

PALLBEARERS

William Mallard
Aubrey Simmons
James McClellan
Anthony Clowden
Franklin Simmons
Lennie Simmons

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Arthur L. Smith
Charlie Simmons, Sr.
Leroy Benjamin
Matthew Smith
Virgil Simmons
Ernell Wright

FLORAL BEARERS

Ushers of the Church

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

The family of
FERNWELL SIMMONS

would like to express their deepest appreciation to all who have supported them during this season of grief. The love, kindness, and comfort shown has not gone unnoticed. A very special thank you is extended to Mrs. Lucretia Gaillard and Bro. William Mallard who were instrumental in their dedication and assistance over the years. To the Administration and staff of Quality Care Assisted Living and Hallmark Rehabilitation Center, I personally thank them for all their help. May the God of our salvation continue to look with favor upon us all.

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MR.
FERNWELL
SIMMONS

SUNRISE: JUNE 22, 1947 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 21, 2025

Friday, December 26, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

GREATER ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH
1831 Jedburg Road | Summerville, South Carolina

INTERMENT

Greater St. James A.M.E. Church Cemetery

LIFE REFLECTIONS

"Thou art my portion, O LORD; I have said that I would keep thy words."

Psalms 119

(In Him is my hope, In Him will I trust)

Born on June 22, 1947, in the Longridge community of Moncks Corner, SC, Fernwell was the sixth child born to the late Franklin and Maggie Mazyck Simmons. He was preceded in death by his parents and six of his siblings.

He was a lifelong member of Greater St. James AME Church and served for many years on the Board of Trustees.

A 1967 Graduate of Berkeley Training High School, he went on to receive an associate degree in barbering from the Raliegh College of Barbering in Raliegh, NC.

In 1969, he married Ferndena Wright of St. Stephen, SC. They were blessed with two children, Laura Dawnelle and Jeffrey Fernwell both of whom also preceded him in death.

With barbering for his part-time job, Fern became a member of the ILA Union #1422 in 1968 and retired in 2008 after 40 years of service. At the time of his retirement he had served, for many years, as a gang leader. In 2003, He received the SSA Cooper Award for providing leadership and a safe work environment.

As much as he loved his job with the ILA, his real passion was farming. He planted a variety of vegetables and other commodities and shared the harvest with all, especially the elderly and the sick and shut in.

The measure of a man is not based solely on his flaws but more so on his attributes. Fern was a man of few words. He was not assuming. He was a hard worker and a good provider, he loved his family, he was giving sometimes to a fault, and he was always willing to help others.

Sometimes the Lord gives us an opportunity to be still, tune out the noise of this world, and focus only on our relationship with Him. If given this opportunity a part of Fern's testimony would be to please take advantage of it for you will be a better man when you finish the course than you were when you began. During his extended illness, he would often whisper "Oh Lord, help me Jesus". On Sunday, December 21, late in the afternoon, a just and merciful God heard his cry and answered his prayer for the last time. Amen.

He leaves to celebrate a life well lived: his loving and devoted wife of 56 years Mrs. Ferndena W. Simmons; one daughter, Mrs. Michelle Weathers of Moncks Corner, SC; one brother, Mr. Leon (Brenda) Simmons; three sisters, Mrs. Mary (LaVonne) Ford, Mrs. Alma Liferidge, and Mrs. Ochetis (Nemrod Anthony) Clowden all of Moncks Corner, SC; two sisters-in law: Miss Girley A. Wright of Wheaton, MA and Mrs. Virgie (Ernest) Smith of Weldon, NC; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Myron Foxworth, Presiding

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL
Ministers and Family

FINAL VIEWING
Hymn #254
"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

OPENING HYMN #450
"Blessed Assurance"
Greater St. James Combined Choir

PRAYER
Bro. Gerald Droze

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14: 1-7

REFLECTIONS
(3 minutes please)
Class Leader - Sis. Myra Haney Singleton
Work - ILA Union #1422
Family and Community – Rev. Leonard Simmons

SOLO
Reverend Myron Tucker

SERMONIC SELECTION
The Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT
Rev. Robert China, Pastor

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL



FOREVER IN OUR

HEARTS