



Willie Lee Simmons Obituary

November 20, 1943 - April 22, 2011

Mr. Simmons was a native of Darlington, SC and had lived in Albany since 1989, moving from Jacksonville, NC. He served thirty two years in the USMC and was a veteran of The Korean War and The Vietnam War, where he served two tours. He was the first African American Deacon at Sherwood Baptist Church where he and his wife were members. He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Whaley. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Dot) Simmons, a son, Gary Simmons (Anneke), a daughter Karen (Kai) Simmons-Dye (Daryl) all of Albany, a sister, Betty Simmons of Bronx, NY, two brothers, J.C. Whaley of Columbia, SC and William Douglas (Tori) of Darlington, SC, his mother, Roberta Simmons Whaley of Columbia, SC, one grandchild, Kayla Mineart of Savannah, GA and a host of nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Lee Simmons Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *To Willie's family, I was saddened to hear of his death, but wanted to tell you what a blessing he was in my life-and to the choir of Sherwood Baptist Church. For so many years he came in every Sunday and counted seats and heads and made sure that every person was in the appropriate place, had the appropriate music, and helped in anyway he could, but especially a kind word or smile. I have missed him the past couple of years doing that, but have kept him in my thoughts and prayers often. He was a special man, and he will be missed. I pray comfort and overwhelming love right now as you grieve his passing. But so thankful that his passing is into a place where there will be no more sickness for him and he is dancing with Jesus now and resting in His arms!! God bless you!*

Angie Estes - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dot, I am so sorry to hear that Willie passed away. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sandra and Bery White(Your former Mayfair Lane neighbors)*

Sandra White - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you all for the support during this tough time. I love my father dearly and he will always be in my heart and mind! I truly miss him and know i will see him again one day.*

Gary Simmons - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ With great sympathy and love, we rejoice with the family of your home going. You will be missed, but your family has lots of great memories to keep forever.

Richard and Bettie Turner - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We are so very sorry about the loss of Mr Willie. What a great man he was! Truly an honor just to have known him. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers and may God bless and be with you during this time. God Bless, Al & Donna Hatcher

Al & Donna Hatcher - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ You will always be missed and loved for everything you did and were! We Love Ya, Key & Whit

K . "Kye" Howard - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Love you all and I have such great memories of being at your home when we lived on off-base housing:)

Valerie Knowles - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ ~Today I looked into the sky and it was beautiful. I then realized it's because you are there. You fly with the angels now but part of you will always be with us. Love & Miss you Mr. Willie Simmons!!?~ ;o)"Those we love remain with us. . .in the whisper of the wind, in a soft rain that falls from Heaven, in each sunrise, in every single star that lights the night sky and in every single memory we hold within our hearts."~Mary Chandler Huff~My heart is heavy knowing you are no longer with us, but it is also rejoicing knowing you are no longer in pain & suffering. I anxiously await the day when we shall meet again. . .I wonder, will you be waiting there with your Sunday School bus and door wide open??? ?Much Love!!:)

Daphne A. Turner - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ You will be missed greatly. I love you Uncle Will. Rest in Peace.

Tara N Johnson - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Dot, Our prayers are with you and your family, May the Lord bless you and hold you in his hands during this time. Stan & Carol

Mr.& Mrs. William H Stansbury - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mr. Simmons, you will be missed... You were an amazing man and always had such a radiant smile! God bless your entire family, and I look forward to seeing you again on the "other side".

Cyndi Bingham - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ REST IN PEACE UNCLE WILLIE. I REALLY AM REALLY GOING TO MISS YOU. I AM BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN YOU AND CALL YOU UNCLE.

kimberly sanders - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Daddy, God blessed us with a wonderful father and loving provider for many years. You have always watched over us and protected us, even as we became adults. I will forever treasure all of our talks and time spent, especially over the last few years of your life. You make me so proud to be your daughter. We love and miss you so much that it is heartbreaking. But you know what...at the same time I'm rejoicing that you are now "Home"...no more pain...no more suffering...Daddy you are Home!! God is sooo good. God is a loving God, that is how HE knew the perfect time. Daddy, save a special place for me at HomeComing..I will be there..AMEN!! With love always "your baby girl", KarenP.S. You are now truly "At Ease"..Semper Fi

Karen "Kai" Simmons-Dye - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM