

*A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR*

*JOHN P. SIMMONS*

*SUNRISE*  
*FEBRUARY 21, 1959*

*SUNSET*  
*DECEMBER 6, 2015*



*Friday, December 18, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.*

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**

**216 Fourth Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631**

*Pastor Joel N. Parrish, Officiating*  
*Bryant Crockett, Organist*

## OBITUARY

**John Simmons** was born in Harlem, New York to the late Doretha Simmons and John Patterson on February 21, 1959.

He attended elementary school there, and got the nickname “Jackpot” because, whoever would hold him as a baby, tended to hit the street numbers and win some money. Over here in New Jersey, he was called “Neck bone”, because he was very thin as a teenager and young adult.

Johnny was one of five boys, from oldest to youngest; Ernest Simmons, Stan Simmons, the late Everett Simmons, himself, and then Bruce Jamison Simmons.

John attended Englewood Public school systems and also an organization called the Saint Mark Cadets.

He landed his first job as a teen here in Englewood, NJ with UNICEF an after school work program for the minors.

John loved to work and was very good with remembering codes and numbers. He was known for being the first employee to show up to work in the morning.

He was loved by his friends but at times, was somewhat a unique individual.

Johnny will be sadly missed by many but in particular, Mr. Bruce Foscue Aunt Zedda, sister-in-law, Luz and Gwynn Simmons and a whole host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Gone but not forgotten, Neckbone.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Invocation

Musical Selection

*Stacey Harris*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Obituary

Musical Selection

*Stacey Harris*

Remarks

Reflections

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional



# WORDS OF COMFORT

*If you should awaken one day to find  
that God had forbidden my sun to shine  
I wish that you would not shed a tear  
just bow your head and say a prayer.*

*My funeral is not being preached today  
it is a celebration in a way.  
I've shed my troubles, my ups and downs  
now I'm going home to get my crown.*

*I've done some bad, I've done some good  
but God is merciful, He understood.  
He forgave my sins and set me straight  
and now I can enter the Pearly Gates.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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