

*In Loving Memory of*

*Yvonne Elizabeth Simon*

Sunrise:  
December 29, 1945

Sunset:  
September 18, 2023



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

**VIEWING: 6-7PM SERVICE: 7-8 PM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

# *Obituary*

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Yvonne Elizabeth Simon (77). Yvonne was born on December 29, 1945 in Beckley, West Virginia to the late Alice Burke and Horace Lester. Yvonne was the second oldest of seven children.

Yvonne moved to Newark, NJ when she was twelve years old, and graduated from South Side High School (Shabazz High School). After graduating high school, Yvonne got her Medical Assistant Certificate and became a care provider while she was working at Goodies in Kearny, NJ. Yvonne then became a professional bartender after owning a liquor store in Newark back in the 70's.

Yvonne passed away on September 18, 2023 in Irvington, NJ, leaving behind two children; Keith L. Simon and Tesha L. Ledbetter (son-in-law Joshua); and preceding her in death, her son Kishean Small (2022). Yvonne had gained three sons from a previous marriage: Darryl George (Lynella), Gregory George and Kem George. There are her 'bonus children: Charles Tolson (June Bug), Shawna Kates, and a host of others who also considered her a mother.

Yvonne had six grandchildren: Joceline, Jarrell, Natasha, Asia, Loren, and Keith Jr. & five great grandchildren: Jordan, Justice, Liam, Joel and Zaiden (due in November).

She will be lovingly remembered by her siblings: Phyllis Yasin (Roanoke, VA), Debra Thompson (Arlington, TX), and Mike Burke (Arlington, TX). Preceding in death to Yvonne, are her two brothers and one sister: Calvin Simon, Ronald Burke, and Diane Johnson. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins who will miss her dearly.

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YOUR LIFE WAS A

*blessing*

YOUR MEMORY A

*treasure*

YOU ARE LOVED BEYOND

*words*

AND MISSED BEYOND

*measure*

is never lost



Love



# God Looked Around His Garden

God looked around His garden  
and found an empty place.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He placed His arms around you  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills were hard to climb,  
so He closed your eyes and whispered  
"Peace be Thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you did not go alone,  
a part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
If love would have saved you,  
you never would have died.

*Repast immediately after service  
620 Ramsey Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205*

## Acknowledgement

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

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