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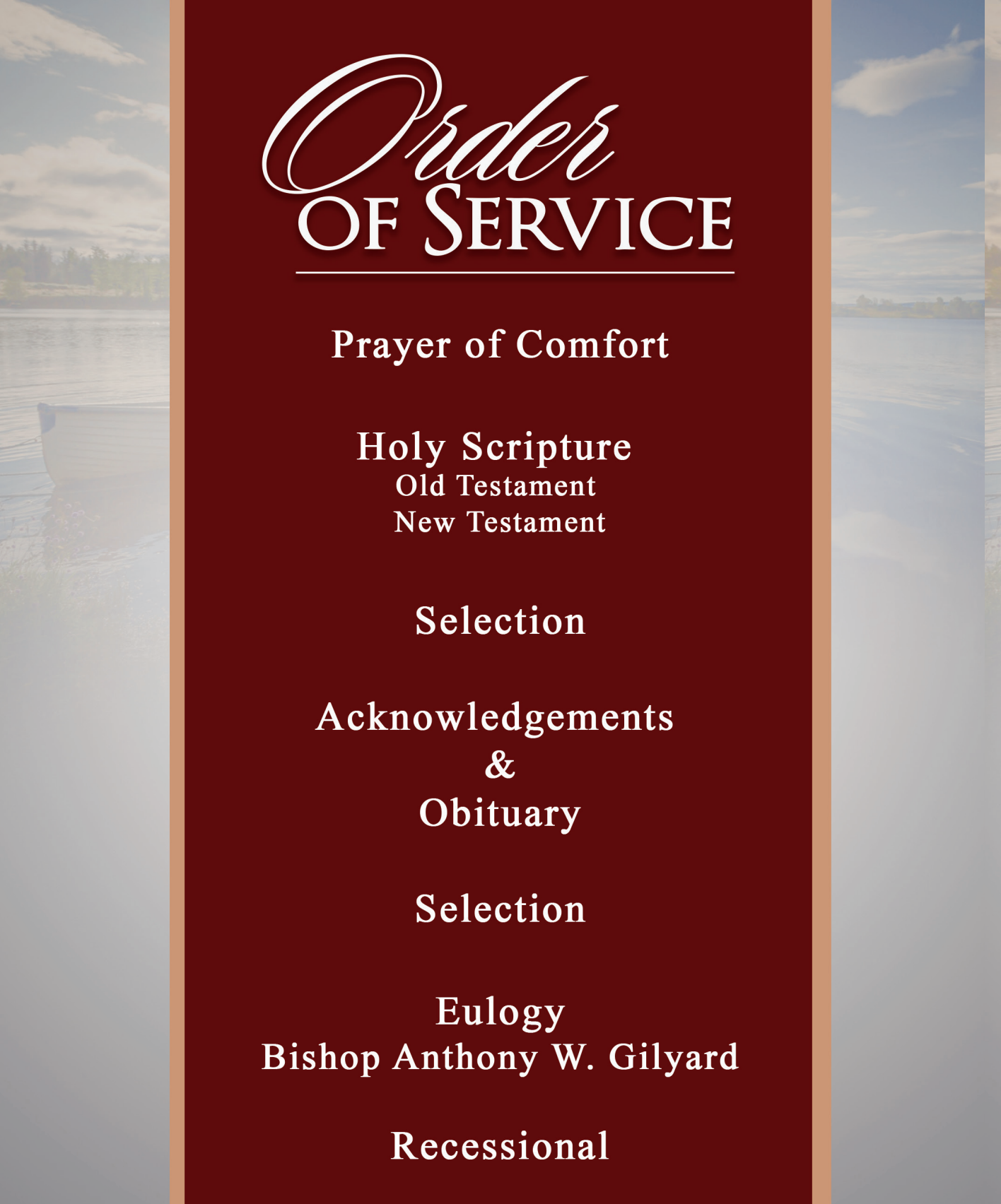
LEON

Ummons Sr.

AUGUST 3, 1951 - APRIL 15, 2020

MONDAY MAY 11, 2020 | 11AM

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Leon Anthony Simmons Sr. was the only child born to the late Jean and Ruben Simmons on August 3, 1951 in Harlem, New York. Leon transitioned from this life on April 15, 2020 in Newark Beth Israel Hospital.

Leon was a 1969 graduate of Harren High School in New York, NY. Immediately after his high school graduation, he began his 40-year career at IBM performing printer and desktide support. While there, he earned many awards including IBM Service Award. He retired in 2009. He married the former Ms. Marsha Upshore. This union produced two children, Leon Anthony Jr and Verneé Candice. Unfortunately, Anthony passed away in 2018.

Leon loved playing, watching football and baseball. He had a passion for fishing, watching movies, and playing Madden NFL video games. In fact, as a teenager, he played football in high school and for the local church league. His favorite sport teams were the NY Giants and the NY Yankees.

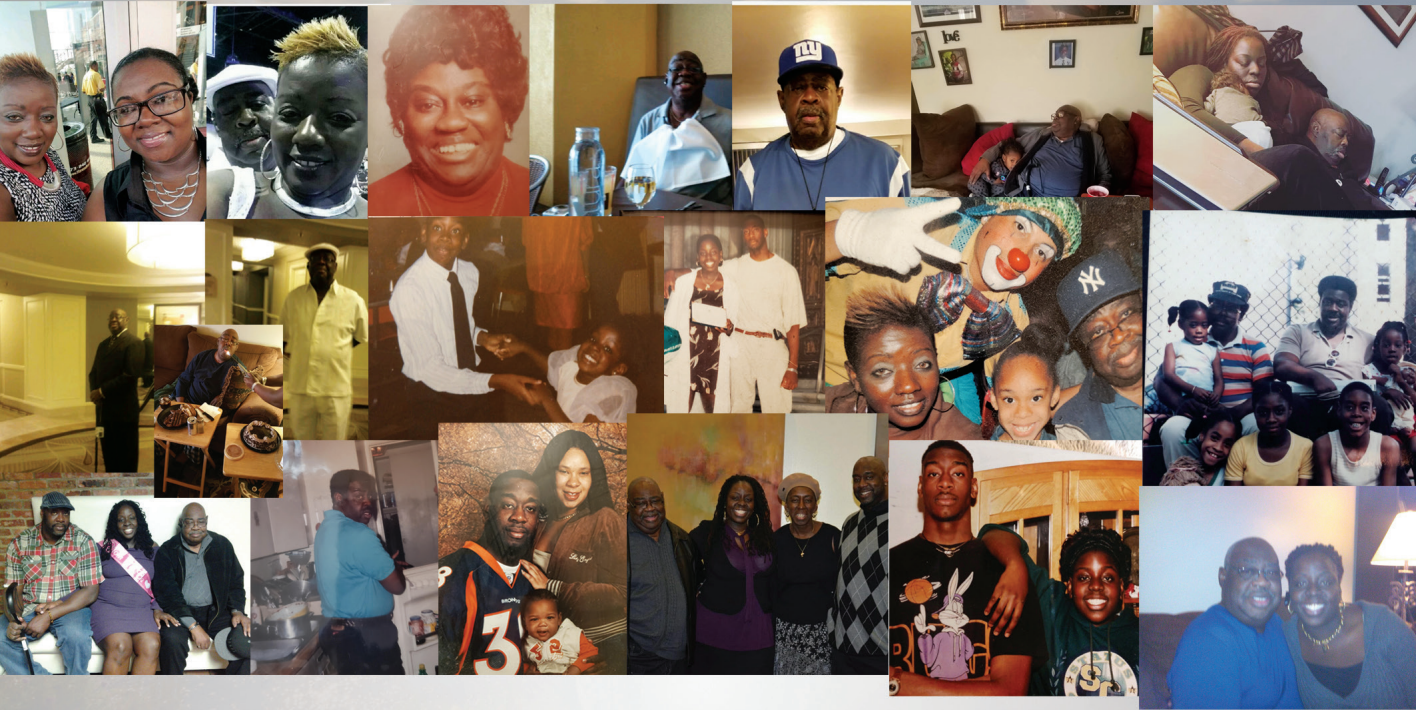
Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved son, Anthony.

Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted companion, Marilyn Appleton; his daughters, Verneé Simmons and Shakema Appleton; his ex-wife, Marsha Simmons; six grandchildren, Jocquan Simmons, Jamir Simmons, Malcolm Artis, Aleia Simmons, Lance Simmons and Nina Simmons-Moore; one great-granddaughter, London Simmons; his daughter-in-law Rhea Simmons; his in-laws, Philip, Anise, Sandra and Mark.

Leon will be remembered for his laughter, kindness, generosity, his quick wit, his love for Motown music and medium well Porthouse steaks!

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE FAMILY WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE FOR THE MANY KIND DEEDS AND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY IN OUR TIME OF SORROW.
WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND CHERISH YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

THE SIMMONS FAMILY

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