



Mr. Charley W. Simmons

February 20, 1940 - April 24, 2025

Charley Willie (Sonny) Simmons of Peoria passed away on April 24, 2025, at 1:12 a.m. at his residence. He was born on February 20, 1940 in Dyersburg, TN., to Willie and Mary Simmons. Charley later moved to Chicago, IL at the age of ten and was raised there.

Charley later moved to Peoria, IL in 1973 where he met the Love of his life Joangela Simmons and later married her in October 1990. They were happily married for 31 years.

Charley served in the Navy and later received his GED. He drove trucks for Browning Truck Company and worked at Caterpillar since 1979 and where he later retired. Charley Joined New Cornerstone Baptist Church where he served on the Usher board and was a member of the Male Choir. Charley was a Community Leader, Softball coach for Blue Note, and Father to so many.

Charley was loved by his family and leaves to cherish his precious memories: sons: Charley "Chucky" Simmons Jr. of Chicago, IL, Pere (Robyn) Faulkner of Milwaukee, WI, Issac Simmons, Edmond Simmons, Elander Simmons of Peoria, IL. Daughters: Maria (Bobby) Nesbitt Winbush of Markam, IL, Natasha Faulkner & Tyecha Washington of Indianapolis, IN, Tayo (Terry) Faulkner, Camille (Nick) Richmond, Lacey Simmons, Monique Simmons, Makiya Simmons of Peoria, IL. Siblings: Sherry Simmons of Peoria, IL, Mary Lynn

Chambers, Kermitt Simmons, Billy (Gail) Simmons, Andrew (Julia) Carroll of Chicago, IL Eugene (Debroah) Simmons of Orlando, FL; Brother in Laws: Darrie (Connie) Faulkner, Darrell Faulkner, and Bradley Faulkner; God Children: Melvin Rogers, LaJuan Porch, Jada Ivy, Shanita Ivy, and Dynasty Smith; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Charley was preceded in death by his parents Willie and Mary Simmons, two brothers Turner and Benny Simmons, one sister Nora Browning. Daughters Youlandice & Brianna Simmons. Grandchildren Darryl Miller Jr. & Amarion Lewis Simmons.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at New Cornerstone Baptist Church (3609 W. Harmon Hwy Peoria, IL 61604) at 10:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Mark McConnell, Pastor will present the Eulogy.

Charley will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Simmons" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Charley W. Simmons" please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 W Harmon Hwy
Peoria, IL 61604-5926
(309) 676-8983

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Annette Lucy - May 30, 2025 at 12:38 AM

PC

“ *To the family of Mr. Charlie W. Simmons*

The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Although our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort you and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure. He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.

God be with you,

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II
Lady Marcia J. Bolden
and the PCJC Church Family*

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ - May 17, 2025 at 01:25 PM

MB

“ *Mildred Baldon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Mildred Baldon - May 08, 2025 at 10:26 PM

SR

“ *Shari Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Shari Rutherford - May 05, 2025 at 04:13 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Mancy Pittman - May 04, 2025 at 10:11 PM

BR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family. May God be with you during this difficult time.*



Brendaldreez - May 01, 2025 at 09:57 PM

KF

“ *Kay Moore & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Charley W. Simmons.*



Kay Moore & Family - May 01, 2025 at 03:59 PM

MF

“ *Men of Faith purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mr. Charley W. Simmons.*



Men of Faith - May 01, 2025 at 10:25 AM

DB

“ *Mrs JoAngela!! I love you and sorry for your loss. I remember when I worked at the bus garage you told me the story about when you met Charles. It was on from there.(lol) I knew it was real because the smile on your face was like you just had met him. He was from Chicago.(your words) and you had to have him, you got him you kept him 31yrs. Hold on to the memories Love Always Dorothea*

Dorothea Banks-Burse - April 30, 2025 at 08:41 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Emel Buckner - April 30, 2025 at 06:22 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Karen Ashby - April 30, 2025 at 05:47 PM

PG

“ A part of me is soooo sad to hear this but then there's that happiness knowing that Mr Charles is upa younder with his Savior. I will never forget that run lol (only the family know). To ALL of yall especially Mrs JoAngela I send my sincere condolences & know that Gods gotchu as hard as this may be. I love you all & you'll gain the strength you need as you continue trusting God & serving Him.



Pam Gaston - April 30, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TJ

“ RIP ❤️ Charles



Teania Johnson - April 30, 2025 at 04:41 PM

PJ

“ Pamela L Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons



Pamela I jackson - April 30, 2025 at 01:02 PM

DW

“ Donna Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons



Donna Wilson - April 30, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SE

“ JoAngela and family, so sorry for your loss. I'm praying for your strength at this difficult time. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Charles will be missed, but he's resting now with Jesus! Love you all!

Sandra Evans - April 30, 2025 at 11:38 AM

SW

“ Shewona Whitehead purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Charley W. Simmons.



Shewona Whitehead - April 30, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SW

“ Shewona Whitehead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charley W. Simmons.

Shewona Whitehead - April 30, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RF

“ *Rena Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Rena Horton & Family - April 30, 2025 at 12:02 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charley W. Simmons*



Kathy Collins - April 29, 2025 at 11:38 PM