

Journey of Life

Clarence Obediah Simon was born on June 24, 1949 to Ernest A. Simon and Sue Essie Cardwell Simon in the city of Danville, Virginia. His father was a Pentecostal Minister and had a radio program for years where he preached to the sick and shut in.

Clarence was raised in a loving, Christian home. As a toddler, the family moved to Washington, D.C. Clarence was one of seven siblings, his brother, Ernest Simon (Cordinus) and sister, Hazel Simmons, preceded him in death. He was a happy and thoughtful child who had a natural, artistic talent for drawing pictures.

He received an education in the D.C. Public Schools, finishing at Roosevelt High School in Northwest D.C. He later attended Rutgers University and pursued a degree in Business Administration where he was a good student that received honors. After three years at Rutgers, Clarence left to start his own business in the sale of clothing. He also worked at the Bell and Howell Telephone Company for many years.

After retiring from work, Clarence decided to open a shoeshine business in a large office building in Roslyn, Virginia. He really got into the idea of shoe care and its relationship to foot and overall health care for his many customers. He worked there for years and enjoyed his work.

Although he started his business in Virginia, Clarence later moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he joined PCD Ministries Church under the guidance of Dr. Marie E. Brice. While serving in the ministry, he became a Missionary and later an Ordained Minister. Clarence loved spending time in church praying all day and all night if you let him. He also enjoyed going out in the community feeding the homeless, and dancing in church on one leg. He would always greet everyone with a big smile that followed with him saying, "Bless You" or "I am blessed going in and coming out!"

While spending time in church as he often did, Clarence met the love of his life, Tonya and as usual, he greeted her with that infamous big smile and the famous two words he'd always say, "Bless You." He knew there was

something special and different about whenever he greeted Tonya. He paid special attention to her and two little cousins she would bring to church with her by making sure they always had food, goodies, little knickknacks for them, as well as making sure there was always something in the bag for Tonya.

Clarence later told Tonya that he would often ask God why is this woman upsetting my prayers by not being able to get her out of his mind, only to realize that she would become his wife. In 2000, Clarence and Tonya got married and from this union came Keon in the year 2010. Clarence absolutely loved his wife Tonya and adored his son, Keon. You could not talk to him for too long before he would get that gleam in his eyes when speaking of them.

Clarence leaves to cherish his memories: his wife and friend, Tonya Simon; son, Keon; three sisters, Esther Marie Everhart, Catherine Blue (Stanley) and Phyllis Hines; brother, Michael Williams; mother-in-law, Carolyn; sister-in-law, Danita; two brothers-in-law, Bobby and Mark; nieces and nephews who he loved and encouraged: Vincy Rodriguez (Angel), Otto Hines, Jr. (Towanda) (deceased), Michelle Matthews, Wanda Duncan, Uvonda Jenkins, Donine Wallace (Winston), Erdinus May, Taj Hines, Tasha Williams (Antwaine), Aurelio Simmons and Stephanie Blue; four goddaughters, Myra Miracle, Tanina and Lindsay; three lifelong devoted friends, Dr. Charles Williams, Jason (who he mentored as a big brother and Sharon; many devoted friends and a host of other family members.

Clarence loved his son Keon. You would often find him reading the bible to him at a very young age. Their relationship was very special as father and son and you could not separate the two of them.

The last conversation was,

"Daddy wants the best for you, and I love you."



Order of Service



Hymn

"When We All Get To Heaven"

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Pastor Cynthia Williams

Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Williams

Selection

Reverend Gayle

Remarks

Family & Friends

Acknowledgments & Obituary

Shirlette Raza

Selection

Tanya Hawkins

Eulogy

Donine Wallace

Benediction

Dr. Charles Williams



A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; oh yes, these things, I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. Look for the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free!*

Final Resting Place

King Memorial Park
Baltimore, Maryland

Pallbearers

Friends & Family

Acknowledgments

We, the family of the late **Clarence Obediah Simon**, gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.

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Celebration of Life

For



Clarence Obediah Simon

JUNE 24, 1949 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Wake: 1:00 p.m.

Funeral: 1:30 p.m.

Wylie Funeral Home Chapel

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