



## Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims

August 31, 1934 - January 24, 2025

SIMS, Deacon Calvin J, "Uncle Brother" - Age 90, passed away Friday, January 24, 2025, at Hurley Medical center. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 4075 E. Atherton Rd., Burton, MI., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Keith J Bigelow, Jr., officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 AM Saturday, February 8, 2025. Deacon Sims will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday, February 7, 2025. Mr. Calvin J. Sims "Uncle Brother" was born August 31, 1934, in Livingston, Alabama, the son of Mr. Isaac and Mrs. Pearlie (Eason) Sims. After being Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on February 28, 1963, he later moved to Flint, Michigan, and retired from General Motors Corporation UAW Local #659. He was a faithful member and Deacon of Morning Star Baptist Church serving under the leadership of the Keith J. Bigelow Sr. Calvin was a God-fearing, Bible-studying warrior who firmly believed that Jesus Christ was the only answer for the successes he achieved, as well as the challenges he and his family would face and conquer. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15-KJV). These divine words were fervently on his lips as he nurtured and guided his family. He found true love when he married Mrs. Murdia Qua (Smith) Sims, his heartbeat and loving wife, for 30 years until her passing in 1996. Uncle

Brother's hobbies included fishing, hunting, gardening, and all things outdoors. Deacon Calvin Sims leaves to cherish his memory: his children and the absolute joy of his heart his sons, Randy (Tracy) Sims, Eric (Jere') Sims, Otis (Ann) Nunn all of Flint, Michigan, and daughter, Jessica Redfield, (Merrillville, Indiana); grandchildren, Martwan Johnson, Elijah Dunigan, Emory Benman-Sims, and Solomon Sims; great-grandson: Martwan Johnson, Jr. stole his heart and were the reasons for the soft creases illuminating his infectious smile; special caregivers and loving nieces, Queenella McGhee, Elwanda (James) Ray, Clenetta Nunn, Annie Sims, Annie Thomas, Sandra Sims, and Twynette Watson; sisters-in-law, Mamie Sims, Earnestine Sims, and Betty Flowers; special friends: Carolyn Newhouse, Charles Tolliver, Charlie Miller, and Robert Marzette.

"Uncle Brother" touched the lives of so many close relatives who called him father, brother, uncle, and friend. There are too many to name and count. Without a doubt, his words of encouragement and wisdom have left footprints in the hearts of his many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly and enjoyed spending time traveling, laughing, cooking, gossiping, and reminiscing about family good times. He counseled them all and reminded them to love one another. "Family is ALL you got" and BELIEVE GOD FOR ALL THINGS are the priceless jewels he engrained in them as they now continue this journey called life without the last patriarch of the Sims family. The entire Sims family has truly been blessed to have had such a generous, patient, kind, and resilient leader to stand in the gap for 90 years while others quietly slipped away. Preceding him in death are his parents, Isaac and Pearl Sims; wife: Murdia Sims; grandson, Eric D. Sims Jr.; 8 brothers: Willie R. Sims, William Sims, Isaac Sims, Jr., Moses Sims, Sr., London Sims, Henry Sims, Champ Sims, and Roosevelt Sims; 3 sisters: Estelle Hudson, Lucy Thedford, and Lillian Knight. Although January 24, 2025, may be etched in our hearts as the day God called you to depart this earthly home, we praise God for your courage, strength, and sweet memories. Calvin Sims, a life well lived, and a job well done! Rest in the Safe Arms of God and your Savior and Lord,

Jesus Christ. Gone from our presence, but forever in our minds and hearts!

Deacon Sims was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

FEB 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church  
4075 E. Atherton Rd.  
Burton, MI 48519

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Terry Finklea Arnold lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims



Terry Finklea Arnold - February 08, 2025 at 02:20 AM

NN

“ Nicole C. (friend of Ms. Clenetta Nunn) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims.



Nicole C. (friend of Ms. Clenetta Nunn) - February 07, 2025 at 10:08 AM

NN

“ Nicole C. (friend of Ms. Clenetta Nunn) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims.

Nicole C. (friend of Ms. Clenetta Nunn) - February 07, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims



Jean Durrett - February 06, 2025 at 10:19 PM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims*



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**Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves** - February 06, 2025 at 06:41 PM

ER

“ *Uncle Brother ( Calvin Sims) You will be missed. So many precious memories, so many precious conversations. I love you man. Elwanda Ray*



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**Elwanda Ray** - February 06, 2025 at 07:32 AM

JH

“ *Judy Harris lit a candle in memory of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims*



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**Judy Harris** - February 05, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JW

“ *Jacqueline Woodard lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims*



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**Jacqueline Woodard** - February 04, 2025 at 09:03 PM

YF

“ Your Ambassador Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims.



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**Your Ambassador Family** - February 04, 2025 at 11:35 AM

YF

“ Your Ambassador Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims.

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**Your Ambassador Family** - February 04, 2025 at 11:35 AM

VM

“ Condolences to the family and friends 🙏🙏  
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**Victoria McCeay** - February 03, 2025 at 07:23 PM

MW

“ Martineze T Woodard lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims



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**Martineze T Woodard** - February 03, 2025 at 01:19 PM

TA

“ Terry Arnold lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims



Terry Arnold - January 31, 2025 at 07:07 PM

ED

“ Erica Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims



erica davis - January 31, 2025 at 04:12 PM

FP

“ Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims



frances palmer - January 31, 2025 at 10:28 AM

FP

“ Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims



frances palmer - January 31, 2025 at 10:27 AM

AP

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family of Deacon Sims. Shelton and Anna Pinnix



Anna Pinnix - January 30, 2025 at 09:59 PM

TA

“ My thoughts and Prayer to Eric and his family, may your Father's memories bring comfort in the days to come. Trynette



Trynette Appling - January 30, 2025 at 03:43 PM

LV

“ Lynn & Georgia Veal lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims



Lynn & Georgia Veal - January 29, 2025 at 08:20 PM

LV

“ Lynn & Georgia Vesl lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims



Lynn & Georgia Vesl - January 29, 2025 at 08:20 PM

CM

“ My condolences to the Sims family and friends may God give you all strength and peace during this time my prayers are with the family. he will be miss



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**Charlotte McCoy** - January 29, 2025 at 08:31 AM

EW

“ Eusette Waddell-Miller lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims



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**Eusette Waddell-Miller** - January 28, 2025 at 08:54 PM

RR

“ Robert and Rose lit a candle in memory of Calvin J. Sims



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**Robert and Rose** - January 28, 2025 at 08:30 PM

YC

“ Hello 🙌 sending out love 💕 to all the family of Mr Calvin and I'm am very sorry for to hear 🙄 about y'all uncle I'm am praying 🙏🙏 for all of y'all be very strong and hold y'all head 🧠 up and if there anything I can help y'all out just let me no Miss von and my family over here said y'all have our prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏 and condones for all of y'all and I'm am going to miss talking to Mr Calvin in the summer time sitting out side of his porch looking around at every thing out side he was a very nice guy and a very nice good neighbor to let me no about the neighborhood so I'm am going to miss you too Mr Calvin may God bless 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 your family and u rest in peace 🙌 from Miss von

Yvonne Curtis - January 28, 2025 at 01:02 PM

BL

“ Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Calvin Sims



Barbara Lakes - January 28, 2025 at 10:14 AM

AP

“ Deacon Shelton and Anna Pinnix Sending Love and Prayers to the family



Anna Pinnix - January 27, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JT

“ Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - January 27, 2025 at 02:00 PM

TJ

“ Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Calvin Sims



Tanya Jefferson - January 26, 2025 at 07:09 PM

AH

“ Anita Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Sims



Anita Harris - January 26, 2025 at 06:54 PM

ET

“ Charlie Tolliver



Earnestine Tolliver - January 26, 2025 at 09:46 AM

OC

“ Prayers, thoughts, and love ❤️



ORA CARTER - January 26, 2025 at 08:04 AM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Sims



Wanda Harrison - January 25, 2025 at 08:01 PM

ET

“ Earnestine Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Calvin Sims



Earnestine Tolliver - January 25, 2025 at 02:10 PM

MJ

“ Mavis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Calvin Sims



Mavis Johnson - January 25, 2025 at 01:42 PM

MC

“ Mae Cochran Cochran lit a candle in memory  
of Deacon Calvin J. "Uncle Brother" Sims



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**Mae Cochran Cochran** - January 25, 2025 at 12:25 PM