



Rena C. Simms

May 20, 1940 - August 15, 2015

Rena would like to let you know that her work here is done. She received a call on August 15, 2015 at 10:52 am. It was an offer she couldn't refuse, for an eternal appointment.

This assignment comes with a huge bonus; a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time, an upgrade to a Mansion and streets paved with Gold. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be socializing, dancing, gardening and reading to her heart's content. Music, laughter and love are guaranteed and pain will be no more. The food is delicious and she will never gain an ounce. She left detailed instructions for her children, family and friends to celebrate her life, which has now been completed.

Rena was born on May 20, 1940 in Severn, Maryland to the late Irving Milton and Helen Catherine Eldridge. She was the 6th of 12 children but that didn't stop her from forging her own identity. She became Ms. Independent, as well as the center of attention, which by the way, she loved. The word was that when Rena spoke, everyone listened.

Rena attended Anne Arundel County Public Schools including Harman's Elementary and Wiley H. Bates High School. Rena attended Howard Community College for Journalism and she graduated from Springfield

Hospital School of Nursing. She was employed for over 40 years as a Nurse specializing in Pediatrics.

On December 12, 1959, Rena married the late Luther Simms and that union was blessed with four children; Robin Simms, Terry (Michelle) Simms, Rosalind (Gregory) Draft, Shelly (Walter) Moore. Rena loved her children very much, and if they called, she would always answer even in sickness, but the true loves of her life were her four grandchildren Kiona, Terry Jr. Jamar, and Naykeyta.

She spent endless time with them speaking into their lives, going to museums, taking trips and making sure that all their needs were met.

Rena was an ordained Minister and early in life she acknowledged her true passion, which was to give and serve others. Rena's generosity was known throughout the area. Rena would give anyone the shoes off her feet, food from her table and money from her pocket.

She was a Mentor for Breast Cancer survivors at the University of Maryland Cancer Center and owned an Assisted Living facility called Rena's Place that served the Elderly and Veterans.

She leave this earth to join her siblings in death ; Irving , Clarence, Brenda and Fern Ann.

She leaves to cherish her memory, (Four) devoted children Robin, Terry, Rosalind and Shelly, (One) special daughter, Tiffany Marshburn, (One) daughter in-law, Michelle, (Two) sons-in-law Gregory and Walter, (Four) grand-children, Kiona Mottley, Terry Simms Jr., Jamar Phillips (Tonya), and Naykeyta Moore; (Four) great grand-children, Ashlynn, Shayla, Mikayla and Chloe; (One) brother, Frank Eldridge, (Five) sisters, Ella Long, Ruth Gaynor,

Mamie Jackson, Barbara Anderson, and Marguerite McCoy, (Three) sisters-in-law, Helen Eldridge, Lillian Eldridge, and Sarah Eldridge, (One) brother-in-law Alexander McCoy , (One) uncle, Reverend Seawood Blackstone (One) special employer and friend Brian McFarland and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and associates

Rena did a great job with the time she was given and we wish her a safe journey. We will remember her smile, her warmth, her energy, her love for life, family; friends; colleagues; and clients

She worked very hard all her life, up until the very end. She made a difference in the lives of many and we will truly miss her.

Thank you for being a part of our lives Rena.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **20**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

AUG **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Moring Star Bapt. Church
154 Winters Lane
balto., MD

Service

AUG **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Morning Star Baptist Church
154 Winters Lane
Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Rena C. Simms*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Family of Rena,*

I was googling to find Rena out of nostalgia and sadly I came across this page. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

When I was a small child of about 3, some 30 years ago, Rena worked in our home as a night nurse taking care of my sick infant sister who passed away a few years after her birth. While I don't remember much from that period, I do remember thinking of Rena as some sort of angel who just suddenly appeared in our lives one evening out of nowhere. She would always be up to make me breakfast before her shift ended and would often have little surprise treats waiting for me when I woke up. I can remember her bringing "Magic Sand" and Mountain Dew - 2 things I had asked her for. She was someone who showed me true kindness at such a young age and I have never forgotten her.

Though she might not even remember me had she still been alive today, I will always have and will think of her as this sort of mythical, magical person. It's amazing how people can have such a profound impact without ever knowing it.

My condolences to all who loved her. I have no doubt she will be missed by many!

Matt Sweeney - October 04, 2015 at 01:02 PM

SH

*Hi Matt
I am sorry it took years to email you but I do remember her talking
about you and your family*

Shelly - January 30, 2023 at 12:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Rena C. Simms.*



August 20, 2015 at 08:30 PM

DM

“ *Robin & Family --*

*We would like to express our condolences on the passing of your
mother. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Although
we haven't seen Rena for years, we feel her loss deeply. You and
your family are never far from our thoughts.*

With love,

Arlene Warren and Family

Deborah McClain - August 20, 2015 at 01:18 PM

TG

“ *My condolences to you and your family, Shelly in the loss of your
Mother. I pray that God will comfort, cover, and provide for you and
your family.*

Taressa Green

Taressa Green - August 18, 2015 at 01:26 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. May God give peace in the mist of your storm. Keeping the family in prayer. Eric and Darlene Brooks- Doriscine Colley MD

Darlene Colley Brooks - August 18, 2015 at 11:08 AM



“ 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 - August 18, 2015 at 07:45 AM