

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,

He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Willie Gene Simmons



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In Loving Memory

of

Willie Gene Simmons

September 27, 1961 - March 29, 2026



Saturday, April 4, 2026

Visitation: 2:00 pm

Funeral Service: 3:00 pm

Walker - Mt. Healthy Chapel

7272 Hamilton Avenue

Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231

Bro. Darryl Anderson, Officiating

Obituary

Willie Gene Simmons, age 64, of Cleveland, OH, gained his heavenly wings on Sunday, March 29, 2026, surrounded by his family and dearest friends. Born on September 27, 1961, in Cleveland, OH, Willie brought warmth, laughter, and joy to everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Willie was the beloved son of Betty Sue and James Simmons. He graduated from Canton McKinley High School, Class of 1979, and attended the University of Akron, where he studied music. While at the University of Akron, Willie pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Gamma Tau chapter and became known by his line name, Destiny. After college,

Willie worked at Sterling Jewelers, where he retired after many years of dedicated service. He was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Canton and later New Prospect Baptist Church in Cincinnati.

Willie approached life with a generous spirit and a gift for making others feel welcome. He spent much of his life in Akron, OH, before relocating to Cincinnati, OH, to join his college sweetheart, Karen.

Those who knew Willie will remember him for his fun-loving personality, quick wit, and the way he could brighten any room. He had a special talent for making people laugh, telling stories, and turning ordinary moments into unforgettable memories.

More than anything, Willie loved music, traveling, sports, family, hosting parties, and caring for those he loved, especially his grandchildren. He found joy in life's simple pleasures – a good meal, a little laughter, and a whole lot of love. Willie will be remembered not only for his laughter, but for the love, light, and steady presence he gave so freely.

Willie will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Karen; his children, Abigail and Brandon; granddaughters, Briley and Aubrey; grandson, Braxton; brothers, Virgil and Marshall; his aunts, Virginia and Elsie (Charles), nieces, nephews, cousins, his fraternity brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi; and his many family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Betty Sue and James Simmons.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Soft Music
Parting View	Family
Prayer	
Scripture	Mrs. Angela Asamoah Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: John 14:1-4
Selection	"In the Garden" Marvin Sapp
Remarks	Two Minutes, Please
Obituary	Dr. JoNataye Prather
Selection	"Take Me to the King" Tamela Mann
Eulogy	Bro. Darryl Anderson Fraternity Brother
Benediction	Bro. Darryl Anderson
Recessional	Pallbearers, Family, & Friends

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Repast

6:00 pm

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