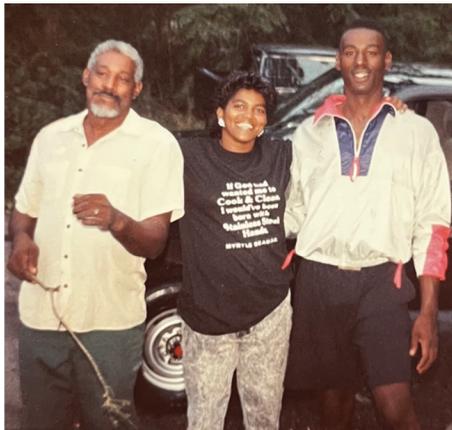


*Precious Memories*



*You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide  
and though we cannot see you, you're always at our side.*



*~ Pallbearers ~  
Family and Friends*

*~ Floral Bearers ~  
Family and Friends*

*~ Special Acknowledgements ~*

*The family of DONNA MARIE SIMMONS expresses their sincere gratitude for many expressions of love, kindness and sympathy during her illness and death.*

*May the Lord Bless You All*

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*CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVE OF*

*Donna Marie Simmons*

**SUNRISE**  
March 21, 1965



**SUNSET**  
May 1, 2025

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025**

*Visitation: 11:30 AM*

*Service: 12:00 PM*

**PIGG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER  
2410 South Main Street • Rocky Mount, Virginia**

**MINISTER DANNY EDWARDS, PRESIDING  
REVEREND ROY GUNN, EULOGIST**

## Obituary

On Thursday, May 1, 2025, at approximately 12:30 a.m., God sent his mighty angels to bring DONNA MARIE SIMMONS, 60, to her heavenly home. Donna was born on March 21, 1965 in Franklin County, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Louise O’Neal and Herman Casey.

Donna resided in Franklin County her entire life where, at the young age of 17, she met her husband, Derick. They shared over 43 years together and were blessed with one child, Destiny, whom Donna loved more than life itself.

She was always hardworking and was employed by Plygem in Rocky Mount, Virginia for 23 years where she met several co-workers who became lifetime friends.

Donna loved going to church and was a faithful member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Mount for almost 26 years.

One of her favorite pastimes was watching Family Feud, hosted by Steve Harvey. She was always tuned in and laughing at every joke and did not want to be interrupted by anyone as she enjoyed Harvey’s comedy. Even after she became ill, she still enjoyed her tradition of going to Aunt Margie Jean’s for Sunday dinner where she was well fed and always happy to see Macon Simmons.

Donna’s true passion was loving and caring for her family, especially all of the children. She was a cheerful giver and always ensured that her family did not need anything. Despite her limited ability to communicate, she simply enjoyed the presence of her loved ones.

In addition to her parents, Donna was preceded in death by two infant sons, Warren Jamal and Derell Simmons; a special uncle, Thomas (Ellue) Taylor, whom she considered her father; one brother, Richard (Dickie) Taylor; and one brother-in-law, Erick “Trent” Simmons.

Donna leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Derick Simmons; her daughter, Destiny Simmons, and step-daughter, Ashley Wade; a special aunt, Eassie Taylor, who raised her and was considered her mom; four siblings: Judy (Clyde) Baker, David (Su) Taylor, Cotina (Timothy) Seay and Brenda Gill. She also leaves to cherish her memories, her aunts and uncles, Vivian Reynolds, Margie Simmons, Harold (Trina) Poindexter, Josephine (Danny) Edwards and Judea Williams; two brothers-in-law, Cedric Simmons and Thomas Simmons; two sisters-in-law, Pamela Kasey and Penny Simmons. In addition, she leaves special nephews, Devon Taylor and Jarale Journiette; two special friends, Mary Helms and Teresa Wright; and a host of other family and friends who held a special place in her heart.

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude..... Robert Hairston  
Presiding..... Minister Danny Edwards  
*Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church • Rocky Mount, Virginia*  
Processional.....Clergy and Family  
Selection..... Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Choir  
Reading of Scriptures  
Old Testament..... Reverend Rodney Newbill  
New Testament..... Bishop Henry Eggleston  
*Positive Impact Ministries • Roanoke, Virginia*  
Prayer of Comfort .....Reverend Roy Gunn  
*Pastor, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church • Rocky Mount, Virginia*  
Solo..... Linda Harris  
Acknowledgements .....Josephine Edwards  
Obituary (Read Silently)  
Reflections (Two Minutes Please) ..... Family and Friends  
Solo..... Cynthia Hughes  
Eulogy .....Reverend Roy Gunn  
Selection..... Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Choir  
Recessional.....Clergy and Family



### ~ Interment ~

Casey Family Cemetery  
Penhook, Virginia

### ~ Family Repast ~

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
325 Highland Hills Road • Rocky Mount, Virginia

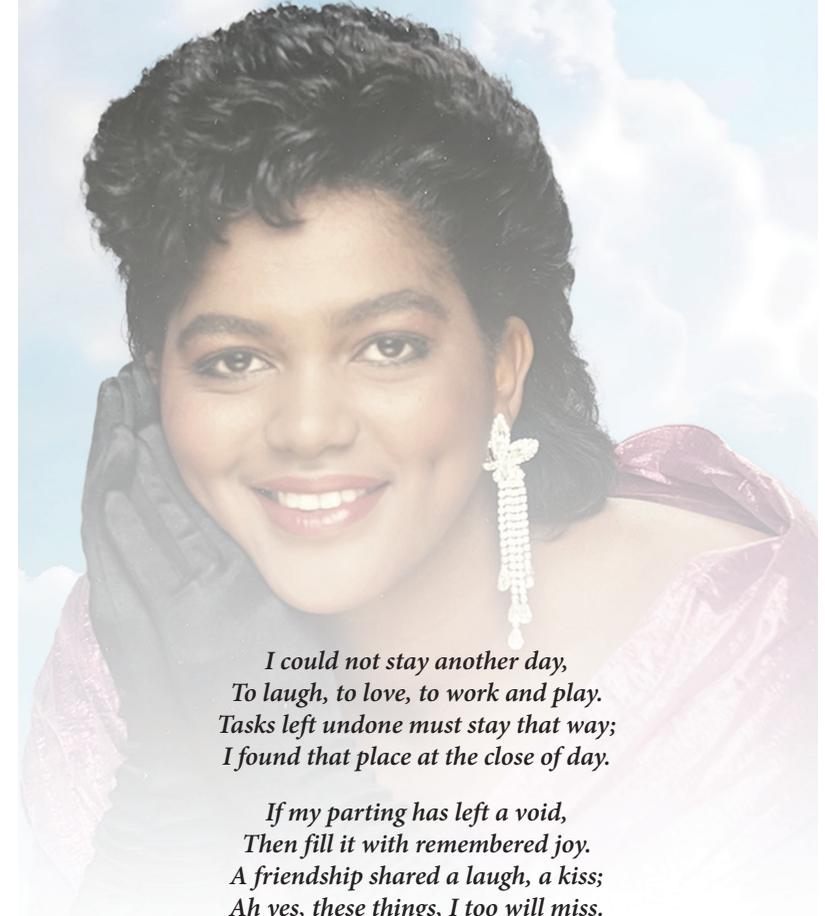


Jesus declares, “I am the resurrection, and the life: Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet he shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 11:25-26

## 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 and play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of 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 savoured much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now ...  
He set me free.*