



Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons

June 2, 1943 - February 3, 2024

Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Simmons, 80, of Richmond, received his wings, Saturday, February 3, 2024. Rev. Simmons leaves cherished memories to his loving wife, Elizabeth Simmons, their children, Christine, Angela, and Thomas Jonathan, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, five siblings, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Arrangements entrusted to March Funeral Home, 2110 E. Laburnum Ave., where viewing will be held 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2024, Family Hour 5 to 6 p.m. Celebration of Life service, 11 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Quioccassin Baptist Church, 9011 Quioccasin Rd. Interment Roselawn Memory Garden.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

FEB 9. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Quioccasin Baptist Church
9011 Quioccasin Rd.
Richmond, VA

Celebration of Life

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Quioccasin Baptist Church
9011 Quioccasin Rd.
Richmond, VA

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Loretta M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.

Loretta M. - February 12, 2024 at 02:07 PM

EP

“ My Condolences to Mr Simmons wife children & grandchildren & entire family & Freinds. May GOD our FATHER continue to give you all his STRENGTH PEACE & LOVE, during this difficult time! Remember: To Be Absent in the Body is to be Present with the LORD.



Edna Percy - February 10, 2024 at 07:10 PM

MD

“ Dear Simmons Family,

I was deeply saddened to learn of Tom's passing, but I take comfort in knowing that he has been called home to be with our heavenly Father.



I first met Tom through my marriage to his cousin, Joanne (Haywood) Dottin, and since then, I have been touched by his kindness and inspired by his unwavering faith. Tom's dedication to serving God and spreading His word was truly admirable, and his laughter and humor brought joy to all who knew him!

During this time of mourning, please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May God's comforting presence surround you as you navigate through this season of loss.

"The eternal God is your refuge, and His everlasting arms are under you."

(Deuteronomy 33:27)

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Michael Dottin*

Michael Dottin - February 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM

AN

Beautifully spoken. Thank you cousin!

Angela - February 21, 2024 at 08:11 AM

VW

“ To the Simmons family, God bless you at this time. I know that it is hard, but the good Lord will take care of you. Be strong, but remember Rev Simmons is still with you. Rev Simmons or Simmons as I called him from our days at the City of Richmond, Department of Public Utilities was a good friend, but he made you laugh. Never a dull moment with him. He helped train me & even though I left, we still stayed in touch. A friendship with him is a Lifetime. 🙏🏻✝️ I ran into him one day at Kroger, where I found out that he was working at Richmond Public Schools like me at another school. I would send him scriptures of prayers that he shared with his lovely wife. Then I got the call from his wife, that the Lord commission him a home in heaven sweet Angel.
RIP. My friend I 🙏🏻✝️😊



Viesta Washington - February 10, 2024 at 09:30 AM

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Viesta Washington - February 10, 2024 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Rev. Simmons. He was well respected, loved and one of a kind and his presence is truly missed.

SIP for a life well lived.

From The Stanley☀️, Shaw, Mealy families

Shawn Stanley - February 10, 2024 at 07:47 AM

BC

“ My Condolences to the family.



Brenda Keel, former co-worker - February 10, 2024 at 04:54 AM

KC

“ Rev. Dr. Simmons was for a time, a member of the Oak Grove Bellemeade Family as an instructional assistant, We appreciate is time, service, and dedication to our students. He was always pleasant, cheerful, and easy to talk to. He will be missed greatly and we are grateful for all that he did for our school. Mrs. Christian and Mr. D. Williams

Kisha Christian - February 09, 2024 at 08:32 PM

MN

“ Dear Mrs. Simmons and family. I am sending to you all my deepest sympathy and condolences. Dr. Simmons was such a loving husband and father, fine gentleman, excellent student at STVU, a scholarly pastor., and wonderful family friend. My first recollection was with my late husband, Dr. Paul Nichols, who was his VUU Seminary Dean. They had great admiration and respect for one another. We shall miss his engaging conversation, contagious humor and laughter.

Mrs. Brenda Nichols - February 09, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JB

“ When he walked into a classroom and smiled I knew we would have a good. I was not a New England Patriots fan but he sure was.



Johna Bishop - February 09, 2024 at 04:58 PM

AC

“ Sending sincere condolences to Mrs. Simmons and the entire family of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons. May God grant you comfort and peace at this difficult time. My memories of Rev. Simmons go back 20 years due to my friendship with his daughter Angela Cason. The love and kindness shown to me and my family over the years by Rev. will be remembered always. He loved to laugh, talk and make me laugh. I will miss him dearly. Rest In Peace, Power and Paradise Rev. Simmons. 🙏🕊️🌹
Love,
Angela Hayes Crump and Family



Angela Hayes Crump - February 09, 2024 at 04:06 PM

AN

Thank you so much for your love and support

Angela - February 21, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.*



February 09, 2024 at 02:37 PM

RG

“ *Rev. Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.*

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes - February 09, 2024 at 02:37 PM

FF

“ *From Nanina Lewis & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.*



From Nanina Lewis & Family - February 09, 2024 at 12:36 PM

NH

“ Ch Simmons, the "Memorial Tree" planted in honor of your dad from "Nathaniel H" is from the entire BCC24A class. We chose the tree because in the description it said, "We believe that every tree planted is a beacon of hope, life, and love that takes root deep within the earth." It seems that your father lived to give "hope, life, and love" to all. You have certainly modeled this to us. Thank you. You and your family are in our prayers.

Nathaniel Hardesty - February 09, 2024 at 11:24 AM

NH

“ Nathaniel H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.

Nathaniel H. - February 09, 2024 at 10:15 AM

FO

“ To the Simmons family you are in our prayers right from Rodney and Frances Owens

Frances Owens - February 08, 2024 at 09:00 PM

SD

“ Sandra Davis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.



Sandra Davis - February 08, 2024 at 05:04 PM

SD

“ Sandra Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.

Sandra Davis - February 08, 2024 at 05:04 PM

RF

“ Rev. Dr. Florence King and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons.



Rev. Dr. Florence King and family - February 08, 2024 at 04:20 PM

VW

“ John 14:2 Jesus told his disciples he was leaving to prepare a place for them. Truly there was a room in mansion with Thomas Simmons' name on it. Even thou I am sadden he has left this earthly home, but happy to know he is with Jesus in his heavenly home. I am thankful that through my life's journey I met Thomas along the way. Such a beautiful soul.

Veronica Waddey - February 08, 2024 at 12:57 PM

DP

“ My prayers to Mrs. Simmons and family. I always enjoyed talking and serving Reverend Simmons at our church events. He was a kind man. I will miss him.

Deborah T Patterson - February 08, 2024 at 12:56 PM

LJ

“ To a fellow Samuel, all that I can remember is that Rev. Simmons was always at the house for dinner. He seemed to live his life to the fullest. It was and is my extreme pleasure and privilege of knowing him. Rest in heavenly peace Sir, for I'm sure you've earned your wings.

Lawrence Samuel, Jr. - February 08, 2024 at 07:07 AM

VW

“ To the Simmons Family, you have my deepest sympathy. I met Rev Simmons when we worked at Department of Utilities. We have been friends after that. The good Lord has you now my friend. God bless your wife for contacting me. It is so hard to believe.

RIP 🙏✝️🕊️😊



Viesta Washington - February 07, 2024 at 10:37 PM

SC

“ Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons served on the ministerial staff at Second Baptist Church (Southside) several years ago but I remember him immediately when I heard of his passing. God has truly called another soldier home. Condolences to his family. Second Baptist Church is here for you all. STClaxton

SANDRA THOMAS CLAXTON - February 07, 2024 at 02:31 PM

SD

“ Sonia Davenport lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Thomas Samuel Simmons



Sonia Davenport - February 06, 2024 at 05:48 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 - February 06, 2024 at 05:19 PM

EJ

To our dear friend Dr Rev Simmons. It was a great pleasure meeting you and your lovely wife. We will definitely miss you. Rest in peace my brother. Elder and First Lady Randall Jackson Sr Buchanan COGIC

Elder and First Lady Jackson - February 07, 2024 at 07:04 PM

RR

I know Rev Dr. Thomas S. Simmons, as Chaplain Simmons. We served together in Prison Chaplaincy at James River Work Center. He was truly a blessing to Graceinside Prison Ministry. May God's peace and love be of great comfort to his family and friends during this time of sorrow and in the days to come. Blessings, Chaplain Vera Rhyne

Rev Vera Rhyne - February 07, 2024 at 08:26 PM

JH

We were saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Thomas Simmons. Our prayers, thoughts, and love are with you today Mrs. Simmons and family. We have been the beneficiaries of his interest, work, and support for our friends at the Pine Street Baptist Church in Covington, VA, and for the American Baptist Churches of the South. Thank you for sharing your faith.

James M. Harrison - February 08, 2024 at 01:21 PM

DW

Rev. Simmons and I worked at City Hall years ago and what a friend he and inspiration he was to me. We share the goodness of the Lord and had many laughs. I know you are resting in the arms of Jesus! My condolences to the family

D. West - February 08, 2024 at 08:06 PM

WB

To my family, we are saddened at the loss of our dear Cousin Tom. He was and will always be remembered with a smile, always showing the love of God. At many of our family events we held him in such honor as a Man of God. To the Simmons family we will continue to pray for you and look forward to seeing you all in the near future to continue to share memories and celebrate the life of Cousin Tom. May God grant you peace and comfort today and in the days to come.

William, Sharon, Isaiah Brown - February 09, 2024 at 09:19 AM