



Mrs. Mary Ellen Simmons

November 10, 1958 - December 26, 2025

A lover of nature and the beauty of the seasons, Mary was also mindful of the seasons of life with an appointed time for everything under the heavens, a time to be born and a time for our departure to eternal rest.

Mary Ellen Singleton Simmons was born on November 28, 1958 in Fayetteville, North Carolina to the late Arthur Lee Singleton and Carrie Bell Singleton.

She transitioned from labor to reward peacefully in her home on December 26, 2025.

Mary, affectionately called Sue by her family, spent most of her life in Newark, New Jersey. While in Newark, she was educated in the public school system and received a degree in business from Essex Business College. After college Mary was employed as a payroll specialist for a local business. She attended St. Stevens Baptist Church in Newark. Mary relocated to Fayetteville NC to become a caretaker for her uncle, and ended up reunited with a childhood friend from Newark, Wendell Simmons, who she later married on December 28, 2016. Mary loved her family and treasured the frequent visits back to Newark to visit her nieces and other family members. Having a deep and abiding love for nature, she enjoyed immensely all that God created. She loved listening to the waves of the ocean and just being outdoors listening to

the melodious songs of the birds. She even had a host of pets including her cat Smokey, and 2 tortoises she found in her pond.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Arthur Lee Singleton and Carrie Bell Singleton, her sister, Cynthia Singleton.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her devoted husband, Wendell Simmons; her brother Salim Ahmad, three sisters-in-law Catherine Fairley, Josie Francois, and Rosa Simmons; one brother-in-law, Ray Simmons; two nieces, Zenobia Singleton and Pia Thompson, great nieces and nephews Zy'Asia , Za'Kieyah, Za'Mijaey, Za'Morian, Zaila, Messiah, Zori, and Ka'Oire; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Ellen Simmons*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - January 09 at 10:02 AM

KF

“ *Sweet defines the person you were, my first cousin, Sue, your gonna be missed, we love you up here in Jersey and you will never be forgotten, Love from your cousin Kamisha*❤️

Kamisha Fairley - January 10 at 03:05 PM

DF

“ *We rejoice knowing our dearest cousin Sue has joined uncle Arthur, Aunt Carrie and cousin Cymp, in their new home, At the same time our hearts break at the loss of another family member. It's not easy to say goodbye to family when it's forever. We prayed for recovery but God had other plans. We're glad that you had a full life and that your transition to the ancestors was peaceful. Rest in peace dear angel. Your family loves and misses you.*

Delphine Fairley - January 10 at 02:45 PM

CA

“ *Candace lit a candle in memory of Mary Simmons*



Candace - January 09 at 09:50 PM

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“ *Sending our sympathy and condolences to Cousin Wendell and the rest of the Family. Holding you up in love and prayers.*

From Cousin Linda and the rest of the Fisher, Battle & McMillan Family

Linda Battle (Fisher) - January 09 at 04:22 PM

BR

“ *Prayers to the family Cousin Wendell you have our deepest condolences sympathy. Continued love and prayers during this time. From The fisher's Clyde & Hester , Brittany ,Samantha*



brittany - January 06 at 12:09 AM

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“ *My condolences 🙏 to the Simmons and extended families.*



Archie & Deborah McArthur - January 04 at 01:33 PM



“ *Catherine & Candace lit a candle in memory of Mary Simmons* ”



Catherine & Candace - December 30, 2025 at 01:52 AM