

In Loving Memory



*Cathy
Joyce
Clemons*

Sunrise Sunset
May 6, 1954 – January 24, 2026



Home Going Service

January 31, 2026 at 2:30 PM
Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church
Philadelphia, MS

Obituary

Cathy Joyce Clemons was born on Thursday, May 6, 1954, in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Cathy was the second oldest of eighteen siblings. She was the daughter of Edna Ruth Houston (Paul) Simmons and Earsel Haynes. Cathy departed this life and transitioned into her heavenly home on Saturday morning, January 24, 2026, at 2:30 a.m., peacefully surrounded by family, love, and gospel melodies.

Cathy "Joyce" was known and loved by many. After the passing of her birth mother, Edna Ruth Houston-Simmons, she was nurtured and loved by her bonus mom, Marcelene "Mot" Simmons. Cathy attended public school in the Carver School District and later the Philadelphia School District.

Cathy had a deep love for music and became a member of Jerusalem Temple Church. She was baptized at a young age and filled with the Holy Ghost under the pastoral leadership of Bishop Clifton Jones. She later continued as a faithful church member under the leadership of Pastor Stanley Jones until her health began to decline, which prevented her from attending services. Even then, she continued to love and support her church.

Cathy was very active in church, serving as Choir Director, Song Leader, Ladies Club member, Sunday School Teacher, Usher, and in other church organizations. She deeply loved her church family.

Cathy "Joyce" dearly loved and adored her family. She was a leader—bold, courageous, charismatic, calm, peaceful, nurturing, kind, and loving. She enjoyed family gatherings and cherished conversations with her siblings, family, and friends. She especially loved and adored her grandchildren and shared a special bond with each of them. She lovingly gave each grandchild a special name: Tyshay "Dipp," KaiShayla "Pubbie," Duran "Juggie," Imaria "Nanya," Kaisen "King," Chrystan "Buddy," and Chandler "Ghee," whom she loved so very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earsel Haynes, Edna Ruth Houston-Simmons, and Paul Simmons; and her siblings, Virginia Triplett, Jerome Simmons, and Craig Bohannon.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her husband, Herbert Wayne Clemons; her son, Keith Duran Sanders; and her daughter, Ashley (Allen) Greer, of Philadelphia, Mississippi; Grandchildren: Tyshay, KaiShayla (Andre), Duran, Imaria, Kaisen, Chrystan, and Chandler; Great-grandchildren: Keiydon (KJ), Sage (Addi), Avery, Andre, Kimiko (Kimi), and Darius; Siblings: Janette Martin, Charlie Simmons, Ollie Ruth Riley (Robert), Vicky Simmons (Carl), Lizzie Colbert (Calvin), Anthony Simmons, Vicine Simmons, Greg Bohannon (Emma), Anthony Bohannon, Andre Simmons (Tori), WyKeshalia Davis, Jennifer Simmons, Marshall Simmons, and Jarrod Simmons.

She also leaves a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and loved ones.

Cathy will be deeply missed, but her love and legacy will live on forever.



Order of Service

OFFICIATING: Bishop Clifton Jones • **PASTOR:** Sfg. Bishop Stanley Jones
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: Dr. Laura T. Anderson

Processional: Ministers and Family

Old and New Testament.....Pastor Lindsey Kidd

Prayer and Words of Comfort.....Sfg. Bishop Stanley Jones

Song.....Sister Stephanie Scott & Jerusalem Temple Choir

Words of Love.....Pastor Jermaine Simmons & Calvin Colbert (Brother-In-Law)

Expressions of Love (1-2 mins)

Acknowledgement of Condolences.....Sister Florine Holmes

Obituary (Read Silently)

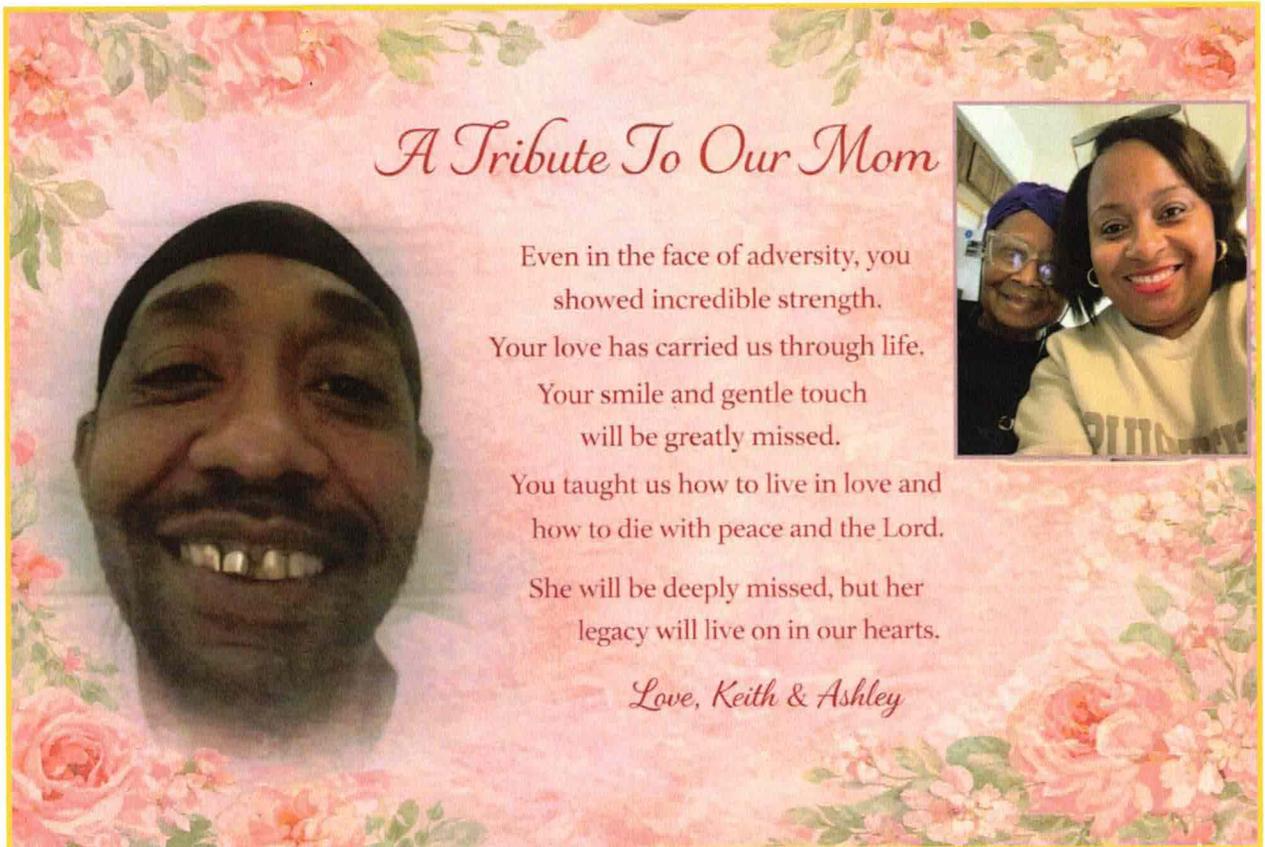
Solo.....Brother Brien Riddle

Eulogy.....Bishop Clifton Jones

Song.....Minister Lisa Lyons and Jerusalem Temple Choir

Funeral Directors in charge (while the choir is singing)

Recession.....Ministers and Family

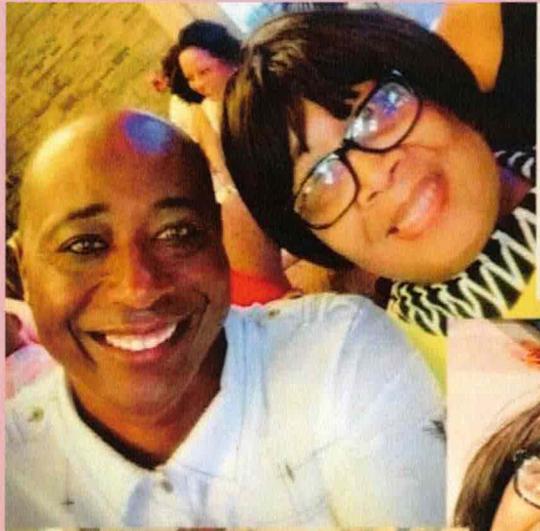


A Tribute To Our Mom

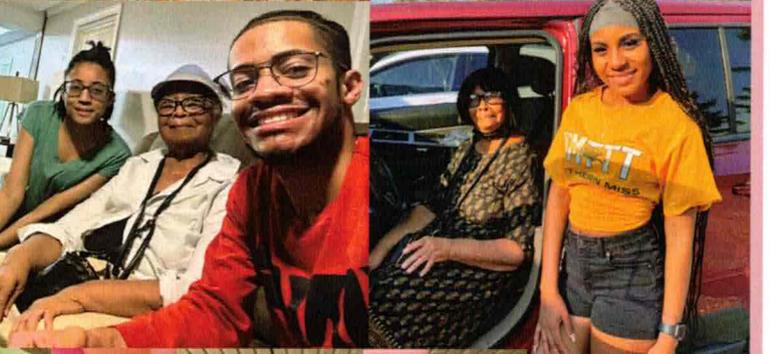
Even in the face of adversity, you
showed incredible strength.
Your love has carried us through life.
Your smile and gentle touch
will be greatly missed.
You taught us how to live in love and
how to die with peace and the Lord.
She will be deeply missed, but her
legacy will live on in our hearts.

Love, Keith & Ashley









A Message of Love

Shed no tears of sorrow for me,
For I am at peace, resting awaiting for the rapture.
I have only gone ahead to await that glorious reunion
in God's eternal home of love and joy.

Carry on, live fully, love deeply,
Keep my memory in your heart.
Not goodbye—just see you later,
In the presence of the Lord. ♥

Cathy Joyce Clemons

Acknowledgement

The family of Cathy Joyce sincerely thanks everyone who showed love and kindness during her sickness and passing. We are grateful for every prayer, phone call, and visit that brought comfort during this time. Special thanks to Dr. Shelby Phung and staff, Nurse Ashley Rowland-Smith, Neshoba County Hospital, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, Quality Hospice, Accent Care Home Health, and New Beginnings Adult Care Services for the compassionate care and support shown to our beloved Cathy Joyce.

~The Family

Pallbearers

Kaisen Greer
Kedric Martin
Andris (AJ) Simmons
Jarrod Simmons

Tigris Miller
Arcelious (AB) Bailey III
Roderick Riley
Anthony Simmons

Honorary Pallbearers

Duran Sanders
Arlando Clemons
Calvin Colbert
Charlie Simmons

Rober Mille
Obbie Riley
Carl Hill
Andris Simr



Flower Bearers

Nieces, Relatives, and Friends



Interment: Hopewell Cemetery • *Repast:* Jerusalem Temple Church Multi-Purpose Building

Final Arrangements Entrusted to: Beck Funeral Home, Philadelphia, MS