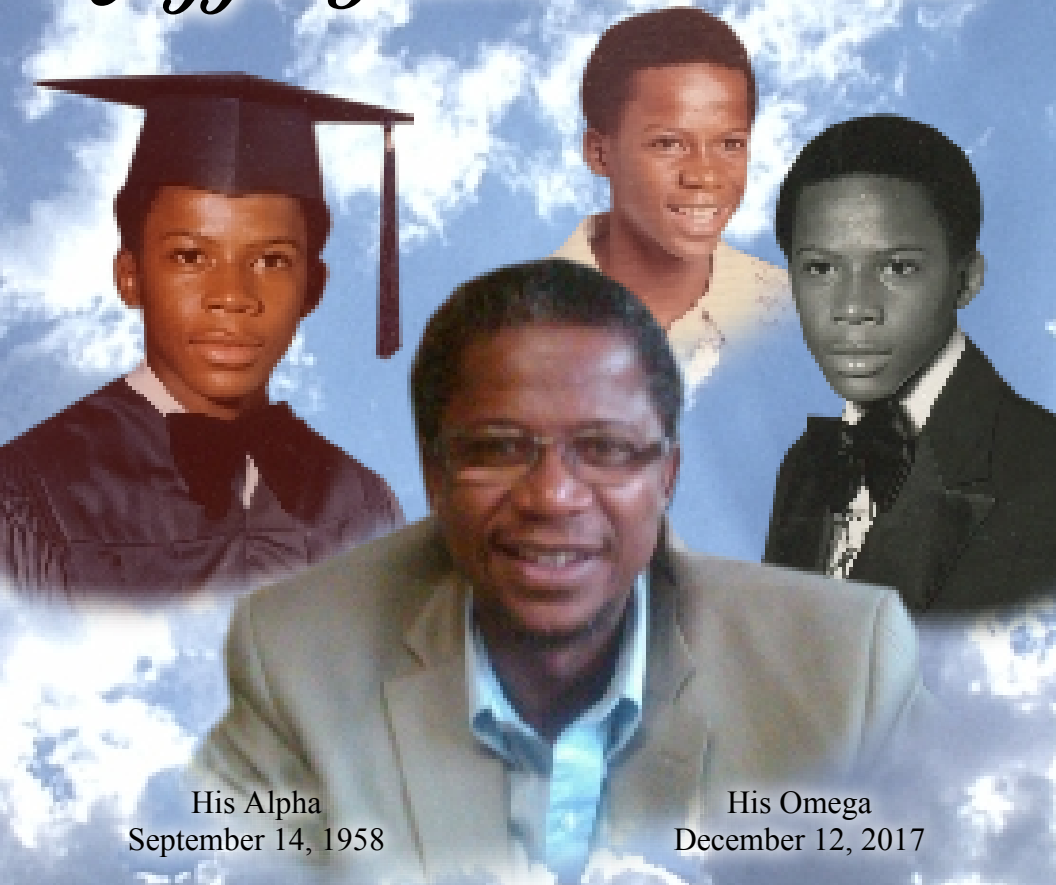


*Celebration of Life and Homegoing  
Service for*

# *Jeffery Lee Simmons*



His Alpha  
September 14, 1958

His Omega  
December 12, 2017

***Beloved Father, Brother, Uncle and Friend***

*Service*

*Wednesday, December 20, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

**Clear View Baptist Church**

314-320 Hobson Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Curtis Belle, Jr., Senior Pastor*

*Officiating*

## *Celebration of Life*



On September 14, 1958 in Roanoke Rapids, NC God released one of His soldiers to the care of the late Wilford and Marie Simmons; they named him “Jeffery” and for fifty-nine years, He allowed him to walk this earth to spread his love around to family and friends.

On Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 1:32 a.m. God called His soldier “Jeffery” to return to his Heavenly home.

Jeff received his education from Northampton County, North Carolina School system. Upon completing high school, Jeffery moved to New Jersey to join his siblings.

Jeff had various employment before joining Bell Atlantic (Verizon) in May of 1989 as a Facility Technician. After twenty-five years of service, Jeff retired in October, 2014.

Jeff loved and had a deep devotion to his family. He would spend hours talking to them on a daily basis, talking to his friends about basketball and football especially his favorite team the Washington Redskins.

Jeff was raised in the Baptist faith. He joined Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church at an early age. However after

relocating to New Jersey he rededicated his faith and joined Clear View Baptist Church where he was a faithful member.

Everyone who knew Jeff would find a smile on his face, his soft spoken voice and caring heart. Jeff will be truly missed by everyone.

Jeff is now enjoying the pleasures of Heaven with his parents Wilford and Marie Simmons, sister Rosita S. Collins and aunt Bertha Blount.

Jeff leaves to cherish his loving memories: his son, Jeffery Maynard on Elizabeth; three sister, Juanita (Charles) LaBoone of Hillside, NJ, Elaine M. Simmons, Plano, TX and Delois Simmons of Hillside, NJ; one brother, Wilford (Bridgette) Mons, Belgium; brother-in-law, Carlton Collins, Sr., Fort Washington, MD; fifteen nieces and nephews, Corey, Nicole, Carlton Jr., Kevin, Wilford III, Dianna, Donna, Stephane, Elisabeth, Madeline, Raphael, Eleonore, Bartheleny, Noah and Theo; twelve great nieces and nephews, Alexis, Ashley, DaeSean, Carlton III "CJ", Camille, Noerie, Mia, Wilford IV, Lenny, Chase, Melhia, Mila; uncles, Starkey Mitchell Jr. (Viola) Vauxhall, NJ, Jasper Mitchell (Sue) Piscataway, NJ, Robert Mitchell (Mae) Summit, NJ, Joe Mitchell (Maureen) Orlando, FL, Lawrence Mitchell (Gloria) East Orange, NJ, Ronnie Mitchell (Midge) Cumberland, VA; other beloved relatives and friends.

# *The Order of Worship*

The Prelude

Opening Words

Selection ..... Tracy Hillsman

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection ..... Valarie Adams-Manigault

Tributes ..... Two Minutes Please

Acknowledgements and Obituary ..... Keely Mitchell

Selection ..... Valarie Adams-Manigault

Eulogy ..... Rev. Curtis Belle Jr.

Closing Prayer

Recessional

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

**Floral Bearers and Casket Bearers**

Family and Friends

*Immediately following the interment, the family will receive relatives and friends for a period of encouragement in the Church Fellowship Hall.*

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday it is never goodbye it is I will see you later.*



## *Footprints*

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".*

*-Mary Stevenson*

# IN MEMORY OF JEFFERY LEE SIMMONS

by Minister Shaunda Sutton

(with Memories shared from Jeff's niece, Nicole Simmons)

**J** is for the **JOYOUS** way you spoke through your smile

**E** is for the **EXCELLENT** father you were to your child

**F** is for how **FRIENDLY** you were as a Verizon tech.

**F** is for the **FUN-LOVING** way you kept our family in check.

**E** is for how **EXCITED** the boys would get when you took them to the movies,

**R** is how **RELIABLE** you were, as a Verizon tech, wiring entire buildings with ease.

**Y** – is because you were **YOUNG AT HEART**, and the baby of the family

**L** - is for **LOVABLE**, which was easy to see when you were with your Mommy and Daddy

**E** – is for **EASY-GOING**, and a man of few words, except when the Redskins were on

**E** – is for the **EXTRAORDINARY** dance moves you would display in the kitchen, especially when they were playing your song.

**S** – is for **SOCIABLE**, you were a son, a father, an uncle and friend like no other.

**I** – is for the way you **INSPIRED** us, even though you were the younger brother

**M** – is for every **MEMORY** you captured perfectly with your camera's lens

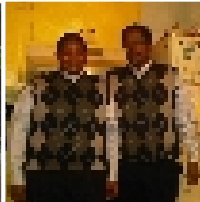
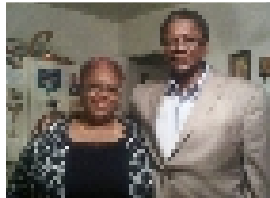
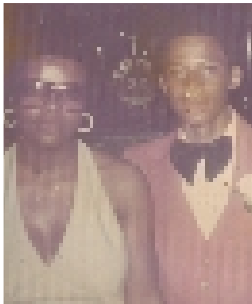
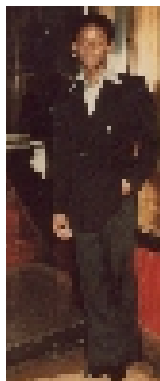
**M** – is for the **MODEST** way you never complained about your illness, even 'til the very end.

**O** – is because you were so **OPEN-HEARTED**, made sure you visited the entire family in North Carolina

**N** – is because of the **NICE** Mother's Day celebrations we had, at The Hot Spot is where we would find ya.

**S** – is because you will **SINCERELY** be missed, and like the red message in the basement has been permanently written,

And so it is with your life and legacy.....**MR. JEFFERY LEE SIMMONS.**



# God's Garden



God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

## Acknowledgement

*The family of Jeffery Lee Simmons wishes to express it's sincerest appreciation to all who extended the many expressions of kindness during this extremely difficult period. We will be forever grateful to you for your encouraging words, prayers, visits, messages, gifts, cards and all other acts of condolences. We will always remember and cherish your thoughtfulness. Further thanks to Carolyn Whigham and her staff for their professional and compassionate services and assistance.  
— May God richly bless and keep each of you in His loving and tender care.*

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