



## Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons

December 28, 1947 - November 6, 2023

SIMMONS, Mr. Ray Oliver - Age 75, passed away Monday, November 6, 2023 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Eld. Janice Walker, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:00 AM Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Mr. Simmons will lie in state in the chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed Tuesday, November 28, 2023 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons was born December 28, 1947 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of Kay Simmons. Ray moved to Flint, Michigan at an early age. He graduated from Flint Northern High School. Ray began working at Cancellation Clothes & Shoes at the age of 16. He later attended Mott College while working at various clothing stores. Ray was the Premier Male Model with Tiger & Company, he was also Flint's only male model for the magazine "Vines". All this after marrying and doing 1 Tour in Vietnam. Ray loved to dance, fish, travel and be with his family. He was a member of Spiritual Israel Church and It's Army.

Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Mary A. Simmons of Mt. Morris, MI; 2 sons, Starlin (Kim) Simmons of Bear, DE and Gayland (Sharon) Simmons of Haslett, MI; 2 grandchildren, Tyree and Jaden

Simmons, both of Bear, DE; sister, Cynthia Cooper of Richmond, VA; 2 brothers, Kenneth (Daytrella) Psalms of Minnesota and Bryan Psalms of Richmond, VA; 8 nieces, Karmela and Latrice Cooper, both of Richmond, VA, Roneisha Williams of Texas, Courtney and Christine Williams, both of California, Elizabeth Williams of Connecticut, Alisha Williams of Florida and Ashley and Adrian of Flint; 10 nephews, Jessie and Jordan Williams of Virginia, Kendale, Jaxon, Kaylen, Jaelyn, Stephan and Jackie Williams of Alabama, Phillip and Kayla Williams of Connecticut, Ron Williams Jr. and Erica Trish of Hawaii; 4 aunts, Ann Flood of Flint, Dorothy Verbal of Arizona, Rachael and Benny Gatewood of Flint, and Pat Beeman of San Francisco, CA; a host of cousins, nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Mazie Williams of Flint; sister-in-law, Dawn Williams of Flint; 3 brothers-in-law, Terry Williams of Virginia, Rick (Marlena) Williams of Florida and Don Williams of Connecticut; a host of other relatives and friends including good friends, Gene Leverette, Mike Carter and others.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his mother; father-in-law; grandparents; and 2 brothers-in-law.

The family would like to express special thanks to staff of Landmark Health especially nurses, Jamee and Tish, and also caseworker, Baily Kalfs; good friends, Rashiadh Aquil and D.J. Gibbs; and the nurses of Hurley Medical Center 7th & 9th Floors.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **28**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
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lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
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## Family hour

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - November 29, 2023 at 09:03 AM

PB

“ *Patricia Beeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons*



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**Patricia Beeman** - November 29, 2023 at 11:52 AM

LB

“ *Our prayers and condolences go out to you Mary and family. Ray will be missed. May God bless you and comfort you in this time of need.*

*Love you all,*

*The Burton & Beeman Family*

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**Lorraine Beeman Burton** - November 29, 2023 at 11:51 AM

LO

“ Lorraine sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons



Lorraine - November 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ Stanley Smith, Michael Gaines, Roy Moore, Bud Moore, and myself Gene A. Leverette Senior we used to enjoy going over to ray's house on McClellan Street because when we first met them they were the best family that we ever had encounter that Miss Kay, Rachel and Dorothy and and Edgar Cynthia Darrel Tafero all were the best people they enjoyed having us over and we enjoyed wearing out our welcome, because Miss K didn't really want us to leave. She was such a loving, kind person and she always enjoyed us around Ray and we enjoyed being around Ray and their family , and sadly all of them are gone except myself Gene Leverette sr. we love you MARY be blessed keep looking up and I'll call you later. Sorry I couldn't make it because I test positive.



Gene Leverette - November 29, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JM

“ My condolences to the family. My prayers are with you. You will be truly miss old friend.



Jo Ann McDaniel - November 29, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Renee Massey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons*



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**Renee Massey** - November 28, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Earnestine Williams (Burnett)*

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**Earnestine Williams** - November 28, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Ron Carolyn Hudson lit a candle in memory of Ray Simmons*



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**Ron and Carolyn Hudson** - November 28, 2023 at 06:56 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons.*



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November 27, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JP

“ *Jesse Perry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons*



Jesse Perry - November 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons*



Excelento Davis - November 25, 2023 at 08:57 AM

IF

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mary and the Simmons and Williams family. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Praying 🙏 for your strength family. Look to God for He will strengthen thy heart.*

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Irene Fouse - November 25, 2023 at 07:52 AM

CA

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the Simmons Family 🙏*



Crystal Ashburn - November 19, 2023 at 08:17 PM

YJ

“ Yvonne Luciel Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons



Yvonne Luciel Jones - November 15, 2023 at 07:23 PM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey



Jesse Kirksey - November 15, 2023 at 08:00 AM

KS

“ Kristine Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons



Kristine Smith - November 14, 2023 at 04:27 PM

KS

“ Prayers and condolences to you all. Ray was such a humble soul and a Smile that was always a pleasure to see. My and him worked together at Milt Weiss for years together. Let God give you strength and let the Love around you bring comfort.  
Kris and Family



Kristine Smith - November 14, 2023 at 04:23 PM

TS

“ I first met Ray when I started working at Milt Weiss Apparel down town with Demetri, Quentin and Milt and it was one of the best experiences in my life so thankful Ray was a part of that. Love you n Miss you Tim



Tim Smith - November 14, 2023 at 03:14 PM

FG

“ Condolences to the Simmons Family. Ray will always be remembered for his smile and his good heart. Love Rachel Gatewood and family.



faith Gatewood - November 14, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JG

“ Rest in peace Ray! The Gatewood Family would like to offer our deepest sympathies to Mary Simmons and Family. Ray will Always be remembered as a pure light full of happiness.



Joy Gatewood - November 14, 2023 at 01:22 PM

HG

“ Henry Gwendolyn Gaines lit a candle in memory of Ray Simmons



Henry and Gwendolyn Gaines - November 14, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JK

“ *Jake Kendall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons*



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**Jake Kendall** - November 13, 2023 at 08:36 PM

EL

“ *Mary you and your family have my deepest sympathy for the loss of Ray.*

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**Ellis** - November 13, 2023 at 04:24 PM

LB

“ *Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Ray Simmons*



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**Lois Bell** - November 11, 2023 at 02:51 PM

BD

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family. R. I. P Ray*



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**Bobie Holmes Douglas** - November 10, 2023 at 11:21 PM

RW

“ Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons



Rudy and Geneva Ward - November 09, 2023 at 01:32 PM

JW

“ My condolences to Mary and your sons. I'll be praying that the Lord will lift you all for peace and comfort during this difficult time.



Jacqueline Washington - November 09, 2023 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Ray Simmons



Lois Bell - November 09, 2023 at 06:37 AM

EW

“ Elder Woods lit a candle in memory of Ray Simmons



Elder Charles Woods - November 08, 2023 at 07:47 PM

TJ

“ *Mary so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that God is with you now and will continue to be with you through this difficult time. Hold to God's hand and peace and love be with you. Tommie Johnson-Beverly, Camden, Alabama*

Tommie Johnson-Beverly - November 08, 2023 at 01:05 PM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons*



Sandra Lewis - November 08, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *I remember Ray as an easy going, yet intelligent man. Mary, Star, Gayland, and the entire family and friends you have my sincere condolences and are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Marilyn Figueroa - November 08, 2023 at 10:58 AM

CG

“ *My sons and the men in my family shopped with Ray for many, many years. My sincere condolences to his beautiful wife Mary and his entire family.*



Carol Gardner - November 07, 2023 at 02:54 PM

SF

“ Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons



Sharon Fleming - November 07, 2023 at 10:46 AM

RG

“ Rev John W Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Oliver Simmons



Rev John w Gray - November 06, 2023 at 09:18 PM

BH

“ To Mary and the entire Simmons family. Praying God will strengthen you and give you peace during this very difficult time. Barbara Hudson-McKeown, Decatur, GA



Barbara Hudson-McKeown - November 06, 2023 at 09:14 PM

TG

“ Sadden to hear that Ray's transition. Praying for you all.



Terry Gates - November 06, 2023 at 07:34 PM

PL

*Condolences and prayers to the Simmons Family,  
so kind when I brought my young son down to the store for that touch  
of class picking a suit ..... 🙏🙏*

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**Patricia Lockett** - December 02, 2023 at 07:09 PM