



## Mr. Joseph ("Joe") Lee Simmons

April 11, 1953 - April 30, 2011

Mr. Joseph ("Joe") Lee Simmons was called home on Saturday, April 30, 2011. He was born in Detroit, MI to his parents, Charlie Simmons and Lucy (Arrlington) Simmons, on April 11, 1953. He accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of Greater Saint Peter's AME Zion Church. As he grew in Christ, he later was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and served as a trustee for several years. Joe graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit, MI in 1970. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Western Michigan University in 1974. He was joined in matrimony to Sherry Carlene Phillips on June 22, 1972 and from this union they were blessed with three children, Reuquiyah, Spencer and Traci. Joe began his career with General Foods in Battle Creek, MI in 1976, and from there he was employed in the tax department at The UpJohn Company, now Pfizer, for 25 years until his retirement in 2003. His professional and personal affiliations included Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., National Association of Accountants, the National Association of Black Accountants, the Institute of Management Accountants and the Loyal Order of Moose. With his own determination and drive, Joe established Simmons Accounting, which serviced a diverse group of clients, over several years, from many states and walks of life. He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife of 40 years, Sherry; his three loving children, Reuquiyah (David) Saunders of Kalamazoo, MI; Spencer Simmons of Lansing, MI and Traci Simmons of Lansing, MI; one brother, Tyrone (Ruth) Simmons of Detroit, MI and one sister, Juanita

McKinnie of Wayne, MI; two grandsons, Donovan Joseph Saunders and David Brian Saunders, Jr.; his aunt, Loreatha Beatty of Detroit, MI; his loving mother-in-law, Ms. Earline C. Lawson of Portage, MI and father-in-law, William (Loreatha) Phillips of Elkhart, IN. He leaves a host of sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, clients and friends. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Charles Simmons and nephew, Charles Simmons, Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 342-1000  
info@harperfuneral.com  
<https://www.harperfuneral.com>

## Visitation

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

## Service

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MAY 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph ("Joe") Lee Simmons



Harper Funeral Home - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Joseph ("Joe") Lee Simmons

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Joseph ("Joe") Lee Simmons

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Reuquiyah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph ("Joe") Lee Simmons



Reuquiyah - July 10, 2013 at 08:16 PM