



## Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.

May 1, 1959 - July 6, 2017

SIMMONS, Mr. Joseph Jr., - Age 58, passed away Thursday, July 6, 2017 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. Family hour 11:00 AM Saturday, Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Prayer Garden Church of God In Christ, 3918 Fleming Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM, Pastor Jerry L. Givens officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM 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 1:00 PM-8:00 PM Friday.

Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr was born May 1, 1959 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Joseph Simmons and Lula Mae Simmons. Joseph was a life-long resident of Flint, who started his walk with Christ at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. He participated in classes dealing with the catechism. These classes, although focused on the Catholic religion, helped to broaden his knowledge, that led him on his journey of enlightenment. Under the guidance of Pastor Jerry L. Givens, he found spiritual comfort at Prayer Garden Church Of God In Christ. Joseph attended Flint Public Schools and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1977. He was a true Wildcat and was named M.V.P. of the basketball team. After graduation, Joseph accepted a position at Metal Fabrication, a Division of General Motors Corporation, where he was dedicated worker until his health declined. He loved basketball, bowling, fishing and traveling. His style of dress was impeccable, as he took pride in

dressing in his nice suits, as well as casual wear. Joseph loved spending time with friends and family, spreading joy with everyone he came across. He was a wonderfully kind man, who had a "Heart of Gold". Joseph was a loving husband and devoted father, who will be greatly missed. He and his loving wife, Eulaetta, shared many wonderful memories together.

Mr. Simmons leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Eulaetta Simmons; 2 daughters, Juanay Simmons of Flint and Kadajah Joy of Mt. Morris, MI; son, Joseph Simmons III; 2 stepchildren, Twylla Walker and David Walker all of Flint; grandchildren, Deandre Latrell Mare, Dayonna Walker and Malachi Nunn; sister, Pam Morris; 2 brothers, Rodney Haywood and Stacey Gibbs; a host of nieces and nephews; 6 aunts, Amie Buford of Decatur, AL, Ernest Ramsey of McCordsville, IN, Barbara Mitchell of Dorchester, MA, Hannah Masheter of Landover Hills, MD, Bessye Neal of Suitland, MD and Cleven Ramsey of Hawthorne, CA; a host of cousins; mother in law, Joann Smith; sister in law, April Walker; brother in law, Stephen Walker; a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends; Joe Belmonti and Milton Chaney.

Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr. was preceded in death by: grandparents, Sally Mae Pettway and Johnny Joe McCracken; parents, Lula Mae Simmons and Joseph Simmons; and paternal grandmother, Mary Simmons.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Erica L. Campagno of the Hematology Clinic Intensive Care Unit, the entire staff at University of Michigan Medical Center of Ann Arbor and Pastor Jerry L. Givens and the entire Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ family.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 14. 1:00 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 hour

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Prayer Garden Church of God In Christ  
3918 Fleming Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

## Service

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JUL 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Prayer Garden Church of God In Christ  
3918 Fleming Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Charles Brown Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



**Charles Brown Jr.** - July 27, 2017 at 08:41 AM



“ *Cerese Simpson Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



**Cerese Simpson Pennington** - July 17, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ *I worked with Joe. What a nice guy. Condolences to the Family*

**Vera Perry** - July 16, 2017 at 10:59 AM

SH

“ Sharonda Hussey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Sharonda Hussey - July 15, 2017 at 11:52 AM

SH

*I love you uncle Jo Jo, I will miss you terribly,*

Sharonda Hussey - July 15, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ Deepest condolences to the family and friends. May the comfort of God embrace you all at this time. May His peace settle in your hearts and minds. God bless you all

Lena Bailey-Flood - July 15, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ Lena Bailey-Flood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Lena Bailey-Flood - July 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM

SS

“ Sheila Summers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Sheila Summers - July 15, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ Joe Joe Rest In Peace and tell Mom hi 😊😊 love you both !! The greatest (step) No! Brother!!! Condolences to your family. Love Dap

Daphine Mclemore - July 15, 2017 at 07:44 AM

DF

“ Deborah Fisher-Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Deborah Fisher-Grant - July 15, 2017 at 05:59 AM

MH

“ Michael Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Michael Harper - July 14, 2017 at 10:51 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Jean Durrett - July 14, 2017 at 02:07 AM

AP

“ *Deepest condolences to the family of Jo Jo Simmons from the Peacock family. Thanks for the memories both on and off the court. R.I.P My brother Love always!!*

AI Peacock - July 13, 2017 at 10:37 PM

NN

“ *Nee Nee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Nee Nee - July 13, 2017 at 08:45 PM

PL

*Had the pleasure of working with Joseph that's what I called, him and gave a big SMILE..Condolences to his family*

Patricia Lockett - July 19, 2017 at 10:27 PM

MB

“ *Marv Benton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Marv Benton - July 13, 2017 at 09:34 AM

AD

“ *Ava D Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Ava D Daniels - July 13, 2017 at 08:44 AM

SB

“ *Steven Blake sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Steven Blake - July 13, 2017 at 07:38 AM

SB

“ *Steven Blake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Steven Blake - July 13, 2017 at 07:36 AM

PR

“ *Rest in Peace Brother! I knew Joe and his dad since the sixties and last talked to him two months back at Walmart as we went down memory lane about the old days! My very best to the entire family!*  
*Pete Roberts*



Pete Roberts - July 13, 2017 at 05:13 AM

AC

“ *Annette Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Annette Carlisle** - July 13, 2017 at 05:09 AM

RC

“ *Joe was my best GM friend. I will miss him dearly. Never forgetting what God did for him. How I wish I could have stayed near him.*



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**Ric Cortez Cell** - July 12, 2017 at 11:39 PM

AH

“ *Andrea Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Andrea Hollins** - July 12, 2017 at 10:27 PM

MR

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Kenny (Carla) Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



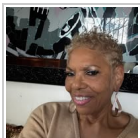
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**Mr. & Mrs. Kenny (Carla) Reynolds** - July 12, 2017 at 06:53 PM

KM

“ *Kim Moore-Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Kim Moore-Watson - July 12, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *Cassandra Williams Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Cassandra Williams Burks - July 12, 2017 at 02:44 PM

SL

“ *Our condolences and prayers go out to the family of Joseph Simmons, better known to us as Jo Jo. I had the pleasure to work with Jo Jo at Flint Metal Center. He always came into the office with a smile and much laughter. May God comfort each of you in this time of bereavement.*

Sheila Lomax - July 12, 2017 at 02:40 PM

PP

“ *Pettway Family Rest In Peace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Pettway Family rest in peace - July 12, 2017 at 01:38 PM

SG

“ *Sheba Garth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**sheba garth** - July 12, 2017 at 01:34 PM

AW

“ *Angela L Whaley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Angela L Whaley** - July 12, 2017 at 12:44 PM

DG

“ *DENNIS GLEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**DENNIS GLEN** - July 12, 2017 at 12:18 PM

AA

*Joseph Simmons Jr family I send my regards and my condolences to your family and prayer and much love and he was love man all around the world everybody knew him very good people really enjoyed having a good time with him rest his soul prayer for the Simmons family God bless you*

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**Anthony arline** - July 14, 2017 at 12:53 PM

MH

“ Michele Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Michele Hawkins - July 12, 2017 at 12:09 PM

LT

“ Lloyd "TC" Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Lloyd "TC" Turner - July 12, 2017 at 11:50 AM

DO

“ The Odom Family Dee, Latavia, Bri



Deloris Odom - July 12, 2017 at 11:44 AM

VK

“ Victoria Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



victoria Kilgore - July 12, 2017 at 05:51 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Vanessa Hicks - July 12, 2017 at 02:18 AM

SM

“ Sharon Mcintosh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



sharon mcintosh - July 11, 2017 at 11:44 PM

DH

“ Dolores Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Dolores Harris - July 11, 2017 at 10:00 PM

SB

“ Sorry for the loss of your love one, may peace and comfort be with the family in this time of sorrow.



Shirley Blassingame - July 11, 2017 at 09:36 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



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**Yvonne Tidwell** - July 11, 2017 at 09:12 PM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Jo Jo. He was a very nice person. He was one of my members of the credit union i worked at and i often helped him. RIP my friend.



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**Joya Reaves-Embry** - July 11, 2017 at 08:16 PM

HD

“ Hattie Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



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**Hattie Donald** - July 11, 2017 at 04:05 PM

WC

“ Willie & Georgette Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



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**Willie & Georgette Chapman** - July 11, 2017 at 03:36 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Summers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Sheila Summers** - July 11, 2017 at 02:49 PM

SW

“ *Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Sherry Williams** - July 11, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ *Doris Moore-White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Doris Moore-White** - July 11, 2017 at 12:04 PM

BP

“ *I love you Lil brother will miss you dearly love you forever you are with mama now*

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**Big sis Pam.** - July 11, 2017 at 11:18 AM

DW

“ *Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



**Diane Williams** - July 11, 2017 at 10:47 AM

SJ

“ *Sims&shell Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



**sims&shell johnson** - July 11, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Sonia Sims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



**Sonia Sims** - July 11, 2017 at 03:19 AM

LW

“ *Sorry for the loss of my co-worker joe joe you will he truly missed*



**leola wynne** - July 11, 2017 at 01:17 AM

LW

*Joe jo he will be truly missed*

leola wynne - July 12, 2017 at 11:03 PM

VM

“ *RIH Joseph Simmons Jr. To the family my prayers goes out to you, especially his beautiful wife .*



Victoria McCreay - July 10, 2017 at 11:05 PM

PP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



phyllis patterson - July 10, 2017 at 11:05 PM

DG

“ *Dennis Glen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Dennis Glen - July 10, 2017 at 08:20 PM

SM

“ *RIP JoJo  
Wildcat 1977*

Scott Bard Mansur - July 10, 2017 at 05:52 PM

KD

“ With deepest sympathy to his wife and children from Pastor Kirk R. Davis and the Compassionate Christ Church family. Joseph was my long time friend. He was a sweet brother, full of life and so much fun to be around. We went to school together and worked together at Flint Metal Center. In heaven I know he'll be playing basketball on heaven's dream team. Love you man and I'll see you when I get there.

Kirk Davis - July 10, 2017 at 05:14 PM

HJ

“ Harlan Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Harlan Jackson - July 10, 2017 at 11:29 AM

TA

“ Jo-Jo was full of love & life and grateful for it! When he would see you he was going to give you a hug..call my name out LOUD he was truly one of the finest and coolest dudes, I ever had the pleasure of knowing. God love, strength, peace and comfort to the entire Simmons family..w/💕 ReRe Anthony

Teresa Anthony - July 10, 2017 at 10:57 AM

KB

“ Kitrin Buford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Kitrin Buford - July 10, 2017 at 09:45 AM

MS

“ *As jojo would say I aint got nothong but love for ya*

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**Matt smith** - July 09, 2017 at 11:05 PM

 Luther Harrell

“ *I'am very saddened too hear of Jo Jo passing . Jo was my co-Worker at Flint Metal Fab. That's where I meet Jo Jo he was a fun brother to be around , Jo always had a story of his life to share talked of his family his new bride , The love of his parents , his father taking him fishing , his niece playing in the WNBA how good she was playing basketball , Jo Jo and I attended a track and field meet together at SVSC that was the last time I saw Jo Jo . He loved the Catholic Church and the teachings he always wore the catholic necklace , he knew the Bible . Jo Jo has gone too a better place where there will be no more sickness and pain God knows best . I didn't know Jo Jo that long but what I knew of him he had a good heart and loved people . I will truly miss Jo Jo . God makes no mistakes .*

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**Luther Harrell** - July 09, 2017 at 10:58 PM

BF

“ *Praying for the Simmons family*



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**Billings Family** - July 09, 2017 at 10:24 PM

SH

“ *Shelia Hayman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Shelia Hayman** - July 09, 2017 at 06:47 PM

ZA

“ *Zadia ,Ms Kay Abron-Edmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Zadia ,Ms Kay Abron-Edmond** - July 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM

BS

“ *To the Family of JoJo. So sorry for your loss and we are praying for you all. We were just with JoJo durING the death of our family member and it was such a comfort him being there. Put your trust in the Lord. Barney and Lorene Sorrells*



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**Barney and Lorene Sorrells** - July 09, 2017 at 05:12 PM

RB

“ *Ronald L. Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Ronald I. Bell** - July 09, 2017 at 04:45 PM

RB

*Sorry I can't be there for my brother's home-going but I know you're in a better place now Jojo but you will be truly missed much love to you brother rest in peace he was a really good dude love you man*

Ronald I. Bell - July 14, 2017 at 07:41 PM

SG

“ *My memories of my cuz when we were little going over to the house 🏠 playing together. Uncle Joseph always played with us all & our Father Eddie Pettway. Later in High School people didn't. Believe we were 1st cousins. But we knew that's all the matter. Going over to Ur mom's watch her cat play pool. With Love ❤️ cuz Sheba (Pettway) Garth may U Rest In Peace. Praying 4 the Family.*

sheba garth - July 09, 2017 at 03:29 PM

CA

“ *Carroll Abron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



carroll abron - July 09, 2017 at 02:38 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



Renee Hill - July 09, 2017 at 12:40 PM

LM

“ LANITA MURRAY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



LANITA MURRAY - July 09, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ Je'Voniu Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Je'Voniu Davis - July 09, 2017 at 12:21 PM

DT

“ Debby Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Debby Taylor - July 09, 2017 at 11:13 AM

JP

“ Jacqueline Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Jacqueline Porter - July 09, 2017 at 09:33 AM

NO

“ *NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**NaRotha Ogden** - July 09, 2017 at 08:31 AM

KR

“ *Kendall Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Kendall Reaves** - July 08, 2017 at 08:47 PM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Trina Stewart** - July 08, 2017 at 07:02 PM

GH

“ *Rip!!!Jo Jo*

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**Gail Henry** - July 08, 2017 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Sorry to Hear Jo Jo passed gone to soon!Rest in Peace*

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**Gail Henry (Lee)** - July 08, 2017 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear Jo Jo Passed Rest in Peace  
Gone too soon God Bless!!*

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**Gail Henry (Lee)** - July 08, 2017 at 03:57 PM

PB

“ *Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Pam Brown** - July 08, 2017 at 01:14 PM

AH

“ *Anthony And Carol Hill lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.*



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**Anthony and Carol Hill** - July 08, 2017 at 09:46 AM

DC

“ *We all walk in the path of death, it is a sting that only God can help  
us to endure. My heartfelt prayers are with the Simmons family and  
friends. You will see Joseph again*

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**D. Casmere** - July 08, 2017 at 06:39 AM

RH

“ Renee Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Renee Hill - July 07, 2017 at 09:15 PM

SN

“ Sandy T Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Sandy T Neal - July 07, 2017 at 09:02 PM

SN

“ Sandy T Neal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Sandy T Neal - July 07, 2017 at 09:02 PM

SY

“ Sharon Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Sharon young - July 07, 2017 at 08:47 PM

JJ

“ Jovita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Jovita Johnson - July 07, 2017 at 05:50 PM

JL

“ It saddens me to realize I won't see you again,kidding me the way you did. But I know you have been sick for awhile, so may you find peace with the Lord and comfort in Momma Lula's arms.



Jen Lyn - July 07, 2017 at 02:53 PM

DB

“ Dwayde ( Bo ) Burton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Simmons Jr.



Dwayde ( Bo ) Burton - July 07, 2017 at 01:35 PM



Jo Jo I will miss you my friend,may you R.I.P.

Dwayde Burton - July 12, 2017 at 07:13 PM

DS

“ My condolences to the family of JoJo. I was saddened when I heard of his transition. JoJo was a great guy to know. We attended Jr. High and high school together and share many blazing and fun times. Praying for this family. GOD Is more than able to sustain you. Pearce and blessings. .... Deidre Spight~Woodson and Connie Spight~Graham



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**Deidre Spight~Woodson** - July 07, 2017 at 08:39 AM

SN

*My prayers for the Simmons family. I had the pleasure of working with JoJo at GM. Stephanie Nolen Nantambu*

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**Stephanie Nantambu** - July 15, 2017 at 06:56 AM