

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Cleo
SIMON

AUG 15, 1945 — JUL 24, 2026





“This is my Story..”

Cleo Simon was born on August 15, 1945, in Pumpkin Center (Morris, Oklahoma), to the late Gid and Roberta Colbray Simon. From an early age, Cleo developed a strong christian faith that guided her throughout her life. She attended Attucks and Dunbar High School, where she began building the foundation of the loving and caring woman so many would come to know and cherish.

Cleo's faith in God was the foundation of her life. Throughout the years, she attended St. Mary's, Greater Jones and AME Zion. Her final church home was Trumpets of Zion, where she faithfully served under the leadership of Pastor and First Lady Rudelle and Terry Brown.

Cleo was a loving and compassionate woman who found joy in caring for others. She dedicated 32 years as a cook, serving 14 years at Okmulgee Terrace, 14 years at Highland Park Manor and 4 years at Rebold Manor. To Cleo, cooking was more than a job—it was her way of sharing love, bringing comfort and making everyone feel welcome.

Cleo was known throughout the neighborhood for her generosity and caring spirit. Anyone who came to her door was welcomed, and no one ever left hungry. She had a special gift for making people feel loved and cared for. Her kindness, warmth and willingness to help others touched countless lives.

Cleo enjoyed listening to gospel music, watching western movies and spending quiet moments reading her Bible. Her faith, family and love for others were the true treasures of her life.

Cleo peacefully departed this life on July 24, 2026, and entered her eternal home in Heaven. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gid and Roberta Colbray Simon; her brothers, Albert Simon, Jack Simon and Carnell Simon; her sisters, Dorothy Farley, Ola Mae Turner, Mae Ola Tucker and Shirley Marie Wilson; her beloved son, Calvin Juan Simon; and her special friend, Ervin Woodruff.

Cleo leaves to cherish her precious memories and continue her legacy of love: her two sons, Maurice Simon (Nancy) and Reginald Edmerson of South Bend, Indiana; her daughter, Carol Sue Simon Woodruff of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who were blessed to know and love her.

Cleo Simon's life was a beautiful testimony of faith, love, generosity and compassion. Though she will be deeply missed, her memory will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her. Her loving spirit, her kindness and the love she shared with others will continue to live on through her family and everyone whose life she touched.

“Well done, thy good and faithful servant...” —Matthew 25:23

Order of Service

Saturday, August 1, 2026
2:00PM

Love International Christian Ministries
721 North Hillman Avenue| Okmulgee, Ok
Mistress of Ceremony, First Lady Terry Brown

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Bro. Galian Murphy, Minister of Music

PROCESSIONAL

Funeral Directors, Clergy & Family

TRIBUTE IN SONG

Sis. Diane Williams
"Take Me to The King"

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Old Testament- Pastor Greg Richardson
New Testament- Bro. Cardell Overstreet

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

First Lady Terry Brown

TRIBUTE IN SONG

Sis. Diane Williams
"I'll Fly Away"

DESIGNATED REMARKS

Limit to 2 Minutes Please

TRIBUTE IN SONG

Sis. Diane Williams
"Going Up Yonder"

EULOGY

Pastor Rudelle Brown
Love International Christian Ministries

"CELEBRATORY EXODUS"

Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors Inc.



Casket Bearers

Grandsons of Cleo

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters of Cleo

Final Resting Place

Okmulgee Cemetery
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Acknowledgement

The Family of Cleo Simon would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has shown love, kindness, prayers and support during this difficult time. A very special and sincere thank you is extended from her sons to their sister Carol Sue, whose unwavering love, compassion and selfless devotion allowed her to faithfully care for their mother until the very end. Your sacrifices and dedication will always be remembered and deeply cherished.

The Family would also like to extend their deepest gratitude to Benjamin Bradley NP, and the compassionate nurses and aides of Enhabit Hospice for the exceptional care, comfort, dignity and kindness they provided to Cleo throughout her transition.

To all of our family members, friends, neighbors and loved ones who visited, called, prayed, encouraged or simply stood beside us during this time we are forever grateful. Your love, support and acts of kindness have been a source of strength and comfort to our family, and we will always hold them close to our hearts.

May God richly bless each of you for your generosity, compassion and love.



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