



Captain George Alvin Simmons U.S. Army (Retired)

December 18, 1937 - January 21, 2015

Captain George Alvin Simmons, US Army (Retired) was the first born child of Roosevelt and Laura Etheredge on December 18, 1937 in Columbia, South Carolina. He transitioned to his heavenly home January 21, 2015 at the Pruitt Healthcare Facility in Ridgeway, SC after a triumphant Battle with dementia. George was “Paw Paw” to his beloved grandchildren.

George was educated in the public schools of Richland County, Midlands Technical College, Northwestern State University of Louisiana and the National Insurance Adjuster School in Fort Polk, LA. He served his country proudly, voluntarily joining the United States Army as a teenager to help serve, protect and defend these United States of America. George always had a very strong work ethic and instilled the same work ethic and fiscal responsibility in his children and grandchildren.

Cpt. Simmons defended his country honorably through two tours of duty in Vietnam. He earned the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman badge, Letter of Appreciation from the 101st Airborne Division, and Jump Wings (Ft. Campbell, KY). George was an Airborne Jumpmaster with over 400 jumps. He also served his Country as a Special Policeman with the Provost Marshall’s office at Fort Jackson and the United States Postal Service. He was a Gold Circle member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, VFW Post 4262 and the American Legion Post 0215.

After receiving an Honorable Discharge after 21 years of active duty, George established and operated Simmons Tax Service as a member of the National Association of Tax Preparers. He also was a licensed insurance claims adjuster and Correctional Officer for the SC Department of Corrections.

George was united in holy matrimony to his devoted wife, Rheda M. Simmons, for 24 years.

He was a faithful member of Zion Baptist Church, once chairing the Men's Day Committee, and singing in the Male Chorus and the Arsenal Hill Circle.

Cpt. Simmons is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Rheda M. Simmons, Children: George D. Simmons and Reggie Richardson, Columbia, SC; LaDawn Simmons, Charleston, SC and Monica (Carnell) Williams, Columbia SC. four stepchildren, Jeffrey (Marilyn) Doyle, Atlanta GA, Carl (Lawnie) Brewer, Los Angeles, CA, Camille Williams, Irmo, SC and Kelvin (Saves) Simmons, Winchester, TN; sisters, Joan Mobley and D'Andra L. Mobley, Columbia SC, and Gloria Jean Feagan, Michigan; brothers, Warren Simmons Sr. and Roosevelt Simmons Jr., both of Saginaw, MI; 20 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and host of family and friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Roosevelt Simmons and Laura E. Mobley, grandparents, George Etheredge and Sarah Etheredge and Eugene and Irene Simmons, and two sisters, Sarah G. Richardson and Carol A. Mobley.

Services for Captain George Alvin Simmons U.S. Army (Retired) will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Zion Baptist Church, (801 Washington Street). Interment with full Military Honors will follow in Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Palmer Memorial Chapel,

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
801 Washington Street
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Captain George Alvin Simmons U.S. Army (Retired)*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My condolences to the Simmons family.*

Andre Walker

Andre Walker - January 29, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *I shall always remember Captain George Simmons at the Post Office as the "Tax Man". He had such a wonderful personality, pleasant smile and was a treasure to work with. May God be with you at this time and always, and know that another soldier has gone home to rest from his laborers with the Lord. Thanks be to God for such a kind man. In deepest sympathy, DeeDee Dickey*

DeeDee Dickey - January 28, 2015 at 09:54 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Simmons family; George will be deeply missed. May God strengthen you as you go through this healing process.... Thinking of you always- The House family.*



Annette House - January 28, 2015 at 08:53 PM

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“ *Mildred Marigny lit a candle in memory of Captain George Alvin Simmons U.S. Army (Retired)*



Mildred Marigny - January 28, 2015 at 06:38 PM

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George ready smile and calm voice with respect for all he met, will be missed! To the Simmons family; Continue to have faith in God's works and words for all mankind!

Mildred Marigny - January 28, 2015 at 06:48 PM

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My Condolences to the Simmons/Mobley Family,I knew of uncle George by his children who were my friends. Uncle George was always kind to the children as I remembered him and Lucille coming over to visit his mother Ms Mobley. He would pull in the yard with his kids Kelvin,little George and Ladawn. Dee and Roslyn would be in the yard waiting with hugs. I felt like family. Thanks for sharing your father and uncle with me. He was indeed a great man.

Maria Varnon(Toni) - January 29, 2015 at 11:38 AM

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“ *To the Simmons family. We were deeply sadden to hear of George passing. Our family has known George for over 30 + years and he was a very special person. We will miss him dearly and will keep your family in our prayers. Gloria Smalls Garmany(Columbia, SC)' Rosalyn Smalls Barrett(St. Helena Island, SC), Omega Smalls Francis(Bluffton, SC) Maxine Smalls Oakley(Harrisburg,PA)*



Maxine Smalls Oakley - January 28, 2015 at 05:37 PM