

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



First Breath
December 8, 1934

Last Smile
October 5, 2024

Mother Myrtle Lee Simmons

Friday, October 18, 2024 @ 11:00 AM

Winn's Memorial Baptist Church

605 Madison St., Elgin, Texas 78621

Reverend D. W. Townsend, Pastor/Eulogist

Reverend Byron K. Green, Pastor/Officiant

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary

Myrtle Lee Simmons was born to Bud and Etta Mae Hill in Waco, Texas on December 8, 1934. **She** was a dotting mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great great-grandmother, aunt, and friend, but most of all she was a child of God. **Myrtle** completed her journey on this side surrounded by her family on October 5, 2024. **Myrtle** was reared in a loving home in Taylor, Texas along with her siblings. She attended and graduated from Taylor public schools. After graduating, she was blessed to receive her culinary license (we always wondered why she could cook so good). Her parents instilled in her the values being respectful for herself and others, independence, hard work and last but not least her love for the Lord which she passed on to her children.

Myrtle met and married the love of her life, Clay Lawrence Simmons, Sr. on April 23, 1954. To this union eight children were born. They moved to Elgin, Texas and this where her journey in life began being a wife and mother.

Myrtle was proceeded in death by her husband, Clay Lawrence Simmons, Sr.; parents, Bud and Etta Hill; daughter, Dolly Simmons; sons, Clay Lawrence, Jr., Ronnie, and Vic; sister, Lucille Hill; brothers, Ross, Warren, and George Hill; and son-n-law, Dorris Lee Baker.

Myrtle accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized by the late Rev. W. D. Jones with Weeping Willow Missionary Baptist Church. Later she aligned with Winn's Memorial Baptist Church where she attended faithfully until health begin to fail her.

Myrtle was employed by Oak Crest Manor Nursing Home and Golden Year Nursing Home as the head dietary cook. She was known for good cooking around McDade and Elgin area. As children growing up we were told by family and neighbor's alike about how good her cooking was and she would feed the children down at the "brickyard." She would feed anyone who came to her door step stating that they were hungry. **Myrtle** also worked in retail and restaurants in the Taylor area during her younger years. **Myrtle** enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and providing good food, baking sweet potatoes pies, lemon meringue pies, and cakes, and telling us about stories where she came from and growing up as a kid. She enjoyed watching her Dallas Cowboys.

Myrtle leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Joyce Baker, Lois Moore, Tammie Reese, Margie Simmons; seventeen grandchildren; thirty-six great-grandchildren; six great great-grandchildren; sister-n-laws, Margaret Simmons, Erma Simmons; brother-n-law, Robert Simmons; also to cherish her memory are Barbara Reese and Vic Hill; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

SCRIPTURE: OLD TESTAMENT

Reverend L. R. Wilson, Sr., Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church

SCRIPTURE: NEW TESTAMENT

Reverend Adrian Abrams

Associate Minister, Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend R. W. Carter, Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

RESOLUTIONS

SOLO

Sister Nancy Robinson

EXPRESSIONS

Tawiana Baker; Sister Dorothy McCarther

SOLO

Sister Zelma Neal

CELEBRATION MESSAGE

Reverend D. W. Townsend, Pastor

RECESSIONAL

The Family





Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Great Great-Grandmother

Tribute

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartaches
When someone speaks your name.

Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent the tears that fall,
Living our hearts without you
Is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed to talk to someone
We could always count on you.

The special years will not return
When we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.

~ Joyce, Lois, Tammie, Margie ~

Our Star In Heaven

We are sending doves to heaven
with a parcel on their wings
be careful when you open it
It's full of beautiful things
inside are a million kisses
wrapped up in a million hugs
to say how much we miss you
and to send you all our love.

We hold you close within our heart
and there you you will remain
to walk with us
throughout our life
until we meet again.

~ Your Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Great Great-Grandchildren ~

My Family

*"I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years."*

*~ Love always your Mother, Grandmother, Great-
Grandmother, Great Great-Grandmother ~*



"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Proverb 31:28-30 (KJV)



Pallbearers

Cederic Baker

DeClayvin Simmons

Christian Davis

Derrick Simmons

DaTrea Simmons

Te'Rel Simmons

Honoray Pallbearers

Frenrick Cathey

Darrin Scroggins

Tre' Fowler

Andre Simmons

Terry Simmons

James Brown

Melvin Reese, Jr.

Michael Reese

Vic Hill

Kevin Reese

Johnny Jones, III

Acknowledgments

We, the family of Myrtle Lee Simmons wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and comfort through cards, your visits, prayers during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to: Mary Verse, Raven Ray, Denise Lewis, and Beverly Alexander.

A very special thanks to the staff of Enhabit Home Health & Hospice for their professionalism and care for our mother.

May the Lord continue to keep and bless each one of you!

~ The Family of Myrtle Lee Simmons ~

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
1311 Chestnut St.
Bastrop, TX 78602

Repast

James Hendricks, Sr.
Fellowship Hall

Services Entrusted To:

Elgin Funeral Home
712 N. Ave. C.
Elgin, TX 78621