

*MaDella  
&  
Keith*



*Together  
Again*

*Keith was MaDella's baby. She always looked out for him and he did the same for her. MaDella was so proud when Keith graduated high school because there was never any doubt that all of her children would accomplish that goal. She knew how important it was to have an education and graduating was not an option. Nor was it an option for Keith's children. MaDella loved all her children, but Keith had a special place in her heart and she in his.*

***God Hath Not Promised***

*God hath not promised*

*Skies always blue*

*Flower strewn pathways*

*All our life through.*

*God hath not promised*

*Sun without rain,*

*Joy without sorrow,*

*Peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised*

*Strength for the day,*

*Rest for the labor,*

*Light for the way,*

*Grace for the trials,*

*Help from above,*

*Unfailing sympathy,*

*Undying love.*

***Keith's Pride and Joy***

Keith loved his children. K.C. was his only son. He was proud of the fact that K.C. watched over him, took care of him and asked for nothing in return.

He was also proud of Brianna, his youngest child. When she graduated from Abraham Clark High School in Roselle he stood in the pouring rain. She was so excited that she literally jumped on Keith and knocked him down in the wet grass! (That was a scene to remember.)

Brianna says she only shared him with Jordy who he loved to talk and laugh with.

Sabrina, his oldest daughter had a special place in Keith's heart. He was proud of her diligent work ethic and believed she was a great mother to his granddaughter, Sade. Sabrina and Keith spent lots of time talking and he could always lift her spirits with kind words or a joke.

Keith's children all knew in their hearts that their dad would always listen – no matter what the situation he would always say "Let's talk." He always ended their talk by saying "You know I love you."

***Acknowledgement***

*The family of Keith Charles Simmons, Sr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.*

*May God continue to richly bless you.*

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*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life of*



***Keith Charles Simmons, Sr.***

December 21, 1953 - June 10, 2011

**Service**

Saturday, June 18, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**White Rock Baptist Church**

1101 Chandler Avenue • Linden, New Jersey

***Rev. Dr. Robert C. Morris, Pastor***

# Order Of Service

- Organ Prelude
- Processional
- A Parting View
- Hymn
- Scriptures Readings .....Joy Adele Slaughter
- Prayer ..... Rev. Lemy Simmons, Jr.
- Solo
- Words of Comfort
- Reflections ..... Kim Lydia Holmes  
Shannon Nicole Swan
- Acknowledgements ..... Michelle Gautier and Ilescia Hodge
- Obituary ..... Norma Simmons Baker
- Remarks ..... Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Pastor  
Bible Way Deliverance Center – Roselle, NJ  
Representatives of White Rock Baptist Church
- Solo
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. Robert C. Morris
- Recessional

*Immediately following the committal, family and friends are invited to return to White Rock Baptist Church in Linden where a repast will be served.*

### CREMATION

Rosehill Crematory • Linden, New Jersey

### PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of Keith Simmons, Sr.

*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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# Reflections - Remembering Keith Charles Simmons, Sr.

On December 21, 1953, **Keith Charles** was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was the youngest of ten children born to Lemy Simmons and Adele Simmons. Keith was named for his mother's brother whom she cherished and that may have been the beginning of why he became so special to so many. There is just something about being the baby of such a large family. Perhaps, because he was loved so much Keith had an easygoing nature and a friendly smile for everyone. Keith was a graduate of Abraham Clark High School Class of 1971. He later studied culinary arts at Union County Vocational School. Family and friends enjoyed the baked treats that he would share and many looked forward to receiving a birthday cake. Keith was a food handler for Continental Airlines.

His love of his children, Sabrina, Keith Charles, Jr. and Brianna, his granddaughter, Sade, his family and his community was his legacy.

Keith loved being involved in his community. He always knew the current events of the city of Roselle. He was an active and caring citizen who was proud to be a part of “his” great small town. He especially loved working the polls during election day which he did for more than eighteen years. His mission was to encourage others to be involved in the electoral process.

Keith was an avid sports fan and was the family sports commentator for wrestling, baseball, basketball and football. In case you missed any game, Keith could give you the play by play with accuracy. He was always ready to defend his team, and if they lost, he promised they would all make a comeback next season. Keith loved going to Atlantic City for fun and relaxation.

As a faithful member of White Rock Baptist Church, Keith would be the one to call you and say “Yep, we sure had good Church today and you missed it.” He could give you the message verbatim and knew all the scriptures by heart. He knew the importance of having a personal relationship with God. Keith had been a Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member and he also, enjoyed Bible Study. He loved his church family and they loved him also.

Keith loved his children, his granddaughter and all of his family. For his family and loved ones his life was too short. His optimism followed him. He tried to make lemonade out of lemons and was successful because of his faith. When we asked Keith how he was doing, he always said, “I’m coming along, I’m alright.” He is ALL RIGHT now. We will miss him.

Keith Charles Simmons, Sr. departed this life on Friday, June 10, 2011 at The Pope John Paul II Pavilion at St. Mary’s Life Center – LTC in Orange, New Jersey at the age of 57. He was predeceased by his dad, Lemy Simmons, his mother, Adele Decoursey Simmons and two brothers, Leroy and Barry Simmons.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his children, Sabrina, Keith Charles, Jr. and Brianna. He also leaves to mourn his death, his sisters, Arleen Adams, Norma Baker, Betty Simmons, Brenda Harris, Paulette Parsons, Ophelia Reid, Lorraine Swan (Fred) and Sharyn Patterson (Arnett); his brother, Lemy Simmons, Jr. (Lorraine) and Janet Jones (Jas) Godmother to his daughter. Affectionately known to over 100 nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews as Uncle Keith or Keifee, he will be remembered for that great smile, his intelligence and subtle, but all knowing laugh. His friends and church family will remember the treasure they found in knowing Keith.

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