



Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons

May 29, 1923 - December 10, 2016

Mrs. Bertha Stegall Simmons went home to be with the Lord on December 10, 2016 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born May 29, 1923 the daughter of Lula and Fayette Stegall in Corinth, MS. She accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. She attended St. Rest School in Selma, TN. She met James Simmons and they married in 1943.

She later left Tennessee in 1951 to relocate to Muskegon, MI and moved permanently to Kalamazoo, MI shortly after. Bertha worked in many homes doing domestic services/cleaning. She later became employed in the Dietary Food Services Department at Western Michigan University. She later went on to retire from Peter Eckrich after many years of service.

She was a faithful member of the Church of the Living God in Battle Creek, MI, the Pillar and Ground of Truth, serving as a Missionary for many years. She enjoyed the outdoors and loved gardening and landscaping. She also loved reading her Bible daily. She had a generous and giving spirit about her, and was known to give to numerous non-profit agencies.

Her favorite T.V. shows included country western movies, National Geographic and religious/church programs. She was known as a serious and direct woman, who also had a kind and gently spirit about her. Bertha was an adventurous and a very special lady, who touched the hearts and lives of many. She will be greatly missed by all.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lula and Fayette Stegall, Sr.; her siblings: David, Myra, Harron and Benjamin; and son-in-law, Otis Murray.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughters, Christine Simmons and Lillie Murray; 3 sons, William Patrick Burns (Clara); Samuel Simmons (Vivian) and Randolph Simmons; siblings, Elijah Stegall, Harold Stegall, Jeanette Polite; Gentrall Stegall and Fayette Stegall, Jr. ; grandchildren: Brandon Simmons, Sean Simmons and Heather Caper, Troy A. Murray, Otis Murray III, Malorie Banks, Angela Simmons, Marcus Campbell, LaShonda

Steele, Shaun Steele, Pershell Walker the late William L. Burns and Nicole Burns; great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also, a special nephew, Halbert Stegall and a special “daughter-in-love”, Mary Burns.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church
821 S. Burdick Street
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

DEC 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*



Earline Fields - December 28, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear about your mother . I also lost my ma in augasta . May god keep you safe . Marsha emory Willie*



marsha emory - December 24, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*



Barbara Phillips - December 23, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*



Karest Willis-Brown - December 20, 2016 at 04:29 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*



Dallas Boards and Family - December 20, 2016 at 01:36 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*



PATTERSON FAMILY - December 20, 2016 at 07:25 AM

VS

“ *Love you aunt Bertha*



Valerie and Perry Stegall - December 19, 2016 at 04:45 PM

CW

“ *C Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Bertha Mae Stegall-Simmons*



C Walker - December 18, 2016 at 08:58 PM

LW

“ *To the Stegall Family, We the Church of the Living God, Toledo, OH would like to send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We that knew her know she is truly a real women of God. Sincere in her walk with God. We know the Church family will miss her but, to be absence from the bottom is to be present with the Lord. Prayerfully yours, Bishop Clifford Warren - Pastor*

Linda Warren - December 16, 2016 at 02:05 PM