



## Mr. Henry Keith Simmons

August 8, 1956 - January 25, 2014

SIMMONS, Mr. Henry Keith - Age 57 passed away Saturday, January 25, 2014 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 1, 2014 at Integrity House of Worship, 3209 Clio Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Kirk R. Davis officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Simmons will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, with family present 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Henry Keith Simmons was born August 8, 1956 in Fordyce, Arkansas to Earl L. Williams and the late Henry Thomas Simmons. Keith attended the J. E. Wallace Elementary School and graduated from Fordyce High School with the Class of 1974, Fordyce, Arkansas. He went on to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) where he pledged to the Tau Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Spring 1977. Keith joined the Jerusalem Baptist Church of Fordyce, Arkansas, under the leadership of Rev. J. N. Bass at an early age. He loved people and being with his family. He will be remembered for his energetic charisma and sincere generosity. He would do anything to help if he could or if he was asked. He kept a smile on his face, showing those big dimples and always tried to bring a smile to others. He was a people person that never met a stranger. Keith relocated to Flint, Michigan in 1990. He joined the Integrity House of Worship Church, under the leadership of Rev. Kirk R. Davis. He remained a dedicated employee of the

Flint Community Schools until his untimely passing. His dedication, passion and love for students was demonstrated in the classroom and hallways, as well as on the baseball and football fields while coaching.

Mr. Simmons leaves to cherish his memory: a loving and loyal wife, Dana Smith Simmons of Flint, Michigan; daughter, Nicole Howard; 2 sons, Keithan Simmons Sr. and Bjorn "BK" Simmons, both of Little Rock, Arkansas; 2 grandsons, Christopher Page and Davian Shabazz both of Euclid, Ohio; his mother, Earl Cummings, of Flint, Michigan; 5 great-nieces; 4 great-nephews; sister, Sharron Bellamy of Marlton, New Jersey; 3 brothers, Michael Cummings, of Flint, Michigan, Torrin Cummings of Alexandria, Virginia and Bradford Simmons of Oakland, California; 7 nieces; 6 nephews; 2 special cousins, Willie A. (Phyllis) Johnson of Mesquite, Texas and Laurin (Pat) Dennis Dickens of Mesquite, Texas; 2 sisters-in-law, Deborah Miller of San Marcos, California and DeWanda Smith-Soeder of Sarasota, Florida; A host of other relatives and special friends.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by: his father, Henry Thomas Simmons, of Fordyce, Arkansas; grandparents, Alfred & Mattie Lee Simmons; one grandson, Keithan Simmons Jr., of Flint, Michigan; and special aunt, Euola Johnson of Fordyce, Arkansas.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 31. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Present

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## Family hour

FEB 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

Integrity House of Worship  
3209 Clio Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Integrity House of Worship  
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Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Henry Keith Simmons*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *im kelley kennedy one of coaches players....its crazy your gone coach i miss you hollering white chocolate get your catchers gear on you were a great coach and role model i remember when you used to pick me up for practice you would turn your music up loud and drive crazy lol but im gonna miss you thanks for the good times and experience coach rip*

**Kelley Kennedy** - February 11, 2014 at 12:07 AM



“ *I'm Alphonso foster and simmons was my baseball coach....he's a very good guy and I believed in him the whole way...rip simmons*

**alphonso foster** - February 01, 2014 at 08:40 AM



“ *Greetings, light and praise be to Brother Simmons:  
This Brother's strong hands assisted many in this world.  
May all his toil and strife that is this world turn to peace and ease in the next.*

*Love and prayers Dana and family.  
Albert Taborn*

**Albert** - February 01, 2014 at 07:58 AM

TS

“ Tommy "TL" Smith purchased the Dearest One Casket Insert for the family of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons .



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**Tommy "TL" Smith** - January 31, 2014 at 07:59 PM

FA

“ Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Bro. Keith Simmons. Blessed are the dead who die in The Lord; for they do rest from their labor and their works do follow them. Looking forward to seeing you in the other side my brother.

*Politician,  
Tau Phi Chapter  
"Spring 75"*

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**Frederick S. Anthony** - January 31, 2014 at 07:57 PM

GB

“ We are praying for your strength in the Lord.  
Bishop Gail & Co-Pastor Teresa Bryant  
Fordyce, Arkansas



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**Gail & Teresa Bryant** - January 31, 2014 at 03:02 PM

HS

“ To Sister Dane Simmons and Family I want you to know that you have my deepest sympathy in passing of our beloved Brother Henry Keith "Spock" Simmons. I know that you are hurting and miss him right now but earth have no sorrow that heaven can't heal. I encourage you to lift up your eyes to the hills of heaven from which comes our help. God will comfort and carry you during your time of bereavement. Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the lord is the death of his saints. I love you and I will continue to keep the Simmons family in my prayers. Henry "Alcohol" Shorter Dog 3 . 14 Fugitive Slaves 3-25-77. Tau Sigma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. UAPB.

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**Henry L. Shorter** - January 31, 2014 at 11:40 AM

FA

*Well said Frat!*

*Bro. Politician*

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**Frederick S. Anthony** - January 31, 2014 at 07:59 PM

LA

“ *Laureen Isom, Little Rock, AR purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons .*



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**Laureen Isom, Little Rock, AR** - January 31, 2014 at 10:02 AM

ML

“ Keith was my Fraternity Brother, but was truly my FRIEND; we have known each other for almost 40 years. We have shared and celebrated each others joys and pains; we have cried together, but we really laughed together. Keith was my Brother, but truly my FRIEND. We will unite again at His feet, and laugh once again together throughout eternity, in Omega Chapter with the Basileus of the universe, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Christ, our GOD! I will miss your face, your smile, your voice, and your presence, only for a little while. Family, continue to trust God and have FAITH! PEACE!!!!

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Michael A. Lavender - January 31, 2014 at 08:36 AM

TD

“ Timothy Daniel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons .



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Timothy Daniel - January 30, 2014 at 09:36 PM

AH

“ To the family of our beloved fraternity and line brother, "May the blessing of the LORD continue to keep and bless you and the family"

Arthur D. Hunt  
Tau Sigma Chapter Spr 1977



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Arthur Hunt - January 30, 2014 at 03:36 PM

JH

“ To the family of our beloved classmate: We will always remember his smile, laughter and wonderful sense of humor! May God give you peace that surpasses all understanding. Pastor(s) James E. & Cheryle S. Highsmith (Class Of 74).

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**James & Cheryle Highsmith** - January 30, 2014 at 02:34 PM

MH

“ Ms. Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons



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**Ms. Herron** - January 30, 2014 at 02:32 PM

DA

“ Dana,

*It's true that Keith never met a stranger. The first time I met him, he made me feel like he had known me for years. That is a special gift for a special person. Please know that I will keep you and your family in my prayers. I pray that God will continue to put His loving arms around you as you go through this very difficult time. I will always be here for you.*

*Love,*

*Debbie (Smith) Anderson*

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**Debbie (Smith) Anderson** - January 30, 2014 at 01:12 PM

JD

“ To: The Family of Henry Keith Simmons just to let you know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. The hill in Granddaddy will not be the same. Love Timothy and Johnnie Daniel, Fordyce, Arkansas.

Johnnie Daniel - January 30, 2014 at 12:01 PM

EB

“ He was a friend of mine and will be deeply missed. Eric Spencer Buchanan, Esq.  
Tau Sigma Chapter Fall 1975.

Eric Spencer Buchanan - January 30, 2014 at 11:06 AM

DH

“ To the Family of Henry Keith Simmons, with our Deep Symthany, and Love. Praying for each of you..Love Humphreys"Barney and Dimples"



Dimples Humphrey - January 30, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TJ

“ TO: The Family of Henry Keith Simmons, just to let you know that our Prayers and thoughts are with each one of you.. LOVE Michael And Tina Jackson Fordyce, Arkansa....



Tina Brazil Jackson - January 30, 2014 at 10:24 AM

CC

“ *Carla Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons*

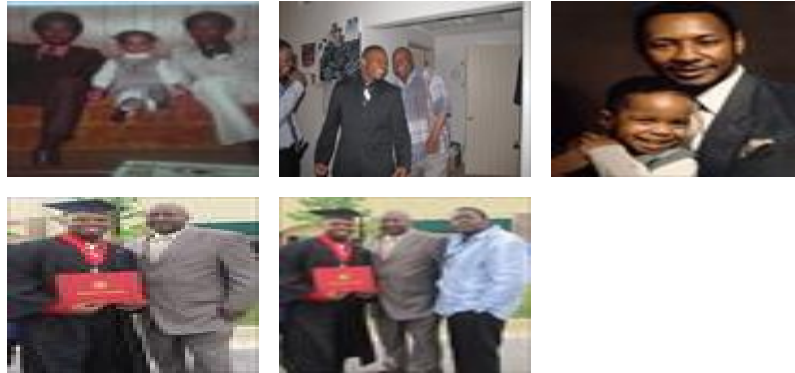


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**Carla Clark** - January 30, 2014 at 08:18 AM



“ *5 files added to the album Bulldog Keith*



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**BK Simmons** - January 30, 2014 at 08:08 AM

MB

“ *Keith was a magnanimous individual. Cheerful and exuberant. Huge laugh and remarkable smile. I remember meeting him and instantly liked him. He is my husband's frat brother. He will greatly be missed. Condolences to the family. Be thankful he was in your life, we are.*

*Murlene Batch  
Little Rock, AR*

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**Murlene Batch** - January 30, 2014 at 08:03 AM

MB

“ Murlene Batch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons



Murlene Batch - January 30, 2014 at 07:57 AM

PJ

“ So sorry to hear of Keith's passing I am praying for the family. Rest

Pastor Larry Johnson - January 30, 2014 at 07:22 AM

MC

“ Mr, Simmons and I worked together at Northern and he was the coolest person ever. He would always laugh because I would be scared of a certain student and he would always get him! We had fun during our days at Northern, he would come down to the gym and all if us in the gym would get to talking and if it wasnt sports then it was what was going on new within the Board lol but he was always nice to me and he will truly be missed!!

Mariea Coffey - January 30, 2014 at 06:35 AM



“ "REZT IN PEACE MY DEAR FRATERNITY BROTHER OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL REMAIN FOREVER "...I VIVIDLY REMEMBER OUR LAZT VIZIT WHEN U WERE N STONE MOUNTAIN YOUR PRESENCE BROUGHT BACK GREAT MEMORIEZ OF OMEGA PSI PHI....GOD BLEZZ QUE...RQQ!!!! Blu' AZ 73'

Genard Medley - January 29, 2014 at 10:03 PM

TS

"Blu' Q TL BD 75"

Tommy "TL" Smith - January 30, 2014 at 09:07 AM

DS

“ Dana,

*Words alone can't express how deeply sorry I am for the loss of your beloved husband. Please know that my family and I will continue to keep you lifted in prayer because prayer works when nothing else will. As women of faith, we lean on our faith and count on it to see us through the toughest of times. Keep leaning, trusting, and knowing that God has both you and Keith in His loving care...*

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**DeLynn Smith** - January 29, 2014 at 09:38 PM

TS

“ TL Omega Psi-Phi

*Keith always kept his purple To the sky. R.I.P. team. Woof !!!!*

TLS

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**Tommy Smith** - January 29, 2014 at 08:29 PM

PJ

*Is this T L*

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**Pastor Larry Johnson** - January 30, 2014 at 07:24 AM

TS

*It's me frat. GOD bless our brother and our brotherhood. "Friendship is truly essential to the soul"*

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**Tommy "TL" Smith** - January 30, 2014 at 09:04 AM

LC

“ *Lillian Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons*



Lillian Chandler - January 29, 2014 at 06:33 PM

LC

*Dana,  
My prayers are with you and your family. God will take care of you.*

Lillian Chandler - January 29, 2014 at 06:39 PM

LH

“ *I was a classmate of Keith's at FHS. My husband was on the Redbug basketball team with him. He was always smiling. Rest in peace Keith Simmons, it appears you grew up to be quite a man.*

lynn raney hill - January 29, 2014 at 04:55 PM

AD

“ *Condolences to the family of Keith Simmons. He was a great friend to me (A'Gia) and the entire family of the late Rev. M. T. Easter and Mrs. Easter. Praying for you and your family for your strenght.*

A'Gia Easter Davis - January 29, 2014 at 04:14 PM

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A'Gia Easter Davis - January 29, 2014 at 04:14 PM

DJ

“ *Mr. Simmons was a caring man who did what he could for the students in my classroom as well as for the students of the Flint Schools. I am honored and touched that I had the opportunity to meet and work with him. Mrs. Simmons my prayers are with you during this moment of sorrow.*  
*Dana Johnson*

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**dana johnson** - January 29, 2014 at 07:48 AM

D'

“ *To : Dana am sorry about your lost I will miss my big brother he kept us laughing we would never have a Sad moment around him .He will always be remembered and in our prayers always Dana we Love u and am here for u if u need me !!! Love u Darlene Davis ' Calvert*



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**Darlene Davis 'Calvert** - January 28, 2014 at 09:48 PM

DA

“ *I can't believe Bulldog is gone, we spent many hours at HKS JUKE JOINT aka the garage, Keith was a real family man who loved his friends and family. There was nothing he wouldn't do to help anyone friend or stranger. God bless you Dana, keithan, Nicole and BK.*

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**Daybo** - January 28, 2014 at 06:48 PM

DA

“ *Daybo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons*



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**Daybo** - January 28, 2014 at 06:45 PM

DA

“ Dana We are here for you, bulldog was my friend a true friend gone miss talking to him and eating his "worlds famous HKS BBQ AND BUDDY GOOEY" when my son was killed bulldog was right there for me and I will be there for him. Scratch hard in heaven bro. Love and miss you....

daybo - January 28, 2014 at 06:42 PM

DA

“ Daybo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons



daybo - January 28, 2014 at 06:38 PM

CT

“ Dana,

*You are in my prayers. Just remember that God is always with you and he will never forsake you. He will give you the strength to make it through this difficult time.*

*Cheryl E. Tate*

Cheryl E. Tate - January 28, 2014 at 05:56 PM

CH

“ I'm deeply sorry for the loss of your husband. Henry was a dear friend ,hard worker ,and a caring person. Henry was a lots of fun and joy. He was like thee brother that I never had. Truly will b missed. Dana if there's anything I can do don't hesitate . Prayers are with you and the family. Cheryl Hart and family

Cheryl Hart - January 28, 2014 at 12:20 PM

CL

“ Dana,

*I'm deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your husband. My experience with him was only positive. He was a very caring, hardworking man and please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time and they will continue to follow in the upcoming days, months and years. May your memories give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

*My condolences and love,  
Courtney Laney-Hubbs*



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**Courtney Laney-Hubbs** - January 28, 2014 at 10:21 AM

MD

“ Dana, you and your family will continue to be in my prayers.  
*Blessings and Love,  
Myrah Davis*



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**Myrah Davis** - January 28, 2014 at 09:48 AM

EC

“ A thought, A prayer, A wish for you to be at peace soon. Many Thoughts and Prayers to you and your family.



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**Elnora Crutchfield** - January 27, 2014 at 09:30 PM

KW

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Henry's passing. My heart felt condolences to you and your family. I will keep you in prayer as you go through this difficult time.



Kim Wade - January 27, 2014 at 09:08 PM

AH

“ Alfredia Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons



Alfredia Hines - January 27, 2014 at 07:38 PM

AA

“ Angela Ascencio-Mindlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons



Angela Ascencio-Mindlin - January 27, 2014 at 07:25 PM

JM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Henry Simmons.

Joan McKinnie-Sanders



Joan McKinnie-Sanders - January 27, 2014 at 06:16 PM

Leon  
Sr.

“ I knew and loved my Fraternity Brother Henry "Spock" Simmons because he was a very down to earth and humbled person. He never minded giving a helping hand or giving good advice to those that asked. He will be missed and his spirit and soul lives on in us all by treating others with kindness and humbling ourselves as Bro. Simmons did. Gone but never forgotten.

1luv4all,

Bro. Leon Triple-"C" Chitman Sr.  
3/16/79 Tau Sigma Chapter  
UAPB/A.M.&N.



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Leon Sr. - January 27, 2014 at 03:10 PM

SE

“ I just got up this morning and learned that you had passed. I remember the last time we talked I was looking forward to you coming out and seeing you in Vegas. You were a very good person and an inspiration to me. My condolences to your wife Dana.

Stuart J. Elzy

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Stuart J. Elzy - January 27, 2014 at 07:05 AM

MB

“ Dana- We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss and Ernest and I would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts are with you and my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. May your memories give you peace and comfort. I will really miss my friend Henry. He watched out for me, always had my back and taught me that when things seem like there going bad don't cry, just eat one of your pies. I am here for you. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

*Ernest and Maria*

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**Maria Boyd-Springer** - January 26, 2014 at 10:37 PM

DB

“ Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Keith Simmons



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**Dana Bush** - January 26, 2014 at 07:34 PM

GF

“ Hard worker, dedicated, trustworthy, loyal, dear friend. You will be missed but your memory will live on. George Finch

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**George Finch** - January 26, 2014 at 05:48 PM

DN

“ To my father whom I will truly miss dearly. You taught me so much when I was growing up. You put in precious time with your grandsons Christopher and Davian who loves their Papa so much. I will always love you and I miss you so much already. You will always have a special place in my heart Dad.

Love Always  
Your Daughter & Grandsons  
Nicole, Christopher & Davian

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**Daughter Nicole** - January 26, 2014 at 02:27 PM

MB

“ To Soror Dana I am praying for you and your family . Henry was such a kind and gentle man. He had a great relationship with our students at Northwestern High School. He will truly be missed .?????????

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**Michelle Brock** - January 26, 2014 at 02:12 PM

QW

To my my coach MR. S I will miss him I play jv football for him for two years and will remember all the life lessons he taught me.  
Northwestern student/athlete

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**qweert** - January 28, 2014 at 03:29 AM

JD

My family and I lived next door to Keith and Dana for years. Lovely people and I am truly devastated to just a few moments ago to learn of his untimely passing. A kind, friendly, personable man, I believe will be missed by a great many people whom have had the privilege to know him. farewell, kind spirit, God is smiling because you have come home.

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**Jymi Dill** - January 30, 2014 at 11:00 PM