

Reflections of Her Life

Rosemary Kelly Simmons was born June 23, 1940, to the late Eugene Kelly, Sr. and Geneva Stewart Kelly in Fort Motte, South Carolina. She entered eternal rest on Sunday, September 20, 2026.

Rosemary Simmons was educated in the public schools of Calhoun County, South Carolina. She was a graduate of John Ford High School, class of 1957, and later attended Benedict College.

Rosemary moved to New York City as a young adult, where she met and married her late husband, Joseph Simmons. They had two daughters, Sharon Simmons Jackson and Michele Denise Simmons. She made New York City her home for 45 years. She was also a member of Walker Memorial Baptist Church in Bronx, NY. Mrs. Simmons made a career as a teacher assistant in the New York City public school system for more than 40 years before retiring in June of 2006 and moving back home to Columbia, South Carolina

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Anthony) Jackson of Columbia, SC; Michele D. Simmons of Conyers, GA; granddaughters Bria Thomas of Columbia, SC and Amber Simmons of Atlanta, GA; great grandson Jaiden Bishop of Columbia, SC; sisters Lark Marie Kelly (deceased) and Edna Kelly of Columbia, SC; brother Eugene Kelly, Jr. of West Columbia, SC; nieces Sandra (Vincent) Colquitt of Lillington, NC; Crystal Kelly Strong of Columbia, SC; nephews Andre Kelly (deceased) and Jason E. Kelly of Columbia, SC; grandnephews Antwain (Sophie) Johnson of Cary, NC and Vincent Colquitt, Jr. of Columbia, SC; grandniece LaKeia Colquitt of Elon, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional and Final Farewell Clergy and Family
Old Testament Reverend Ava Williams
New Testament Reverend Ava Williams
Prayer of Comfort Reverend Ava Williams
Selection Minister Roger McBeth
Remarks (2 minutes, please) Eugene Kelly Jr. Bria Thomas Amber Simmons LaKeia Colquitt
Selection Minister Roger McBeth
Words of Comfort Reverend George Williams
Recessional
Committal, Prayer and Benediction
Repass will be at Big T’s BBQ, 7535 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

you did not go alone;

for part of us went with you,

the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,

your love is still our guide;

and though we cannot see you,

you are always at our side.

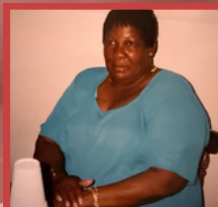
Our family chain is broken

and nothing seems the same;

but as God calls us one by one,

the chain will link again.

MEMORIES



Palbearers
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Floral Bearers
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Expression of Gratitude

The family of the late Rosemary Simmons wishes to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming love, prayers, and support extended to us during her illness and passing. Your visits, prayers, words of comfort, acts of kindness, and generous expressions of sympathy have been a source of strength and consolation during this difficult time. Each expression of love reminded us of God's abiding presence and His grace manifested through you.



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IN LOVING

Memory of



Rosemary
SIMMONS

JUNE 23, 1940 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

12:00 PM

JP HOLLEY FUNERAL HOME SOUTHEAST CHAPEL
8132 GARNERS FERRY ROAD, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29209
REVEREND GEORGE WILLIAMS, OFFICIATING