



Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.

July 12, 1933 - February 19, 2019

SIMMONS, Mr. Kenneth M., Sr. - Age 85, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 317 E. Hamilton Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Allen C. Overton Sr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Tuesday. 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 with family present to receive friends from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM Monday.

Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr. was born July 12, 1933 in Flint, Michigan. He graduated from the Flint School System. Mr. Simmons obtained his Certification from the School of Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University in 1986. Kenneth was a loving and devoted husband to Eldoris for 65yrs, father and grandfather. He was an avid cook, bowler, hunter, fisherman, world traveler and gardener. One of the original "Flintstones", Kenneth hired into AC Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation on September 15, 1953, with 23 years of United Auto Worker service. Serving Local Union #651 as Alternate Committeeman 1958-1960, District Committeeman 1960-1963, Shop Committeeman 1963-1975, Chairman Shop Committee 1975-1978, First African American Union President 1978-1981, Chairman Sub Council 4 1977-1981, Served on (2) UAW International

Conventions 1974 & 1978, retiring from General Motors in 1980.

Kenneth served on the Flint Board of Education 1978-1979. He was appointed by the Flint Housing Commission as the Executive Director of Public Housing 1982-1999. Under his direction Aldridge Place was built in 1984 and Simmons Square was dedicated in his honor in 1993. Kenneth was awarded the "Key to the City of Flint" in 1981. He also served on several other committees and boards in the Flint community.

Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Debra Simmons of Grand Blanc, MI; son, Kenneth "Marty" Simmons Jr. & (friend, Tracie); granddaughter, Regina "ReRe" Simmons; special nephew, Reggie Simmons, all of Flint; 2 sisters-in-law, Delores Vaughn of Mt. Morris, MI and Ida Johnson of Flint; 5 brothers-in-law, Clyde Lee Sr. of Detroit, MI, Colonel (Betty) Lee Jr. of Flint, Joseph (Dorothy) Lee of Flushing, MI, Eugene (Cathis) Lee of Grand Blanc, MI and Anthony Lee of North Carolina; special cousins, Grace "Peaches" Wells of Chicago, IL, Rene' Simmons of Flint and Johnny Mae Gathings of New Mexico; a host of other relatives and friends including special family friends, Rudy Gibson, Ruth Norris, Regina Keels, Celie Harris, Magee and Grant families, and Eckley Avenue neighbors.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his wife of 65 yrs., Doris Simmons; great-granddaughter, MaCaya Marie; parents, Alfred and Mary Simmons; brothers, Alfred Jr., Donald and Taylor Simmons; in-laws, Colonel and Eliza Lee Sr.; sisters-in-law, Maple Skinner and Rachel Silk; brother-in-law, William Lee; and god-brother, Leroy "Jack" Madison.

The family would like to express special thanks to caregivers, Lucy Borden, Latriese Brown, Donjale Wright, Darlynda Harnett, and Deborah Milling, Dr. Alex Rodrigues, Manor Law Group and Kindred at Home and Hospice Care.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 25. 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 Present

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Family hour

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
317 E. Hamilton Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Catherine Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Catherine Richards - March 06, 2019 at 02:31 AM



“ *To the Simmons family, I am very sorry for the loss of a true man that I looked up to and admired. He was a man of all men that was a role model and he will be missed. Praying for the Simmons family and I thank you Debbie for you care of both your father and your mother!*

Michael Winchester - March 04, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ *Earnest Kelly and Family*



dd - February 28, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ Praying for your family..Joseph (Dorthy) and Renee' Simmions..God's love comfort you all. 💕🙏🙏🙏 Teresa (ReRe) Anthony and family.

Teresa Anthony - February 28, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Sharon Webb-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Sharon Webb-Williams - February 28, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ Sharon Webb Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Sharon Webb Williams - February 26, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ Funeral service was beautiful! Mr. Simmons will never ever be forgotten. The work you've done speaks for you. God bless the entire family of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons



Tamera - February 26, 2019 at 02:42 PM

AS

“ God bless and keep your family, you had a great person for a dad, and a leader for all. His loving spirit and kindness will forever be cherished by me and all who knew him.



Alma Starks-Butler - February 26, 2019 at 11:11 AM

DJ

“ Dennis & Shirley Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Dennis & Shirley Jackson - February 25, 2019 at 11:24 PM

DW

“ My prayers are with you and your family.”

Derick & Sonya Walls

Derick & Sonya Walls - February 25, 2019 at 10:13 PM

MF

“ Milton & Yvonne Tucker And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Milton & Yvonne Tucker and Family - February 25, 2019 at 01:45 PM

MF

“ Milton & Yvonne Tucker And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Milton & Yvonne Tucker and Family - February 25, 2019 at 01:41 PM

RW

“ Regina Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Regina Williams - February 25, 2019 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ Praying for you Deb and Marty. I can see your Mom greeting him at the pearly gates. Sleep in Paradise.



Cassandra Burks - February 25, 2019 at 12:58 PM

WB

“ Willie Anna Robinson Flynn & Redonna Ban lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Willie Anna Robinson Flynn & Redonna Ban - February 25, 2019 at 09:23 AM

MF

“ Marie Ward And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Marie Ward and Family - February 25, 2019 at 07:23 AM

BA

“ Bethany Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Bethany Andrews - February 24, 2019 at 06:35 PM

CA

“ Crystal R Ashburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Crystal R Ashburn - February 24, 2019 at 06:34 PM

TJ

“ Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Theresa Jackson - February 24, 2019 at 06:17 PM

JF

“ JAMES FORTE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



JAMES FORTE - February 23, 2019 at 08:14 PM

CB

“ 112 files added to the album Memories Album



Cassandra Burks - February 23, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

February 23, 2019 at 07:18 PM

CB

“ 113 files added to the album Memories Album



Cassandra Burks - February 23, 2019 at 07:14 PM

CH

“ This was a Powerful man in my union 651 Thank u for all your help
rest Mr Simmons be bless Hartfield family

Cheryl Hartfield - February 23, 2019 at 06:49 PM

NB

“ Nellie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Nellie Bacon - February 23, 2019 at 06:45 PM

DR

“ Sorry for your loss Simmons Family. From
Debra Reinhold



Debra Reinhold - February 23, 2019 at 06:34 PM

SM

“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Sharon Mixon - February 23, 2019 at 11:04 AM

DH

“ My condolences and prays goes out to the family of Mr. Kenneth Simmons, I'm sorry to hear about his passing. I really enjoyed working with him at the Flint Housing Commission. He will be missing.



DEWINTER HOLLOWAY - February 23, 2019 at 08:54 AM

DH

“ DEWINTER HOLLOWAY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



DEWINTER HOLLOWAY - February 23, 2019 at 08:42 AM

DS

“ Debora Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Debora Stitt - February 22, 2019 at 08:46 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Jesse Kirksey - February 22, 2019 at 05:48 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Barbara Moore - February 22, 2019 at 03:55 PM

VW

“ *Valerie (Anthony) Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Valerie (Anthony) Williams - February 22, 2019 at 11:10 AM

 Gail
Teer
Edwards

“ *My sincere condolences to the Simmons family, Ken was one of my dearest friends and my boss at the Flint Housing Commission, he will be missed by all. Rest in heaven my friend you paid your dues to the Labor movement and the city of Flint as it's Executive Director of FHC.*
Gail Teer Edwards



Gail Teer Edwards - February 22, 2019 at 08:13 AM

OC

“ *Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Otis & Debra Cheatom - February 22, 2019 at 08:00 AM

JO

“ *I'll always remember and cherish the many hunting and fishing days. And ... will never forget our tryouts with the Flint Arrows with Brother Donald. Rest easy big fellow. You done Great for many folks. Thank You for your many contributes to the Flint community.*
Jim Owens

James E. Owens - February 22, 2019 at 05:45 AM

JO

“ *James E. Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



James E. Owens - February 22, 2019 at 05:32 AM

CR

“ *Cynthia Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Cynthia Reeves - February 22, 2019 at 04:41 AM

LS

“ It would take a lifetime to explain what your your parents meant to this Neighborhood and Community at large (Knuckleheads and All).. We're talking about The Mayor and His First Lady whom gave many of us our first jobs, taught us about gardening, filled our hearts with Wisdom, Inspiration, Motivation and Love...I The caverns of our Hearts Shall You Two dwell FOREVER... Your Brother & Sister (Larry & Cassandra) and The Entire Smith & Williams Family...

Larry D (Wolf) Smith - February 22, 2019 at 01:19 AM

OC

“ Our Sincerest Condolences purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr..



Our Sincerest Condolences - February 22, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr..



February 22, 2019 at 12:25 AM

LC

“ Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Lois Cunningham - February 21, 2019 at 10:29 PM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Jean Durrett - February 21, 2019 at 10:25 PM

VH

“ Vanessa Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Vanessa Hicks - February 21, 2019 at 10:06 PM

CJ

“ Cloddie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Cloddie Johnson - February 21, 2019 at 06:56 PM

CJ

“ Cloddie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Cloddie Johnson - February 21, 2019 at 06:53 PM

RJ

“ Rhonda Cloddie Brandon Taylor Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Rhonda Cloddie Brandon Taylor Johnson - February 21, 2019 at 06:51 PM

DM

“ Mr. Kenneth "Chief" Simmons, I will treasure every moment I spent with you. It was a great honor and a privilege to care for you and your wife Doris, of whom I nicknamed "Sunshine". My Chief & my Sunshine you are resting in the arms of Jesus together. Just being with the two at the same time are precious memories that I will hold dear to my heart, for as long as I live. Praying for you Debbie, Marty, my former co-workers, family, extended family and friends that you've left behind Chief. Love, Deb Milling, one of your care givers!



Deborah Milling - February 21, 2019 at 06:16 PM

CM

“ Carolyn McClendon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Carolyn McClendon - February 21, 2019 at 06:10 PM

PB

“ Pat & Willard, Pearl, Helen, Janice, and Billy purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr..



Pat & Willard, Pearl, Helen, Janice, and Billy - February 21, 2019 at 04:32 PM

DH

“ Deborah Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Deborah Harris - February 21, 2019 at 03:30 PM

JH

“ Jerry & Dolores Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Jerry & Dolores Harris - February 21, 2019 at 02:50 PM

SN

“ Sandy T Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Sandy T Neal - February 21, 2019 at 02:48 PM

DC

“ Dorothy Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



dorothy carter - February 21, 2019 at 01:36 PM

GH

“ I will miss My Uncle Kenneth. Thanks for bring a Iconic Role Model for Our Family and The City Of Flint!!! All the wonderful childhood memories at You and Aunt Doris's tell her Hi we Miss her see u again Uncle!

Gail Lee Henry - February 21, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



A Jeffrey LaValley - February 21, 2019 at 09:23 AM

MW

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons, Sr. especially our dear cousin Regina Simmons (ReRe). May God's loving arms hold you during this difficult time.

Michael and Denise White
Shady Spring, West Virginia



Michael and Denise White - February 21, 2019 at 09:22 AM

BR

“ *Belinda Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Belinda Ross - February 21, 2019 at 05:43 AM

DO

“ *There isn't a holiday or childhood memory that doesn't include Uncle Kenneth in it. As my Aunts and Uncles transition, life just isn't the same. Sigh. I love you and miss you already.*

Donyale - February 20, 2019 at 11:41 PM

DK

“ *Doris E. Keels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Doris E. Keels - February 20, 2019 at 11:34 PM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Velma Williams - February 20, 2019 at 06:42 PM

SN

“ Stephanie Nantambu sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Stephanie Nantambu - February 20, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ Santa Staples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Santa Staples - February 20, 2019 at 04:48 PM

RS

“ Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Rosalind Smith - February 20, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ ReRe and Family
With heartfelt condolences to you and your family, trusting that God will comfort all in this hour of loss. Mr. Simmons was a great man. Continued prayers for the family.



ReGina Adams - February 20, 2019 at 01:20 PM

CM

“ *Christa Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Christa Mixon - February 20, 2019 at 12:57 PM

RG

“ *To the Simmons family we are sorry for your lost praying for all of you so stay encouraged another warrior called home*



Rev Ira Gilbert - February 20, 2019 at 12:44 PM

JK

“ *Julie Koger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Julie Koger - February 20, 2019 at 11:55 AM

YT

“ *Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Yvonne Tidwell - February 20, 2019 at 10:13 AM

PW

“ To the family, we share in your grief. mr . Ken was a true leader.
Heaven has gained an great Soldier.

Patricia Walker ex dfcu worker - February 20, 2019 at 08:55 AM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



MINISTER PAM - February 20, 2019 at 07:42 AM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



MINISTER PAM - February 20, 2019 at 07:41 AM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



MINISTER PAM - February 20, 2019 at 07:38 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



MINISTER PAM - February 20, 2019 at 07:37 AM

LR

“ *To the family, we share in your grief. Kenneth was a true leader who fought the good fight for many in the labor movement. His legacy will continue with solidarity forever and may he rest in eternal peace.*

Lorene Randall & Family

Lorene randall - February 20, 2019 at 02:10 AM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Vivian Kelley - February 20, 2019 at 01:46 AM

LL

“ Really sorry to hear of the passing of my "Big Unk" Kenneth. Really going to miss our heated political debates and going back and forth about just about everything. I know your with my auntee Doris now, as it should be. Sleep well, Big Unk, sleep.

FamLee4Life, Ya just gotta love it.

*The new Jersey Lee's
Lionel Sr. (Craig), Roxie, Lionel Jr. (Sheleese) Chevelle, Latoya,
Ashiah, Autum, Kendall, & Lionel III*

Lionel Lee - February 19, 2019 at 10:32 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Brenda Calhoun - February 19, 2019 at 10:22 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.*



Barbara Moore - February 19, 2019 at 07:59 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Gloria Jenkins - February 19, 2019 at 06:49 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Wanda Harrison - February 19, 2019 at 05:00 PM

SF

“ Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Sharon Fleming - February 19, 2019 at 04:17 PM

ES

“ Eddie & Shirlene Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Martin Simmons Sr.



Eddie & Shirlene Simmons - February 19, 2019 at 12:54 PM

BW

“ *To the family of Ken Simmons, praying for your strength in the Lord, he can rest with his beloved Doris. RIH*



Barbara Wright - February 19, 2019 at 11:57 AM