



Ruth Corley Simons

July 30, 1925 - December 29, 2016

Ruth Corley Simons, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Silas Pulaski and Eva Harrison Corley, was born July 30, 1925, in Irmo, SC, went home to receive her heavenly reward in the early morning hours of December 29, 2016. She grew up on a farm in a large family as the 7th of 10 children.

She was married to the love of her life, the late Freddie Simons, and their union was blessed with 3 children: Doris Jean (Jeanie), Freddie (Sonny), and Beverly (Bev). A lifelong Greenview community resident, for over 60 years, Ruth lived there, raised her family there, worked there, worshipped there, and enjoyed a wonderful life there.

Mrs. Simons leaves to cherish loving memories her 3 devoted children: Doris Jean (Herbert) Rembert, Freddie Simons, and Beverly (Henry) Cleare; 6 grandchildren: Gia (Eric) Johnson, Melanie (Barron) Williams, Kelli (Jarrod) Sumter, Ryan (Robyn) Cleare, Saidah Simons, and Issac Simons; 7 great-grandchildren who lovingly called her "Nano": Mallory, Destiny, Joy, Noel, Ravyn, Rylee, and Kendall; 2 brothers: Charles (Sarah) Corley and Horrace (Teresa) Corley; 3 sisters-in-law: Willie Mae Corley, Bertha Simons, and Gertrude Dickerson; 2 brothers-in-law: Waddell (Geneva) Simons and Abdul Saloon; a godson, Jeffrey Corley; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 2. 12:00 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>

Family Visitation

JAN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Public Viewing

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Reid Chapel AME Church
6005 David Street
Columbia, SC 29203

Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Corley Simons*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Thank you Mrs. Simons for being one of my and my children's first teachers at VV Reid. Thank you for the lifetime of love, cherished memories and lessons. Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to our Simons neighbors and family. The Abney and Isreal Family*

Donette Isreal - January 03, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Mrs. Ruth Simons was indeed a pillar 2 the community and such a role model 2 the students, teachers and parents at V.V. Reid. Mrs. Simon will b truly missed her passing has been felt though out this community near and far. May u find comfort and peace in the arms of Jesus whom Mrs Simon built her life and legacy.*

ophelia H Belton - January 02, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ *God is good...He will sustain you.
God is faithful...He will not forsake you.
God is loving...He will comfort you.*

*You are in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers!
Reverend Dr. Derrick Scott &
St. Paul A.M.E. Church Family
Irmo, South Carolina 29063*

St. Paul AME Church, Irmo, SC - January 02, 2017 at 03:23 PM

JG

“ *Jocelyn Lucas Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Ruth Corley Simons*



Jocelyn Lucas Goodwin - January 02, 2017 at 11:59 AM

EF

“ *I wish I would have came to see you all the many times of me coming home to visit. My Mama always told me how you would ask about me and I always said I would come and see you... I'm so deeply sadden by your loss I will forever love you*



Erica Hucks Floyd - January 02, 2017 at 09:29 AM

HR

“ *Harriett Harrell Roach lit a candle in memory of Ruth Corley Simons*



Harriett Harrell Roach - January 02, 2017 at 08:18 AM

SG

“ *My fondest memories of Ms. Simon is how much she loved children ; rather her own children or the millions that graduated through V V Reid. Mrs. Simon dedicated her life and dream to operate V V Reid and open the elementary school. It was her greatest wish to have a school of higher learning for children of color that they would feel good about learning and excelling . I know the schools are not the same without her.*



My fondest memories are of my time spent teaching at V V Reid. Mrs. Simons held us all to high standards of excellence that was resonated to all of the students. Many grew to become senators, doctors, Miss America, engineers, and prominent figures that have worked hard to build the community that she loved.

Mrs. Simon's legacy will forever live on. She raised beautiful children, who have raised beautiful children, who will continue to raise beautiful knowledgeable children that will continue to help the community, church and families grow as she envisioned.

Sherry Good - December 31, 2016 at 11:08 PM