



GOD'S GARDEN

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain*

*He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb
So He closed your weary eyelids
And said "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home*

Final Resting Place

Glen Rest Memorial Estate
8029 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Pallbearers

Ronald Tanner ~ Anthony Tanner
Timothy Helms ~ Rick White ~ Dejuan Jackson

A Word Of Thanks

We, the family of Willie Simms, acknowledge, with grateful hearts, the many acts of kindness shown in our time of bereavement. We gratefully appreciate the cards, phone calls, words of encouragement, food, floral tributes and your prayers.
May God Bless and Keep each of you.

Friday, July 31, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Marlan Gary Funeral Home
The Chapel of Peace, North
2500 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211

Rev. T. L. Hicklin, Officiating



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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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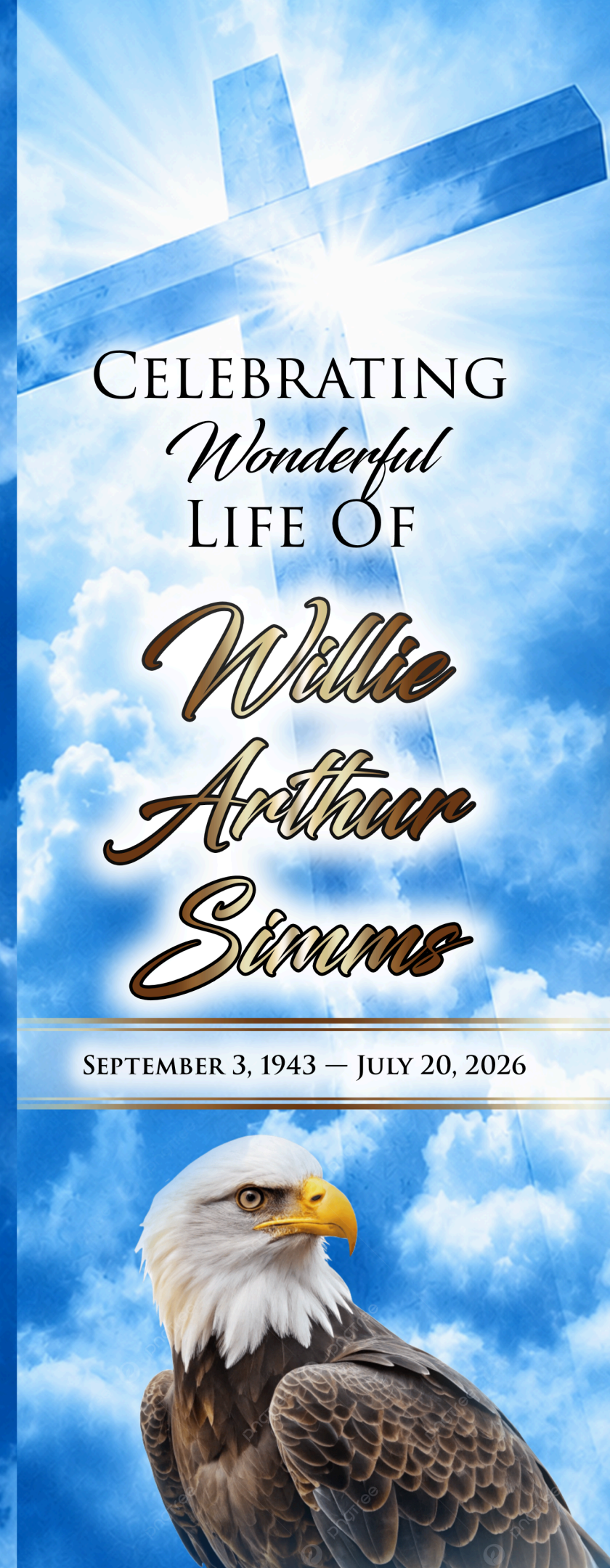
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LIFE OF

Willie
Arthur
Simms

SEPTEMBER 3, 1943 — JULY 20, 2026



Obituary

Willie Arthur Simms

Willie Arthur Simms was born on September 3, 1943, in Newnan, Georgia, to the late Robert and Corine Simms. On July 20, 2026, the Lord gently called him home to eternal rest.

In 1944, Willie moved with his family to Columbus, Ohio, where he was raised and later graduated from Central High School. Following graduation, he began a dedicated career at Westinghouse, where he worked faithfully for many years.

Willie was known for his kind heart, quiet strength, and patient spirit. A gifted handyman, he enjoyed working with his hands and could often be found tinkering with projects or repairing anything that needed fixing. He was an avid reader who also found joy in bowling with family, completing puzzles, and collecting eagle statues and artwork, which symbolized the strength and resilience he admired.

In his later years, Willie's greatest happiness came from spending time with his great-grandchildren, creating cherished memories that will be treasured for generations. His gentle spirit, unwavering love, and quiet presence will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Corine Simms; and his brothers, Robert L. Sims and Bobby Simms.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his daughter, Tina Turnbo (Paul); his son, Curtis Simms; his former wife, Lillie Martin; his brother, Madison Sims; three sisters, Betty Williams (Roosevelt), Evalena Helms, and Carolyn Hill; five grandchildren, Devon Davis, Destiny Simms, Deangelo Simms, Souyen Ross, and Da Nesha Warren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends who will miss him dearly.



Order Of Service

Prelude
(Soft Music/Video Tribute)

Reading of the Holy Word
Pastor Vincent Golden, Sr.
Old Testament Psalm 121
New Testament John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort
Minister Clarence Royal, Sr.

Solo
Cathy Harris
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Acknowledgements & Resolutions
Saundra Peoples

Poem
Thomas Barnett

Dance
Da Nesha Warren

Reading of the Obituary
Read Silently/Soft Music

Musical Selection
Helen Kirkland

Eulogy
Pastor Emeritus T. L. Hicklin

The Recessional
Ministers, Family, Friends

Closing Selection
“Goin’ Up Yonder”