

I am home in Heaven dear ones;  
Oh, so *happy and bright!*

There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at  
*peace forever.*

Safely home in Heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you,

So you must not idly stand,

Do it now, while life remaineth -

You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,

He will gently call you Home;

Oh, the rapture of that meeting,

*Oh the joy to see you come!*



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*Julia Mae Simmons*

SUNRISE: JUNE 24, 1936 ~ SUNSET FEBRUARY 5, 2026



SATURDAY, FEBRAURY 14, 2026  
11:00 AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
110 NORTH ADAMS STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

REVEREND GLEN HODGES  
REVEREND BRANT COPELAND  
REVEREND DR. DEWAYNE K. HARVEY, EULOGIST



# *Life & Legacy of* **JULIA MAE SIMMONS**

On June 24 1936, Julia Mae Simmons was born to the late Cornell and Marriah Simmons in Miccosukee, Florida.

Julia Simmons graduated from Old Griffin High School here in Tallahassee. In the early 1970's she was employed as a retailer at Diana Shops in Downtown Tallahassee. Later in her career she was employed by Florida State University and First Presbyterian Church, subsequently, retiring from both jobs. Throughout Julia's career, she always exhibited a strong work ethic, with a passion for excellence in her work. To know her is to LOVE her.

On Thursday, February 5, 2026, Julia gained her Heavenly wings. No more pain and suffering. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Peterson; son, Gregory Simmons; three brothers, James Tims, of Tampa, Otis Simmons of Miami, Theodore Simmons, of Tallahassee; two sisters, Sophia Simmons and Lucille Simmons, both of Tallahassee, and granddaughter, Shadanna Thompson of Tallahassee.

Julia Simmons leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Debra Davis and LaFran Simmons, both of Tallahassee; two sons, Marlon Wyche (De'Edgra) of Tallahassee and Marvin Wyche (Mitzi) of Atlanta; ten grandchildren: Gayla Cromartie (Steve), Rozetta Davis, Montellis Simmons, Jabaris Simmons, all of Tallahassee, Charles Simmons-Harvey, of Orlando, Antwan Simmons (Vinnie) of Huntsville, Marquan Wyche, of Baton Rouge, Travis Simmons, of Orlando, Shaquanda Simmons and Greg Simmons, Jr. (Kierra), both of Tallahassee; twelve great-grandchildren: Xavier Davis, Ma'Kenzie Davis, Jalona Cromartie, all of Tallahassee, Charli Simmons-Harvey, of Jacksonville; Arayah and Antwan Jr. (twins) and Amore Simmons, of Huntsville, Gavin and Kylaa Simmons of Tallahassee, Travis Jr., Tamia and Taylor Simmons of Orlando and a host of other relatives and friends.

## *Active Pallbearers*

Keith Grissom ~ Tim Hinton ~ John Bruce ~ Tyraine Warren ~ Shawn Mitchell

## *Flower Attendants*

Family and Friends

## *Interment*

Union Branch Cemetery ~ 2:30 PM

## *Repast*

Immediately following service in the church dining hall.

## *Family Acknowledgement*

The Simmons family would like to sincerely thank each and everyone for their prayers, comforting words, and support during this difficult time. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your kindness and gestures of love during the illness and transition of our loved one.

## *A Very Special Thank You*

Tallahassee Big Bend Hospice ~ Tallahassee Memorial Urgent Care Unit  
TMH Physician Partners – Cancer & Hematology ~ Dr. Mitchell Peabody and Staff  
First Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Glenn Hodges  
Reverend Brant Copeland  
Reverend Dr. DeWayne K. Harvey



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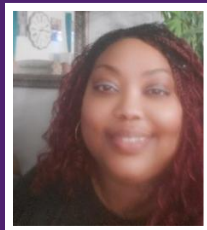
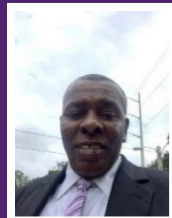
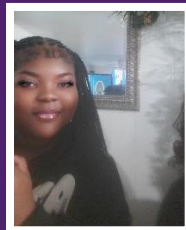
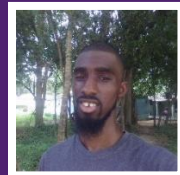
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# Cherished Memories



## Gathering

Greetings

Reverend Glenn Hodges

\*Procession

\*Hymn 384

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andrae Crouch

\*Thanksgiving for Baptism

\*Opening Sentence

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **maker of heaven and earth.**

Prayer

Solo

Renise Thompson

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Asterisk indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print.***



## Word

\*Prayer for Illumination Michael Thompson

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 40:28-31  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Precious Lord

Epistle Romans 8:14-23, 31-39 Jimmy Taylor  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Solo Jared Rackley

Gospel John 14:1-6, 25-27 Reverend Brant Copeland  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,, and in the Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; they resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Supplication

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by they name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and they glory, forever. Amen.**

Remarks Mrs. Gwen Lipscomb  
Laverne Kilpatrick

Selection Greater Blessings Choir

Eulogy Reverend Dr. DeWayne Harvey

## Sending

Commendation

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.  
We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.  
This you ordained when you created us, saying,  
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest O Christ, to your servant with all your saints, where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting. **Amen.**

\*Blessing

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, makes you complete in everything good, so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen.

Hymn 649 Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound Amazing Grace

Procession