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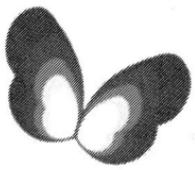
OUR BEAUTIFUL
BUTTERFLY ...



LENA MAE SIMMONS

June 24, 1943 ~ February 14, 2011

Remembrance with Love



Lena Mae Simmons

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Lena Mae Simmons was born June 24, 1943 in Charleston, Missouri to A.D. and Georgia M. Smith. After a long illness, Lena was called to rest on February 14, 2011.

Lena was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Lena never met a stranger and would always go that extra mile to help anyone. Always having a word of wisdom to encourage and support your needs, all you had to do was listen.

Lena was an active member of her church, Hopewell Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board. Lena had 38 years of sobriety and was an active member of Alcohol Anonymous which was a rebirth to her life. Lena was a member of International Free & Accepted Modern Masons Order of Eastern Star / Good Samaritan # 131.

Lena was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Julius H. Simmons; her father, A.D. Smith; her grandmother, Martha Morgan; two sisters: Arlene Pittman and Betty Mae Harris; two brothers-in-law, D.A. Bogan and Raymond Harris; one daughter, Peggy Simmons, and one niece, Ophelia Hutton.

Lena leaves to cherish her loving memory her children: Brenda Starks, Pleas (Cleo) Starks Jr., Janice (Raymond) Pugh, Margaret (O'Neal) Kendrick, Julius (Cathy) Simmons, Jr., Beverly (Edward) Reese, Connie (LaRay) Jordan and Jeanette (Leon) Walker; her mother Georgia Mae Smith; three brothers: Robert E. Smith, Sylvester Smith and Kenneth (Shirley) Smith; two sisters: Mary Alice Bogan and Deloris Smith; 31 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren; extended daughters Gloria Tyson Harper and Kimberly White; an extended sister, Mary Morris; longtime friends Shirley Blackman and Eloise Hunter; loving godmother Irene Allen, and a host of other family members and dear friends.

Mom ~ You fought a good fight - it's time to rest ...

No more pain, no more hurts.

Mom, my mother friend, I love you always.

I know you're not gone from me - I'll see you later.

Gone but not forgotten Mom, Mommy, mother, and friend to all ...

Rest on.

Love, Jan

Homegoing Celebration Service

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Avenue · Buffalo, New York 14211

Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr.
Pastor, Officiating

Wake 11 AM

Family Processional and Viewing
Tribute from Order of the Eastern Star
Receiving of Friends

Celebration Service 12 Noon

Musical Prelude

Processional Pastor and Clergy

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

New Testament John 14:1-6 Reverend Raymond Pugh

Prayer of Comfort Reverend B. McCalister

Musical Selection Hopewell Baptist Church Choir

Poetry Reading Debbie Henderson

Solo Don Hunley

Reflections from Family and Friends

(In Consideration of the Family,
Please Limit Remarks to 2 Minutes)

Acknowledgement of Condolences &

Reading of Obituary Gloria Tyson Harper

Resolution from Order of Eastern Star Sister Annie Allen

Solo Mr. Darrell M. Saxon II

Eulogy Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

Recessional

Interment

St. Matthews Cemetery

*If you wake in the morning and miss me,
please try to understand.
An angel came, called my name
and took me by the hand.*



Acknowledgements



To My Family ...

I said a prayer for you today,
And I know God must have heard -
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame -
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.



Pallbearers

Bill Barner
Cardell Lowe
Darnell Starks

O'Neal Kendrick
Virgil Pruitt
Reggie Williams

The Care of Our Loved One Entrusted To

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street · Buffalo, New York 14211



Interment

St. Matthews Cemetery
180 French Road · West Seneca, New York 14224

Thank You

We would like to extend our appreciation to all for the many expressions of sympathy and love during our time of need. We extend special thanks to Hospice Buffalo Team 3, the 9th Floor Staff at Buffalo General Hospital, Dr. Richard Schifeling, and to Laura Harper for her love and support.

The Family of Lena Mae Simmons

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