

## PALLBEARERS

Dwayne Simmons  
Shawn Simmons  
James Hamilton

DeShawn Simmons  
Cameron Smalls  
Zepharin George

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The Sons

## FLORAL BEARERS

Friends of the family

## IN APPRECIATION

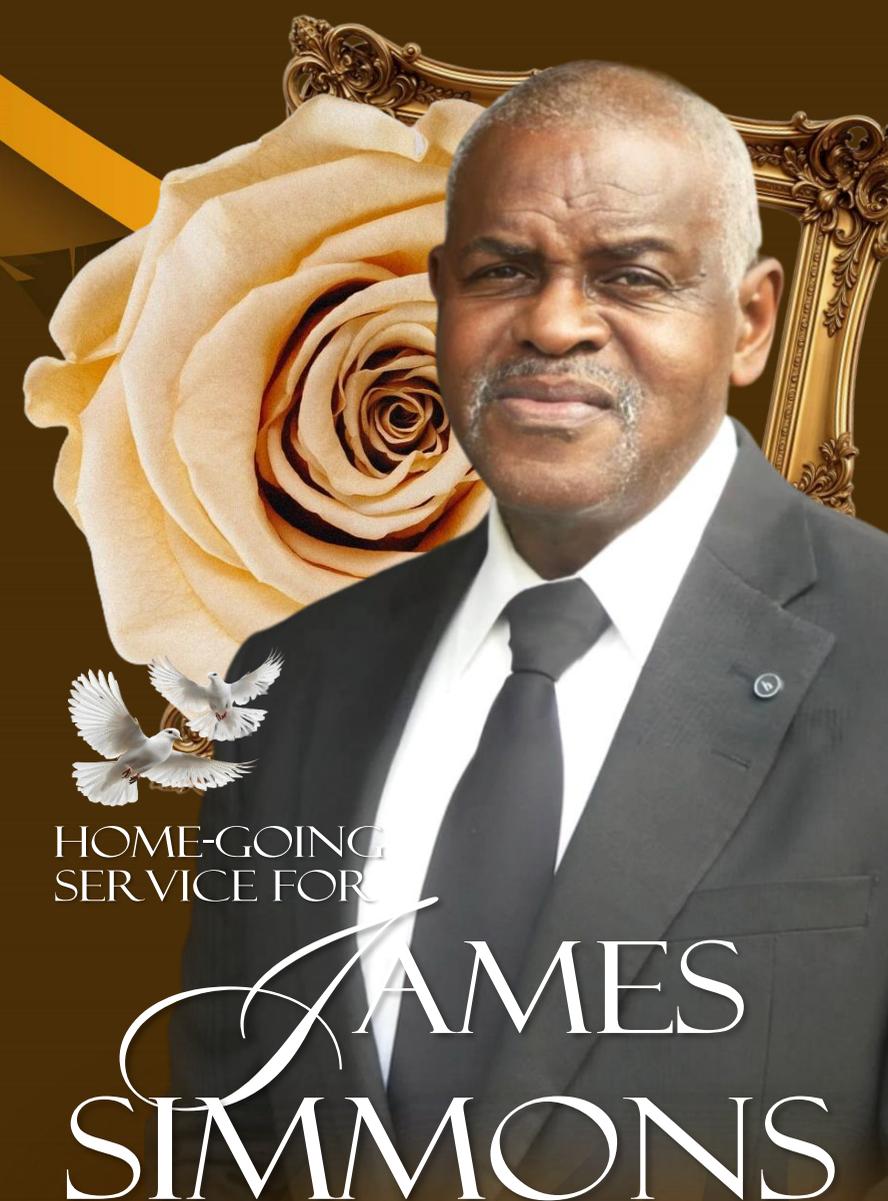
The family of the late  
JAMES SIMMONS

is deeply grateful for the many expressions of love, kindness, and comfort extended during his illness and through our bereavement. A heartfelt thank you to the compassionate team at Agape Hospice Care and to his barbers – Unique Cuts and David Woods staff for their faithful services. May the joy, peace, and love of God continue to surround and bless each of you.

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HOME-GOING  
SERVICE FOR

# JAMES SIMMONS

SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 7, 1939 | SUNSET: JUNE 23, 2025

Saturday, June 28, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.  
OLD FORT BAPTIST CHURCH  
10505 Dorchester Road | Summerville, SC  
Reverend Johnnie Wilson, Officiating

## INTERMENT

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery  
360 Dunmeyer Hill Road | Summerville, SC

# THE OBITUARY

Mr. James Simmons was born on November 7, 1939, in Summerville, South Carolina, to the late Joe and Cecelia Simmons. On June 23, 2024, in St. Stephen, South Carolina, he peacefully transitioned from this life to his eternal home.

James received his early education in the Dorchester County School System. On August 20, 1966, he was joined in holy matrimony to Frances Johnson. Together, they were blessed with eleven children and shared a life built on love, faith, and family.

A faithful member of New Ashley Baptist Church in Summerville, James served with dedication as an usher until his health began to decline. He was employed by the South Carolina State Ports Authority for over three decades, from January 3, 1966, until his retirement on September 30, 2000.

James enjoyed life's simple pleasures— fishing, crabbing, and spending time with his family. He was known for his quiet spirit, generous heart, and steady presence. As his health declined, he was lovingly cared for by his daughter Cecelia and her husband, Rev. Johnnie Wilson, in their home in St. Stephen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Frances Johnson Simmons; and one son, Jack Johnson.

Mr. Simmons leaves to cherish his legacy and loving memory: ten children: Joycelyn Johnson, Cecelia Wilson (Rev. Johnnie), James Simmons Jr. (Tamara), Tommy Simmons (Thomasina), Willie Simmons, Larry Simmons, Wayne Simmons (Monica), Josh Simmons (Nakia), Kevin Simmons (Latefa), and Marquis Simmons; his sister, Eleanor Pickett of Greensboro, NC; sister-in-law, Deloris Taylor of Jacksonville, FL; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives, and many dear friends.

His life was a quiet but powerful example of love, faith, and family. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for 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 the 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've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Reverend Johnnie Wilson, Officiating*  
*Reverend Dr. Julius Barnes, Presiding*

Prelude.....	Musicians
Processional.....	Scripture Sentences
Final Viewing	
Opening Selection.....	Minister Curtis Jones
Prayer	
Choral Response.....	“Thank You, Lord”
Old Testament.....	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament.....	Roman 8:24-39
Solo.....	Reverend Mikle Jenkins
Reflections.....	Cameron Smalls, Grandson Terrell Jackson, Bonus Son Reverend Johnnie Wilson, Son-in-law
Solo.....	Xiomara Williams, <b>Granddaughter</b>
Selection.....	Minister Curtis Jones
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Johnnie Wilson <i>Holy Comforter Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC</i>
Selection	
Committal	
Benediction	
Recessional	

