



James Richard Simmons, Jr.

September 5, 1953 - April 8, 2014

James R. Simmons, Jr., peacefully slipped into eternal rest on April 8, 2014. He was born on September 5, 1953 in Richmond, VA. He was the son of the late James and Gertrude Simmons. James was the youngest of four children. He attended Richmond Public Schools.

After marrying his wife, Brenda, he moved his membership to Ebenezer Baptist Church in Beaverdam, VA. He served on the Usher Board until his health began to fail.

James was a dedicated employee for Sears for 26 years; working as an appliance technician. He gave every job or task he was assigned his very best.

He loved his family and friends and they loved him. He was definitely a comedian at heart. Also, many didn't know James was considered a walking GPS. He could give directions to most any place. He always got such joy out of things such as motorcycle riding, fishing and eating. He loved riding his motorcycle to the mountains and other fun places. When he went fishing, he would help you take the fish off the hook once or twice but after that, you were on your own. His favorite foods were squash, corn pudding and apple cobbler.

During all he had to endure, James showed such courage and faith; never

complaining. He would always have that smile on his face, willing to make the best out of every situation.

James leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife of 32 years, Brenda; a loving daughter, Mya and a very devoted son, Richard; one sister, Ruth, one nephew, Quentin who was like a son; two godsons, David and Josh Vincent; a friend, Kyle Johnson, who called him dad and a host of other relatives and friends among them, Jack and Diane Neal, Mack and Janet Freeman, J.D. and Betty Shipman, Bruce and Evelima Thurston, Harry and Virginia Smith, Leon, Lynette and Tiffany Goode and Amanda and Ayoka Dandridge.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
1446 Scotch Town Road
Beaverdam, VA 23015

Tribute Wall



“ *James Richard Simmons, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My sympathy to the Simmons family. I did not know if personally, but just reading the obituary, I can sense how special he was to you. Keep in mind always those special moments, those stories and may the God of comfort be with you all. 2Corinthians 1;3,4 are specials works to be comforted by.*

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“ *Please accept my condolences on the passing of Mr. Simmons. Death is truly a sting which will be done away with soon. The Bible makes the promise of us seeing our loved ones again. Please read this at John 5:28,29.*

Sophie Strachan-Moreno - April 14, 2014 at 09:44 AM

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“ I write you with heartfelt condolences at this sad time. Death is something very hard for us to cope with. we can look to Gods word the Bible for the promises that are sure to come. The Bible promises at (John 5:28-29) " Do not be amazed at this for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." Jesus christ promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever peaceful paradisaic conditions. May Jehovah God of tender mercies and the God of all comfort help you during this sad time. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

For more encouragement please visit www.Jw.org.

sherries lee - April 10, 2014 at 03:23 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 - April 09, 2014 at 03:01 PM