

Pallbearers

Peach County High School
Class of 1971

Flower Attendants

Edwards Small Funeral Home Staff

Acknowledgments

The family of **Gary Wayne Simmons** wishes to express its deepest gratitude for the prayers, kind words, expressions of love, and thoughtful gestures during this time of bereavement. You have been a blessing, and we are thankful. Our prayer is that our Heavenly Father bestows blessings upon each of you for your acts of kindness.

THE FAMILY

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



September 12, 1955 – May 3, 2025

GARY WAYNE SIMMONS

Saturday, May 10, 2025
11:00 a.m.

EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY CHAPEL
1011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030

OFFICIANT
Pastor Cedric Allen
Damascus CME Church
Lizella, Georgia 31052



LIFE IS BUT A STOPPING PLACE

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.

For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,

We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

~ Author unknown



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Remembering Gary

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
(John 3:16)*

Gary Wayne Simmons, affectionately known as Wanky, was born September 12, 1955, in Fort Valley, Georgia, to the late Milton Simmons, Sr. and Hattie Ruth Fluellen Simmons. Six siblings preceded him in death: Graylin D. Simmons, Sylvia Simmons Williams, Lawona K. Simmons Floyd, Vinson P. Simmons, Milton Simmons, Jr., and Tommie Mills.

As a child, Gary grew up in the Saint Peter AME Church. He attended Hunt Elementary School and Peach County High School. Upon the completion of high school, Gary enlisted into the United States Marine Corps with a desire to serve his country and was stationed in Japan. He incurred a service-connected disability while serving in the corps and was honorably discharged. Gary returned to Fort Valley, Georgia, attended Fort Valley State College (University) and received a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in 1986.

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, Gary Wayne Simmons was called home for eternal rest.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Holli Hogan of Smyrna, Tennessee; his brother, Kelvin (Audrey) Simmons of Gainesville, Georgia; a special uncle, Eugene Fluellen, Jr. of Fort Valley, Georgia; a special and only nephew, Milton Dennard (Corliss) Simmons of Hephzibah, Georgia; sisters-in-law, Lynn Simmons of Macon, Georgia, and Barbara Mills of Fort Valley, Georgia; and a host of nieces, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Pastor Cedric Allen, Officiant

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Musical Selection.....Minister Dexter Davis

Prayer.....Pastor Cedric Allen

Scripture Readings

Old & New Testament.....Reverend Dr. Kimberly Dugger
Merrill Chapel United Methodist Church
Fayetteville, GA

Musical Selection.....Minister Dexter Davis

Eulogy.....Pastor Cedric Allen

The Acknowledgements

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Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens
1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” (Revelation 21:4)