

Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Though we can no longer see or touch you, your love, your laughter, and the beautiful memories you gave us will forever remain in our hearts. God saw you growing tired and gently called you home to rest. Although our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that you are resting peacefully in His loving arms. Your beautiful spirit will continue to live on through everyone whose life you touched. This is not goodbye, but until we meet again. Forever loved, forever missed, and forever in our hearts.



Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Michelle Lynn Sims



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CELEBRATING THE *Life and Spirit* OF

Michelle Lynn Sims

October 12, 1954 - September 14, 2026

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Visitation: 11:00 am | Funeral: 12:00 pm

Word of Life Ministries

10555 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Pastor Christina Bowman, Officiating

Obituary

Michelle Lynn Sims, affectionately known as “Ms. Michelle,” was born on October 12, 1954, in Franklin, Indiana, to her loving parents, Jessie Leona Watts (Sims/Grant) and Thomas Larry Sims. Michelle was raised in Franklin, Indiana, where she spent her early years surrounded by family and love. Later in life, she made Cincinnati, Ohio, her home, where she worked at the University of Cincinnati until her retirement.

Michelle was a woman whose presence could never be forgotten. Her spirit was bright, her heart was loving and giving, and her laughter was truly contagious. To know Michelle was to know joy, laughter, love, and how to have a good time. She had a way of lighting up every room she entered, and her beautiful spirit touched everyone blessed enough to know her. Michelle loved spending time with her family and creating memories filled with laughter. She especially cherished being a mother and grandmother. Family was a very important part of her life, and she found so much joy in watching her children and grandchildren grow. Michelle also enjoyed going to the casino and trying her luck with scratch-offs. She had a special way of winning big, and the family would always joke, “She’s lucky—somebody needs to rub on her!” Although she had a beautiful smile, it was hard to catch her smiling for a picture. Those moments of laughter and joking are memories her family will forever hold close to their hearts.

Michelle was united with her loving partner, Stevenson Andrew Dorsey, who preceded her in death. Michelle was also preceded in death by her parents, Jessie Leona Watts and Thomas Larry Sims; her brothers, Larry E. Sims Sr. and Michael E. Sims Sr.; her sister, Victoria Alberta Jones (Sims); her daughter, Stephanie Sims; her son, Steve Sims; and her grandson, Aaron Lamar Sims.

In the early morning hours of Monday, September 13, 2026, Michelle peacefully departed this life and entered eternal rest. Heaven gained a beautiful soul, but her family and loved ones were left with a lifetime of precious memories, laughter, love, and stories that will continue to keep her spirit alive.

Those left to celebrate and cherish Michelle’s precious memories include her daughter, Shontell A. Sims-Green; her sons, Lashawn Sims (Heather Burton), Andrew Sims (Shawna Johnson), and Jason L. Sims; her grandchildren, Brielle L. Stephens, Brittany R. Stephens, Asia B. Green, Tamara Ahiable (Derek Ahiable), Ava Stevie Rose Sims, Adrian Sims, Malaya Sims, Aaron Sims, Keyshawn Sims, Keyonte Sims, Dontae Crayon, Lamonte Short, James Sims, Jayden Sims, Justice Sims, and Hannah Sims. She also leaves to cherish her memory her nieces, Tiffany L. Walker, Latrice Nichols, Cimon Corbin, and Shamika Goosby; nephews, Larry Sims, Jr., Andre T. Jones (Venetta), Michael Sims, Jr. (Angel), William Goosby, Joshua Burton, Craig Corbin; a grandcat, Nikko; a host of great-grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives, and her many genuine friends who loved her dearly.

Michelle’s light was one of a kind. Her contagious laugh, beautiful spirit, loving heart, and ability to bring joy wherever she went will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Though our hearts are broken by her passing, we are grateful for the years, memories, laughter, and love she gave us. Her physical presence may be gone, but her spirit will live on through the many lives she touched.

Rest peacefully, Ms. Michelle. Your work here is done. Heaven couldn’t wait for your beautiful soul.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Soft Music Alpha Frierson, Saxophonist
Parting View	Family
Prayer	Pastor Carlos Daniels Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio
Scripture	Pastor Carlos Daniels
Recorded Selection	"More Than Anything" Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise with Alpha Frierson, Saxophonist
Acknowledgements	April Stephens
Remarks	Family and Friends (Please limit remarks to two minutes)
Obituary	Read Silently <i>A time to reflect and thank God for the life of Michelle Lynn Sims</i>
Recorded Selection	"I Told the Storm" Greg O. Quin & Joyful Noyze with Alpha Frierson, Saxophonist
Eulogy	Pastor Christina Bowman
Benediction	Pastor Christina Bowman
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

Pallbearers

Michael E. Sims, Jr.	Brian N. Dozier	Samuel D. Hines
Jonathon T. Jones	Andre T. Jones	Jeffrey W. Kitchen
Ahmad Saunders		Lamonte Short

Honorary Pallbearers

Shawn Sims	Jason L. Sims	Andrew Sims
Keyonte Sims	William S. Saunder	Edwin L. Saunders
James Sims		Larry Sims Jr.

Flower Bearers

Asia B. Green	Brielle L. Stephens	Brittany R. Stephens
Jordan L. Walker	Tamara Shelton	Heather A. Burton
Hannah Sims		Cimon Corbin