

They Say There Is a Reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason,
Will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the heartache,

That lies behind our smiles,

No one knows how many times,

We have broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.

We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together,
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Eric Simmons Gerald Simmons
Gerald Mitchell Clyde Mitchell
Mike Brown Rodrick Burgess

HONORARY FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Fort Pierce Westwood Class of 1980



FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family & Friends

Interment

Riverview Memorial Park

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

We the family of the late

Gregory R. Simmons, Sr.

would like to say thank you for your prayers, your words of comfort, telephone calls, visitations, and warm sentiments expressed during the time of our bereavement. These acts of kindness helped to ease the burden of our great loss. May God richly bless you.



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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR OUR BELOVED Gregory Kendall Simmons, Sr. Sunday, March 27, 2021 1:00 p.m. Graveside Service Riverview Memorial Park Fort Pierce, Florida Rev. Lamar Gibson, Moderator/Officiant

HIS LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

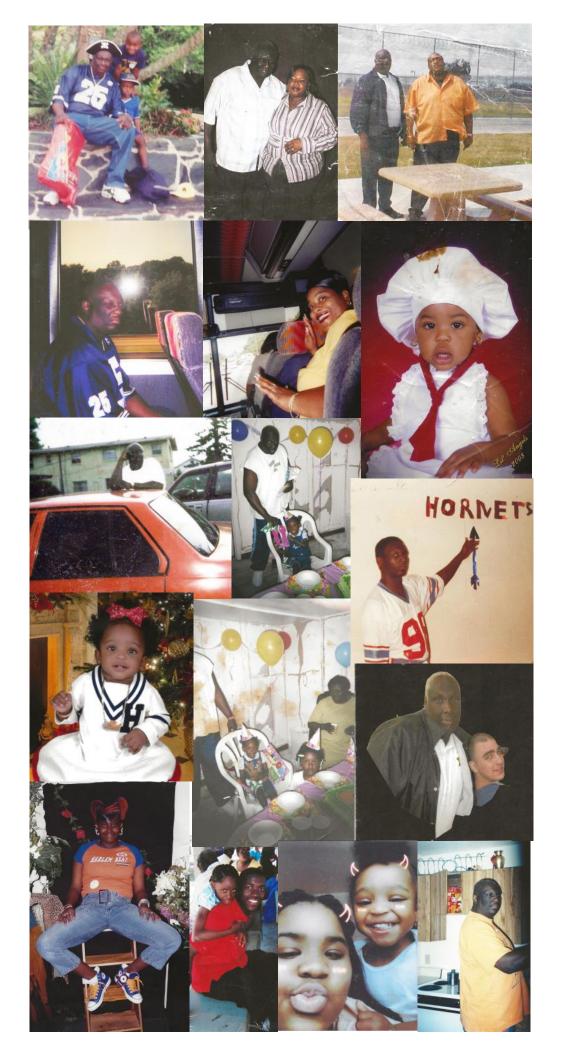
Gregory Kendall Simmons, Sr. was born on August 29, 1962 in Fort Pierce, FL to the late Margaret Simmons and Clyde Mitchell. He attended elementary and middle school here in St. Lucie County. He attended both Fort Pierce Central and Fort Pierce Westwood from 1977-1980. He graduated from Fort Pierce Westwood High School in 1980. While in high school he received a scholarship to attend Delaware State University in Dover, Delaware. He became one of several freshman to start on the University's varsity football team. He played the entire season. After school the school year ended, he returned home to Fort Pierce to find a summer job because there were no more summer jobs in Delaware. Later, Greg moved to Panama City where he lived for several years.

After returning back to Fort Pierce, he began working for the State of Florida with Department of Juvenile Justice where he remained for 27 years. Ten of those twenty-seven years were spent working at DeSoto County Juvenile Correctional Facility under the Direction of Superintendent Carter, where he became supervisor of the Bravo Unit. In August 2011, he returned once again to Fort Pierce and went back to work at the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center under the administration of Superintendent Didiylia Finlayson where he remained until his death.

He met and later married his wife Angela Ford on Feb 26, 2016. Together, they have a family of four; Natoyia Atmore of Fort Pierce, FL, Gregory Simmons, Jr. of Fort Pierce, FL, Ernest Morgan (Chris) of Lakeland, FL, and Andrea Morgan of Orlando, FL. Greg had a passion for sports. Anyone that knew him knows that he LOVES the University of Miami. "It's all about the U". He loved teaching kids the game of football. Being a coach and a mentor was one way he strived to keep kids out of trouble and prevent them from entering the justice system. He also really loved people. Greg was constantly smiling, having fun and making people laugh.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Simmons and his sister, Hope Simmons Garrison.

Left to cherish his precious memories is: his beloved wife, Angela Ford-Simmons; children, Natoyia Atmore, Gregory Simmons, Jr., Ernest Morgan and Andrea Morgan; grandchildren, Tatyanna Atmore, Rodrecia Burgess and Starr Moore; great granddaughter, Aryana Atmore; brothers, Eric Simmons, Gerald Simmons, Clyde Mitchel, and Gerald Mitchell, Jr.; aunts, Betty, Edie and Henrietta Simmons; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of sorrowing family and friends who will miss him dearly.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Lamar Gibson, Moderator/Officiant

PROCESSIONAL/ FINAL GLANCE The Family **SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Old Testament Reading New Testament Reading **SELECTION** Pamela Reddick & Sherry Taylor "Amazing Grace" Edgar Carter, Superintendent DeSoto Juvenile Correctional Facility Arcadia, FL Dediylia Finlayson, Superintendent St. Lucie Regional Juvenile Correctional Facility Fort Pierce, FL Mike Brown Cornell Haugabook **OBITUARY** Read Silently **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** Stone Brothers Staff **SELECTION** "When We All Get to Heaven" WORDS OF COMFORT...... Rev. Lamar Gibson

COMMITTAL/BENEDICTION

Rev. Lamar Gibson