



Gail LaVerne Simms

May 18, 1961 - May 5, 2015

Gail LaVerne Simms departed this life Tuesday, May 5, 2015. She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence M. Staton, Sr. She leaves to cherish in her loving memory her daughter, Audra Simms, three sons, Lorez (Feshona), RaJaun and Frank Simms; nine grandchildren; Jahmel, Mike`l, Lorez Jr., Lemone, Daisha, RaJaun Jr., Ra`quan, Aladdin Simms and Edyn Snatt. Her mother, Bettie M. Simms; eight sisters, Carolyn Robinson, Catherine, Hazel and Sarah Simms (Stanley), Linda Ford (Charles) Janet Orraca, Sandra, Tonya and brother Clarence Staton, Jr. A devoted Aunt Lottie Potts, devoted nieces, nephews, God daughter and a host of family and friends.

Gail grew up in Church Hill where she attended and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. After high school she proceeded in higher education and received her Real Estate License Certificate, Certificate of Completion in Cosmetology, Certificate of Completion in Cosmetologist Apprenticeship and her Certification of Income Tax Preparation.

Gail Simmons was our "Queen". She raised her children by example with tough love and instilled in us seeds of greatness, as a female entrepreneur she defined all odds by owning and operating multiple businesses over the past thirty years. Her legacy will be remembered as a "Phenomenal Woman" and known by her grandchildren as "NANA". She will be realy missed. They all shared special memories like vacations she took her older grandsons on in

addition to the special birthdays and gift baskets for her young grandsons. She and Daisha shared Spa times and the qualities of being a young lady.

She, her sisters and brothers loved and adored each other and they would always allow her personality and beauty to shine bright at every family gathering. Gail's love for her nieces and nephews was evident in every personalized gift they would receive for their accomplishments and special occasions in their lives.

Gail was a sassy and classy spirit and will be truly missed by all who loved and adored her.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAY 9. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Street Baptist Church of God
2301 Cedar Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Gail LaVerne Simms*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I had a wonderful privilege of working with her during tax season. Her drive and passion was noticeable. Such a wonderful person.*

Joseph Fant - November 21, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *To Ms Maude, Linda, & Katherine:
So sorry to hear of Gail's death. I heard today through my Aunt Christine Mears. I'm praying that God will grant you peace knowing that she's in his loving arms.*

*Sincerely
Mildred (Douglas) Smith-Roane*

Mildred (Douglas) Smith-Roane - May 11, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *I extend my deepest condolences to The Simms family. Ray the day you loss your mother Heaven gained an angel. The bond between you two will always remain unbreakable .RIP Gail*



veronica pollard - May 08, 2015 at 09:51 PM



“ My childhood memories that are the most joyful or memorable involved the Simms family. Miss Bettie Simms and her six beautiful daughters, Carolyn, Katherine, Linda, Hazel , Sarah and Gail.



Gail was the first friend I had growing up in Fairfield Court. She was the youngest in her family and I was the oldest and only girl in mine. We lived three doors apart and we were the youngest girls on the block. I was four years older than Gail but she was at least four inches taller than me. We weren't allowed to cross the street or go off our row of apartments, so we became friends. Gail was a good playmate, we played the usual girlie things. We spent hours playing with our doll babies, jackrocks, hopscotch, hide and go seek. We also played marbles with my two brothers Fatty and Tracy. But our favorite thing was playing with paper dolls, designing our own wardrobe for them and us dressing up! We have had so much fun!

I started training to try out for an intramural track team, lead by the track coach (Mr Cliff) for Virginia Union. I had been jogging for two years trying to impress Mr Cliff. The day of the try out, I came out of the house, Gail was sitting on her glider. She asked me where was I going? I told her and she asked to come along. We headed over to Kennedy high school track. Mr Cliff saw us and he seemed very enthusiastic! I was excited because I hadn't seen him like that before. He was waving to us to hurry along. Mr Cliff asks me, Yvette who's your friend? I introduced him to Gail. Shucks; I didn't get to try out, All that man cared about was Gail. He had her running back and forth. He gave her the authorization papers for her mom to sign. I don't even think she was old enough.

Gail looked at me with the saddest look in her eyes. All I could say was I would've picked you too, with those long legs! We laughed until we cried. Gail wrapped her arm around my neck and we walked home. We never argued or got mad over anything. All we did was have fun.

Gail was so pretty with big beautiful eyes and thick eyelashes. She had high cheekbones and when she smiled, you couldn't do anything but smile back. Did I mention that Gail was tall? Gail was a trendsetter, a Fashionista of the highest caliber. When she walked into a room everybody paused. I could go on and on about those early years knowing Gail but the most important thing is she was the first friend I ever had. Her passing has rekindled the good old times and taken me by surprised. Our time together is cherished and I vow never to forget Gail LeVerne Simms.

Rest in peace Gail until we meet again.

Yvette Cannon - May 08, 2015 at 08:09 PM

JJ

Very well said Vett.... thanks for the memories....

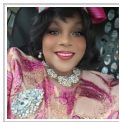
Julian (J.B.) Jones - May 11, 2015 at 03:39 AM

RS

This brought tears to my eyes...thank you for vividly describing this woman i loved and cherished as my mom. It means eternity to me!!

"Sincerely Rajaun Simms Sr."

Rajaun Simms - March 09, 2016 at 03:13 AM



I'm just finding out of Gayle 's Passing. I'm deeply saddened. She was beautiful, smart and intelligent. She was also my hairdresser. Love you Gayle and you will be missed. RIP

Faye Crawley - November 14, 2017 at 06:42 PM

JJ

“ Julian (J.B.) Jones lit a candle in memory of Gail LaVerne Simms



Julian (J.B.) Jones - May 08, 2015 at 06:36 PM

SM

“ I love you and miss you Auntie!!!
~Sharrie

Sharrie M. - May 08, 2015 at 11:38 AM

JJ

*Gail though it's been years that i've seen you, memories of you are so clear. The times you use to watch me for my mom and would not let me play outside until I finished my homework..lol.. most of all I remember you took me to my first school play I was in when I had to sing and was nervous and you encouraged me I could do it, oh and the times we went to the circus and ice shows at the colosium...you were my mother's go to babysitter. I remember you being so fashionable and fly and a beautiful girl. I always said when I grew up I was gone marry you..lol..or one of your sisters you all were so beautiful. We shared some good times playing card games, and me keeping your secrets when your friend came over to visit while you kept me, althougj Julia Jones knew somehow anyway, mother's intuition I guess...lol.. wow this is truly one beautiful creation gone to soon. You will be truly missed. On behalf of the Jones family, me, Tomica, and my mom Julia (RIP) in her absence from earth we send the Simms family our deepest condolences in this time of sadness yet joy that your suffering is no more. May you all be comforted by God's peace and strength. Ms. Betty, Carolyn, Catherine, Linda, Hazel, Sarahann.... we the Jones family send our love our love and blessings to you all...
Julian (J.B.) jones,*

Julian (J.B.) Jones - May 08, 2015 at 06:26 PM

NS

*RIP Gail Simms, Extending my deepest sympathy to the Family.
Nickoletta Sayles*

Nickoletta Sayles - May 11, 2015 at 08:45 PM

MM

*My deepest sympathy goes out to Gail family. Myrashell Thompson
McMorris (MeMe)*

Myrashell Mcmorris - May 11, 2015 at 10:26 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - May 07, 2015 at 06:25 PM