



In Loving Memory of
Simone Kim Blanding

Loving You Always, Forgetting You Never.

Sunrise
April 23, 1963

Sunset
May 19, 2020

Service

Friday, June 5, 2020 • 2:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

May 19th 2020 in Belleville, New Jersey Simone K. "Monie" Blanding Succumbed to Covid-19. Simone Was a Gifted Woman, Definitely One of a Kind and Will Continue to Be Loved and Missed by Her Family and Friends.

Ms. Simone K. Blanding Was Born in Newark, New Jersey to Joseph Blanding and Thelma Bowens on April 23 1963.

Simone, Was Educated within the Newark Public School System. She Attended Barringer High School and Graduated June 1981 in Culinary Arts.

Ms. Simone, Had a Genuine Affectionate Love for People, It Was a True Calling. She Was Truly an Asset to One's Life. She Was a Great Friend to Us All and We Cherished Her Every Living Day. Simone, Worked at Innovative Educational Programs, LLC in the Hillside Public School System 2002 - 2008. Ms. Simone K. Blanding Was a Teacher's Assistant Working with Special Education Students Ages 11-14 with Learning and Behavioral Disabilities. Simone, Helped Provide One-on-one Assistance and Positive Classroom Atmosphere to the Students. She Enjoyed Working with Students and They Enjoyed Her as Well. She Was Known for Her Famous Bun Hair Styles. Students Would Always Compliment Her and Called Her " Ms. Simone with the Bun".

Staff Quote: Ms. Blanding Was Caring and a Gentle Person Who Always Had a Beautiful Smile That Emulated from within.

Simone Continued on Her Supportive Journey with Aiding The Residents of New Jersey by Earning Her Certification on Being a Home Care Specialist through the National Association for Home Care (Nahc).

Ms. Simone, Provided Superior Quality Care to Individuals Threatened by Illness for a Total of Twenty-nine Years. Simone Started Her Long Career of Being a Certified Home Care Specialist 1991 with Midpoint Health Care Services, in East Orange, NJ, Serving Them for Eight Years. Simone Then Went on to Chrill Care Inc, of Verona, NJ Serving Them for Fourteen Years. Ms. Simone Finished Her Last Working Days on Earth by Serving the Clients of Bayada Home Health Care of Bloomfield, NJ. On May 4, 2020 Ms. Simone, Received Acknowledgement for Seventeen Years of Service from Bayada. The Bayada Office Staff Also Glorified Simone's Impeccable Attendance, Pleasant Mannerism and Immaculate Uniform Appearance That She Provided to Their Clients. Quote: Ms. Simone Loved Her Job and Looked Great Doing It!

Ms. Simone, Was Also a God-fearing Christian Woman Who Loved the Lord. She Attended Tie Christian Love Baptist Church in Irvington, NJ under the Late Rev. Ron Christian. His, Untimely Death Devastated Simone to the Point Where She Needed to Seek a New Church Home. Ms. Simone, Then Felt Heavenly Comfortable with the Teachings/ Preaching of Dr. Vernard E. Hinton, Senior Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, in East Orange, NJ Where She Completed Her Right Hand of Fellowship on May 20, 2019. During Simone's Spiritual Journey in Life with God in the Lead, She Would Speak to All Who Would Listen. Simone's Gift to Minister Was for Everyone, She Didn't Discriminate, She Even Preached to Strangers in the Street. Ms. Simone Calling to Aide Those in Need Was a Selfless Act She Enjoyed. She Saved Many of God's Children during Her Altruistic Life Here on Earth. #theamazingtruth.

Some of Our Forever Memories Will Be of Simone's Glamorous Fashionista Ways. She Always Represented a Beautiful Black Queen and Let Her Best Light Shine to the World. Simone, Brightened a Room When She Entered with Her Accessories and Fashionable Style, Shining Bright

like a Flawless Diamond. Family & Friends Can Also Agree Simone Was a Great Cook! We All Looked Forward to Family Gatherings and Holidays Anticipating Her Making One of Her Famous Pans of Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad or the Famous Baked Macaroni & Cheese. Thanksgiving Will Never Be The Same without Her. Simone, Also Loved to Travel. She Traveled Out the Country as Well as the State on Several Occasions during Her Lifetime with Loving Friends.

Simone, Was Also a Cancer Survivor. Her Undeniable Strength and Faith Allowed Her to Experience the Rest of Her Life Cancer Free.

Simone Is Predeceased by Her Father, the Late Joseph Blanding & Her Mother, the Late Thelma Bowens, Brothers, the Late Leonard, Harry, Gene and Gilmore Blanding. Sisters, the Late Gwendolyn, Margaret and Joyce Blanding. Simone Leaves behind to Cherish Her Awesome Joyous Memories of Life, Siblings Josephine (Jody) & Sharron (Shrimp) Blanding, Aunts, Annette & Clara Bowens, A Host of Nieces & Nephews and Cousins, Her God Daughters Nakya Amos & A'layla Salaam, Long Time Boyfriend Kenneth Brown, The Child "She Wished She Had" Keymea Amos, Long Time Cherished Friends, Lynne Nelson, Charline Patternella, Jacklyn Tutt and Mashae Dondyire, Along with a Host of Beloved Friends of Garden Spires. The Loving Employees of Bayada Home Health Care, Charline "Pat" Patternella, Mashae Dondyire, Irisha Wiggins, Mashae Green, Jacklyn Tutt, Pamela Salaam and Christina Smith.



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Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Simone K. Blanding** wishes to express our sincere thanks for the prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

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