



## Vance Simms

April 5, 1950 - May 2, 2019

Peacefully on May 2, 2019 VANCE SIMMS was called by the Lord to join his parents Issac Oliver and Marie Simms, five brothers and four sisters. Vance was born April 5, 1950 in Baltimore Maryland. He attended Baltimore City Public Schools. Vance accepted Christ at an early age. He was baptized at Union Memorial Baptist Church Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

Vance was funny, and his family members had tried to get him to become a comedian. His joyous humor would have you laughing for days. Vance was a singer growing up. He was a member of the original Softones, along with his nephews, Marvin, Larry and brother Arthur. He also was known as a master when shooting pool, he earned the nickname Sharkie. He was lovable, opinionated and a strong leader. Vance grew up in Edmondson Village(WestSide), then he ventured out and moved to East Baltimore. There he was well known for attending the Clifton Park softball games.

Vance, with his fine dressing and lovable attitude, met and married his wife Shelia Simms. Their union blessed by God lasted 32 years. Vance and Sheila enjoyed their lives and they loved entertaining and traveling.

Through encouragement from his brothers he stated his career as a professional slipcover installer. He later was employed by housing authority until he retired. He was then employed with the Baltimore School system as a

school crossing guard and as a auto parts distributor .

Vance loved his family and close friends he never hesitated to give his time and services when needed.

Vance leaves to cherish his precious memory; his loving and devoted wife Sheila; two sons, Darnell(Rana) and Shawn Simms; his daughter, Shancheza (Kevin) Wilkerson; his precious grandchildren, Nathan Shayla. Blake Simms, Alexis Stewart, Kaia, Aalia, Makia, Shawn Simms, Kaleah, Kaelynn, Kevin III Wilkerson; one loving sister, Mary Brown; three brothers, Thomas Edward, James and Yasuf Hadith Simms; brothers-in-law, Tyrone, Larry, Darnell, Frederick; and a sister-in-law, Viola Cloude; host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkwood Cemetery

3310 Taylor Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAY 10. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
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## Family Hour

MAY 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

MAY 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall





“ *Vance Simms*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

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“ Nothing happens by coincidence. I was 25yrs old looking to buy my first home. And when I came to view my home for the first time, you were there. And ever since that very 1st moment you have shielded me like I was your own daughter. Before living on my own, I thought a neighbor was just a person who lived close to you. Never would I have imagined a neighbor being a confidant, a protector, a father figure, etc. The list goes on. I will miss the porch talks, the constantly checking on me when absolutely nothing was wrong, grabbing my packages when i told you there was no need to, the happy spirit that you always spread throughout the neighborhood, pulling up and saying “Heyyy Neighbor”, and the nonstop reassurance that you would always be there. I took so much for granted thinking that you would always be there. I never imagined that one day you wouldn’t. You taught me how to be a NEIGHBOR, and not just someone who lives next door. You always encouraged me to be the best woman I could be. You gave me sound advice like a father would give to a daughter and I am forever grateful for that. There is an emptiness at my home knowing that you are no longer next door. Sometimes people don’t realize how bonded they are to someone until they lose them, and I realize how much of a blessing it was to have known you for the last 4 years. This is a tough loss for me but i’ll find comfort in knowing that God’s purpose for you in my life was to teach me to always be kind, and to redefine the word NEIGHBOR. I will forever remember all you have taught me and I pray to see you again one day. Praying for your family and friends.   
Forever your neighbors,  
Britney and Moo

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Britney Robinson - May 11, 2019 at 12:19 PM

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“ *Sheila and family, I am so very, very sorry for you loss, I know that it is very hard and I know that you are hurting. Sheila keep your FAITH and TRUST in GOD! He will see you through this, so hold on to his unchanging hand, and know that what you and Vance have will forever be in your HEART and in your SOUL it is a TOUCH OF CLASS THAT WILL ALWAYS LAST! MEMORIES ARE FOREVER SHEILA, GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU, if me or my family can help or assist you in anyway please reach out to us. Love Pebbles, & Family*



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**Frances Smith (Pebbles)** - May 08, 2019 at 04:19 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 06, 2019 at 11:44 AM