



## Mr. Jessie Leon Simmons, Jr.

March 1, 1931 - September 22, 2021

JESSIE LEON SIMMONS JR. of Forestville, MD entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. He was born to Jessie L Simmons, Sr. and Janie Bell Richardson on March 1, 1931 in Charleston SC. He attended the public schools of Charleston and is a graduate of Burke High School.

Mr. Simmons accepted Christ at an early age and joined Central RMUE Church in Charleston, SC. In 1951, he enlisted in the United States Air Force serving 26 years of active military service. He retired in Frankfort, Germany in 1978 and remained there until December 1991. After returning to the states, he moved to Forestville, MD and lived here until his passing.

Those left to cherish his memories are his sisters, Mildred Chapman and Deborah Washington of Charleston, SC and Elaine Demu of Flushing, NY; brothers Melvin Simmons of Bronx, NY, and Charles Simmons of Orlando, FL; his dear and devoted long-time friend, Dolores Richards; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He is preceded in death by his sisters Odell White and Christine Hartfield and brothers-in-law Robert Chapman Sr. and John "Johnnie" White Sr.

Memorial service will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021 beginning at 1:00 pm at Pope Funeral Homes FV Chapel - 5538 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747.

Details for Memorial Service that will be held in South Carolina will be on Saturday, October 9, 2021 beginning at 11:00 am at Central Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church - 117 President St., Charleston, SC 29403. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens - 2915 Ashley Phosphate Rd, N Charleston, SC 29418

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Memorial Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Central RMUE Church  
117 President St  
Charleston, SC 29403

## Inurnment

OCT 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sunset Memorial Gardens  
2915 Ashley Phosphate Rd  
North Charleston, SC 29418

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Jessie Leon Simmons, Jr.*



Pope Funeral Homes - October 04, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Mr. Jessie Leon Simmons, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mr. Jessie Leon Simmons, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Our Condolences to the family. We met Jessie in 1974 at Rhein Main Airbase in Frankfurt Germany and became good friends. Jessie was a True Dear friend he was a Mentor to me. We always worked together in the Eastern Stars he had an unbelievable mind and could remember his part verbatim. He always had open arms for everyone and open his home to all of us. Jessie will be truly missed but God is a God of Love and understanding. Rest In Peace will see you up yonder. Charles and Gussie Woodward*

Gussie Woodward - October 06, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *SIP Jessie. You touched so many while you walked this world. You never met a stranger. From your friends in Sumter, South Carolina. Job well done.*



Elvira Washington - October 04, 2021 at 06:17 PM

BS

“ *My memories of Jesse will never fade. He was someone special to me. The jokes about him being my husband will forever be dear to me and the many days that we shared working with District 8 OES Western Europe along with Esther and Elsie are golden moments in history. Love you husband. May you R.I.P. with Jesus for you have seen the Star in the East.* ”



**Betty Simmons** - October 03, 2021 at 03:13 PM

SJ

“ *With our deepest sympathy and prayers. From Sister Sheryl & Brother Eric Jones, Oklahoma City, OK* ”



**Sheryl Jones** - October 02, 2021 at 09:27 PM

BR

“ *Thank you Jessie for sharing such a wonderful life with the World. You have truly left behind a legacy to be emulated by everyone. Our years of friendship I will cherish forever. I love you in Christ Jesus.* ”

*Rev. Dr. Mark Rowden*

**Bishop Mark Rowden** - October 02, 2021 at 09:12 AM

CA

“ *The neighbors on Weber Drive offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Jessie Simmons, Jr. He will be missed, but the memories we all have shared with him will remain in our hearts. We salute him and say well done thy good and faithful servant well done!!* ”

**Concord Civic Association** - October 01, 2021 at 08:54 PM

DA

“ I met Jessie many years ago in Washington, DC. We became fast friends and we spent time visiting every year that he attended the Oklahoma Jurisdiction Annual Communication. Later we served in the West together. He kept me calm, made me laugh, and more than anything he shared his knowledge. We would call in-between to just visit or for me to get some life-lesson/advise. Jessie was more than a Brother, he was a friend. I will truly miss his smile, laugh, and wonderful spoken word. His advise and voice of reason will leave a great void. More than that, I will miss him addressing me as "Diane Anderson" . . .He always called me by my full name. His kind demeanor and loving spirit made him a giant.

*Although, my /our hearts are saddened I/we know the Angels welcomed him with open arms and the words "Well Done". Farewell, my friend - see you the other side- Farewell*

*Diane Anderson  
Grand Worthy Matron  
Queen Bathsheba Grand Chapter  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, PHA*

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**Diane Anderson** - September 30, 2021 at 09:47 AM

SO

“ Me, Mr. Jessie and MJ. The only person I allowed to call me Sony!! Truly missed but not forgotten!!



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**Sonya** - September 29, 2021 at 05:48 PM

HS

“ Here's an old pic I found of Mr.Jessie!



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**His Sony!** - September 29, 2021 at 05:44 PM

HS

“ *My last post of an old picture of me, Mr. Jessie and MJ.*



His Sony! - September 29, 2021 at 05:40 PM

HS

“ *His Sony! lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jessie Leon Simmons, Jr.*



His Sony! - September 29, 2021 at 05:32 PM

HS

“ *Here's a pic I found of Mr. Jesse, I'm pretty sure this was St. Patrick's Day!*



His Sony! - September 29, 2021 at 05:29 PM

LM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



LaFreda McCoy - September 29, 2021 at 01:53 PM

Walter Plush

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Walter Plush - September 28, 2021 at 08:28 PM

TM

“ Jessie was my friend. I have been doing flyers for all of Jessie’s events for years now. He would always call me by my full name. While I was in the ALA, he would call me and say how proud he was of me. He also did my electrical work. He was a patient and kind person. He attended my 65th birthday party in June 2021. He stated to me “I wouldn’t miss it for the world “. I loved that man. Rest In Peace.

Towanna Mitchell - September 28, 2021 at 06:13 PM

ES

“ Jessie “To Tall” Simmons continue to let your light shine. You always had kind things to say even when sometimes the situation or conversation didn’t deserve it. Rest on my Brother with Your Savior! You will forever be missed.  
Past Master Eddie F. Reese Sr.

Eddie Reese Sr - September 28, 2021 at 05:12 PM

AF

“ Mr. Jessie Simmons, thank you for being a shining light in my life. I will still call you for my electrical work.... Love You and will truly miss our conversations. Whether I agreed all the time or not. Thank You.

Angela Fairley



angela fairley - September 28, 2021 at 04:52 PM

RB

My condolence to your family may God comfort you in your difficult time

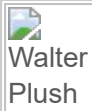
Roberta Brannon - September 28, 2021 at 05:42 PM

CV

Me. Simmons,  
You will forever have a special place in our hearts. The first time I met you was at the NCO club on Rhein-Main Airbase. My dad introduced me to you, Diane & some others. Loved hanging out with everybody during those wonderful Masonic days between RM/Wiesbaden. The Vaughn’s seemed like we’ve known you all our lives. Always loved to be greeted by your wonderful smile... a small man of a giant! Anybody that knew my mother, knew she adored Jessie Simmons! Your work is done sir, you’ve done well.. there’s no one alive that can make words flow like you. You were so loved, and will truly be missed ❤️

Cassandra Vaughn & Family

Cassandra Vaughn - September 28, 2021 at 06:17 PM



Walter  
Plush

*Jessie, you will be greatly missed. I enjoy swapping Air Force stories and you were a great Post Commander and a friend. You will always be remembered.*

*Walt Plush*

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**Walter Plush** - September 28, 2021 at 08:27 PM

RC

*There was a Man that walked amongst men, short in stature but as a gentle Giant. So now is the temple broken and there shall another attend to. For the Master has called Him to rest. Affectionately dubbed "The Little Guy" we shall neither mourn nor miss Him. Far He has forever touched our hearts. This we know as Believers "We shall see Him again!*

*Love and Peace to all that were blessed to have made His acquaintance.*

*Reverend Quintin C. Hardy*

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**Reverend Quintin C.Hardy** - September 28, 2021 at 09:54 PM

PM

*Brother Jessie you will truly be missed. From the first day I meet you were the epitome of a Master Mason and true Brother. I loved to hear you walk and talk OES degree work. There are few who could do it as elegantly as you could. Rest In Peace my Friend your work here has been completed! Know that you will be thought of often.  
Love Petrice McKey-Reese*

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**Petrice McKey-Reese** - September 28, 2021 at 10:30 PM

SW

*Jessie was a faithful comrade. One of a kind. He was a gentleman. He was friendly. He was a true servant of God. He loved everyone and everyone loved him. He had a huge heart when it came to helping others. He never hesitated in being of assistance. He was always available when needed. He was fun to be with and was always cheerful. Jessie's continuing example of tireless hard work and purpose was inspiring. He was an example to all. My heartfelt salute to you Jessie.*

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**Shirley Witcher** - September 30, 2021 at 05:57 PM