us mindful that it is through a celebration of his life, and the everlasting memories of our time with James, that will empower us to move pass the pain of loss and awaken renewed with joy.

*With Sincere Gratitude and Love
The Sims-Moore-West Family*

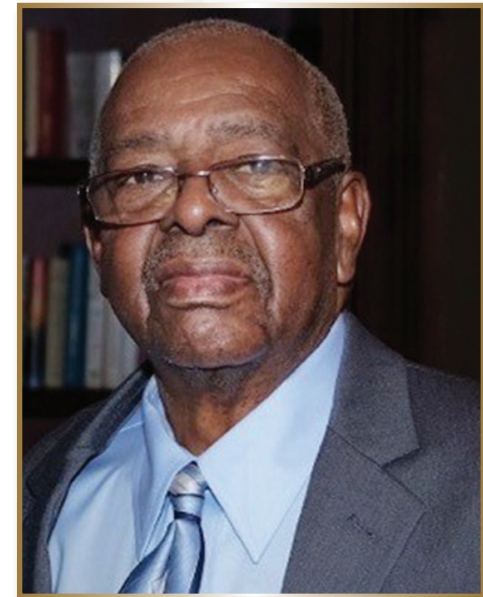
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Sunrise: April 20, 1941

Sunset: January 23, 2020

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

James W. Sims



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

11:00 AM

MT PISGAH BAPTIST TEMPLE
1301 Springwood Ave
Asbury Park, New Jersey

Officiating:
Rev. Gary E. Brandon

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Opening Hymn.....	“On the Battlefield” MPBT Choir
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Bernard Fowler
Scripture	
Old Testament: Psalms 23	Rev. Sandra McLeod
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:51- 58	Rev. Edward Harper
Selection.....	Let Jesus Lead Me” MPBT Choir
Acknowledgements, Cards & Resolutions	Bertha Moore, Church Clerk
Reading of The Obituary	Bertha Moore, Church Clerk
Reflections:	Deacon Paul Terrell Deacon John Walker Laymen - Brother Calvin Wilkins, President Raje’ Sims Howard West II
Selection/Solo	Dorothy Moore and Ron Perry MT Olivet Baptist Church
Eulogy	Rev. Gary E. Brandon
Benediction	Rev. Gary E. Brandon
Recessional	

Entombment

Monmouth Memorial Park
Tinton Falls, New Jersey

Repast

Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple
Fellowship Hall
Asbury Park, New Jersey

Obituary

James W. Sims, 78, of Ocean Township, NJ passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, NJ. He was born on April 20, 1941 in Cumberland County, VA to William Phillip Sims and Cornelia Foster Sims.

At an early age, he joined the Midway Baptist Church in Cumberland County, VA. James was a member of the church until he moved to Asbury Park, NJ in 1966. He then became a longtime member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple, Asbury Park, NJ. He served as an Usher, President of Angelic Messenger, member of the Men’s Choir, Chairman of Deacon Ministry, and member of Laymen’s of Seacoast Missionary Association. He graduated from Monmouth Bible Institute in 1997.

He was employed by Sears as a service man, and Delisa Waste Service as a mechanic. James also was the owner of Jimmy Truck Tires for 10 years. In 2007, he retired from Marpal Disposal in Tinton Falls, NJ. He was a lifetime resident of Asbury Park, NJ before moving to Ocean Township, NJ in 2017. James was married to Lesly L. Booker-Sims, of Ocean Township, NJ on February 3, 1962. They were married for 57 years.

James loved the Lord. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He loved his family. James would brag about his children and grandchildren to anyone who would listen to him. He also loved to sing. His favorite songs were, “Let Jesus Lead Me” and “Down through the Years”. He had a passion for driving racing cars, and won several trophies. He loved crossword puzzles. He was not afraid to tell you how he felt and what he thought.

He was predeceased by his parents, William Phillip Sims and Cornelia Foster Sims; siblings, Dorothy Rogers of Deltona, FL, Martha Foster of Belmar, NJ, Judy Theresa Tucker of Cumberland County, VA, and Yvonne Farley of Neptune, NJ.

He is survived by his wife, Lesly L. Booker-Sims of Ocean Township, NJ; son, James “Jimmy” Sims and wife, Sally Sims of Orlando, FL; two daughters, Lora Moore and her husband Rev. Louis Moore of Neptune, NJ, Debora West and her husband, Howard West II of Howell, NJ; special nephew, Robert “Tony” Farley of Neptune, NJ; brother, Leon Sims of Asbury Park, NJ; sister, Shirley Sims of Asbury Park, NJ; brother-in-law, George Rogers of Deltona, FL; uncle, John Lee Foster of Asbury Park, NJ; four granddaughters, Ashley, Brittany, Lauren and Taylor; two grandsons, Raje and Halston; three great-grandsons, Jahzir, Jaylen, and Raje, Jr; one great-granddaughter, Reign; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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