

*In Loving Memory
of*



Luevonia A. Simmons

Sunrise

February 6, 1965

Sunset

July 28, 2013

Service

Saturday, August 3, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

631 East Front Street • Plainfield, NJ 07060

The Rev. Donald Sullivan Medley, Officiating

The Rev. Dr. Carol Lawrence, Assisting

Obituary

Luevonía A. Simmons was born on February 6, 1965 in Newark, NJ to Ethel Simmons and the late Joseph Dee Simmons. To family and close friends she was affectionately called “Birdie.” Why Birdie, because as a child she always pecked at her food and ate very little like a bird. After four years with a courageous bout with breast cancer, Luevonía heard the call and made her transition home. She died on Sunday, July 28 peacefully, with her loving family by her side.

Luevonía grew up in Newark, NJ where she attended University High School, received her BA from Bloomfield College and later her MBA, Business Administration from Farleigh Dickinson University. After relocating to Sayreville, NJ she later purchased her first home in the city of South Amboy. Those close to Luevonía knew, (next to Tony), her house was her pride and joy.

She was a hard-working, ambitious and intelligent individual with a great sense of humor. Luevonía was known for her comical statements and remarks...having the knack to make you laugh. Luevonía was also an accomplished Operations Executive. With her knowledge, managing and coaching standards she was able to turn Marvel Entertainment into a high performance operation; increasing their accountability and streamlining their operational practices. After almost eight years with Marvel she became a consultant for numerous Fortune 500 companies prior to becoming ill.

She was a devoted mother, daughter, sister and friend. Everyone knew the love of her life was her only child, Anthony (Tony) Reid. This was prevalent upon walking into her house as there was not a wall in the home that didn't have a picture of Tony. Tony would always beg her to take the pictures down, especially when his friends came to visit. She was just as proud of him as he was of her. They were the perfect duo even until the end.

Luevonía is survived by her devoted and loving son, Anthony “Tony” Reid, her mother, Ethel Simmons, brothers; Ronald, Istawa, Kennin Sr. (Deborah), Marvin, Maynard and Gerard (Pauline); sisters; Patricia, Josette (Denorris) and Candace; nephews; James (Maisha), Kennin, Jr. (Renee’), Taw-fiq, Daniel and Qamar; nieces; Kaib, Carissa, Jennifer and Davonna and a host of grand-nephews/nieces and wonderful close friends.

**LUEVONIA’S GODLY AND LOVING SPIRIT, TREMENDOUS STRENGTH,
AND GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR WILL LIVE ON IN THE COUNTLESS
LIVES OF THOSE WHOSE PATHS SHE CROSSED.**

She will be deeply missed. We loved her, but GOD loves her best!!!

Order of Service

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. Carol Lawrence

SPECIAL MUSIC

“When I Come To The End Of My Journey”

Jeff & Deirdre King

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 93-Anthony Reid

John 3:16-Kennin Simmons, Jr.

REFLECTIONS

James O’Neal- “When Tomorrow Starts Without Me”

Kasim Turner

Josette Simmons

Gerard Simmons

OBITUARY

Pauline Rene'-Simmons

MUSIC SELECTION

Jeff & Deirdre King

EULOGY

Reverend Donald Sullivan Medley

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

Reverend Donald Sullivan Medley

Let the Church Say Amen-Jeff & Deirdre King

Interment

Hillside Cemetery

Scotch Plains, New Jersey

*The family invites you to the Repast following the interment at Hillside Cemetery,
COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH fellowship hall.*

PALLBEARERS

Marvin Simmons

James Simmons

Kasim Turner

Kennin Simmons, Sr.

James O’Neal

Gerard Simmons



WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes are filled with tears of me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, just as much as I love you
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an Angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.
And said my place was ready in Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do
It seems almost impossible that I was leaving all of you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had
If I could relive yesterday, I thought just for a while
I'd say good bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile
But then I fully realized that this could never be
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Acknowledgement

Because you cared... you came to share;
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer;
Because you cared enough to do;
Words of comfort and cards came too;
Because you cared, we were not alone,
Calls and visits reached our home;
Because you cared, we were grateful indeed,
You've been sincere in comfort,
And attentive to our needs;
Because you cared, we're praying too,
For God's richest blessings
To reach each of you.
The Family

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