



Mother Earlene Simpson

July 18, 1932 - February 6, 2014

Mother Earlene Simpson was born July 18, 1932 in Greenwood, MS to Gracie Mae (Knox) Edwards and Jody Liddell. Earlene accepted Christ at an early age and rededicated her life to the Lord in 2003 when she became a member at Tabernacle Church of God in Christ. Earlene was a resident of Chicago Heights, IL where she was employed at the Dragon Inn Restaurant. She later moved to Kalamazoo where she was employed at The Park Club, Meijer Thrifty Acres, and Peter Eckrich & Sons where she retired in 1997 after 28 years of service.

Earlene enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, tending to her many plants, and decorating with lots of knick-knacks. She was a very loving mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her family. She was affectionately known as “Momma” by many who knew her. She touched everyone in her own special way and she was a help to anyone in need. Momma always said before you left her presence, “Don’t forget me now.” Mother Simpson will never be forgotten; she was unforgettable.

Earlene was the proud mother of 11 children.

Earlene was preceded in death by her grandparents Henry, Sr. and Alice (Foote) Knox, her parents Gracie and Jody, 2 uncles Henry, Jr. and Lawrence Knox, 1 aunt Rosa Lee Minor, her husband Leroy Simpson, Sr., 2 sons

Herman and Hardy Simpson, and grandson Michael J. Dixon, Sr.

Earlene leaves to cherish her memory, surviving family: sister Anna Mae White of Lansing, MI; 5 sons, Leroy, Jr. (Patricia) and Alfred O'Neal (Dorothy) of Kalamazoo, MI; Willie (Georgetta) of Harvey, IL, and Dana and Sherman of Atlanta, GA; 4 daughters, Athalia, Vernita Grace (Kenneth Sr.) Dixon, LaBrenda Jackson, and Denise Snell all of Kalamazoo, MI; 26 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, 1 uncle Charles (Dessie) Knox, Sr. and 1 aunt Verleener Robertson both of IL, 5 nephews and 2 niece-in-laws, a special little sister Sumani Haney, and a host of cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ
3210 Virginia Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Homegoing Celebration

FEB 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Harper Funeral Home - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Mother Earlene Simpson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mother Earlene Simpson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I haven't seen any of you all in a very long time. But I love you still. Miss Earlene was my momma. She was extremely instrumental in raising me to be an honorable woman, who loves God. She didn't know the impact she had on me. But because of her, today I am truly blessed. May God grant her a station in the paradise that is close to Him and his faithful servants. Love you all and will keep you in my prayers. Lydia Muhammad

Lydia Muhammad - April 25, 2014 at 08:53 PM

TF

“ *The Dancer Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



The Dancer Family - February 21, 2014 at 02:27 PM

JF

“ *Judy And Jerry Clark And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



Judy and Jerry Clark and Family - February 19, 2014 at 08:20 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



Edith Gardner - February 18, 2014 at 08:31 PM

RL

“ *My prayers are with the Simpson family. God bless you all.*



Ramona Lumpkin - February 13, 2014 at 12:10 AM

VB

“ Valerie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Valerie Brooks - February 12, 2014 at 08:58 AM

LG

“ love always the Simpson and Kerney families in Georgia. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mother Earlene Simpson.



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February 12, 2014 at 07:56 AM



“ Karest Willis-Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Karest Willis-Brown - February 12, 2014 at 12:16 AM

AB

“ Arlene Buchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Arlene Buchanan - February 11, 2014 at 11:02 PM

AR

“ to the Simpson family I am so sorry about your loss. But I have been told God only take the best. may God wrap His arms around you all and comfort you during this time.

Artelia - February 11, 2014 at 01:32 PM

AS

“ Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Alma M. Snell - February 11, 2014 at 09:37 AM

JM

“ Jesse & Azzile Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Jesse & Azzile Mitchell - February 11, 2014 at 03:31 AM

LJ

“ Lucile Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Lucile Johnson - February 10, 2014 at 10:40 PM

MW

“ We are all deeply saddened and grieved at the passing of our dear Aunt Earline. Auntie was a very beautiful, thoughtful and fun a loving woman. She was a loving aunt to all of us. And a dear friend and sister-in-law to mom. Our loving memories of Auntie will forever be with us.



To our cousins, the children of our precious Aunt Earline: During this difficult moment our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you. We are here for you so please call us anytime you feel like you need to talk. The world lost a radiant light when she closed her eyes to go home to be with the Lord.

Love,

Your family in Atlanta

Marie Simpson Woodson - February 10, 2014 at 10:37 PM

SS

“ Simpson Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Simpson Sanders - February 10, 2014 at 10:34 PM

GW

“ GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - February 10, 2014 at 10:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Earlene Simpson.*



February 10, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *To God Be The Glory Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



To God be the Glory Doris Abbott - February 10, 2014 at 03:50 PM



“ *To God Be The Glory Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



To God be the Glory Doris Abbott - February 10, 2014 at 03:48 PM



“ *Joann Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



Joann Dixon - February 10, 2014 at 12:08 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Earline Fields and Family - February 10, 2014 at 11:33 AM

AN

“ Dear Family and Friends, I am deeply sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. "The Most High God Jehovah" is the "Hearer of Prayer" and a great source of comfort in times of grief and distress (Psalm 46:1). And God has also, assured us that "death will be swallowed up forever and tears wiped from all faces Isaiah 25:8). We will also have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28,29. May the reliability of this wonderful promise, soothe and comfort your broken hearts, until you embrace Mother Earline once again. God always keeps his promises (Titus 1:2).



Anne - February 10, 2014 at 08:21 AM

MW

“ Minister Flora Walker lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson



Minister Flora Walker - February 09, 2014 at 06:13 PM

ML

“ *Mark & Linda Lee lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



Mark & Linda Lee - February 09, 2014 at 04:33 AM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - February 08, 2014 at 02:02 PM

PF

“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Earlene Simpson*



Patterson Family - February 07, 2014 at 03:12 PM

LS

Streeter Family

Lola Streeter - February 10, 2014 at 08:11 PM