

**A Celebration of Life
For
Mrs. Mary Lucille Simmons Scott**



*Sunrise
May 21, 1928*

*Sunset
September 20, 2023*

*Friday, September 29, 2023
Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

*Trinity AME Zion Church
Woodruff, South Carolina*

*Rev. Dr. Victor C. Wilson, Pastor
Spartanburg District Presiding Elder*

LIFE PROFILE



Mary Lucille Simmons Scott, age 95, of 313 Allen St, Woodruff, SC, peacefully graduated this life, Wednesday, September 20, 2023. She was born May 21, 1928 to the late John Simmons and Ella Brown Simmons in Woodruff, SC and the wife of the late Dewitt Scott. She was the seventh of ten children.

Mary loved the Lord. She read her Bible every day and studied to “show herself approved unto God”. She not only knew the word; she lived a life pleasing to God. She was a virtuous woman. She attended Trinity AME Zion Church with her mother, Ella Simmons and siblings until she relocated to North Carolina.

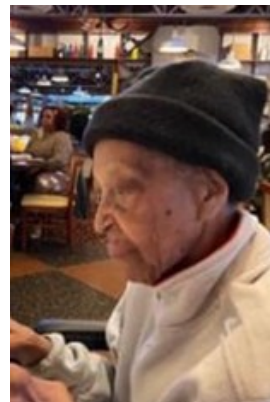
Mary attended Bethel School, Woodruff, SC, until she relocated to North Carolina at an early age with her sister, Virginia Simmons Montgomery. Mary regretted dropping out of school, so she attended night school and received her GED. She moved from North Carolina to New Haven, Connecticut to live with her paternal aunt, Zula Simmons. After a few years of living in Connecticut, she moved to Harlem, NY to be closer to her older sisters, Ada Simmons Taylor and Lorene Simmons Poole. Not being able to adjust to New York City life, she return to North Carolina, where she lived until February 25, 2021. On this date, she relocated to her home town, Woodruff, SC.

Mary was a hard worker. Most of her jobs were as a domestic and working in factories. Even though her wages were meager, she managed to buy a home, keep a car and live a comfortable life. She believed in saving for a rainy day. Mary did not believe in wasting anything. She was an excellent cook. Mary enjoyed crocheting as well as knitting. She purchased a piano which she learned to play. That was on her “bucket list”. A lover of animals, you could always find dogs and birds in her home. Everything had a place in her home. She cleaned from sun up to sun down. The home was spotless. Mary was friendly and outgoing but she had no problem speaking her mind and standing up for herself. A perfect lady when she “stepped out” with the finest of clothes, hats, pocketbooks and shoes, etc. Mary lived alone and took care of herself until she was 92 years old. She had no serious illnesses and refused any medicines, vaccines, etc. Mary’s faith in the Lord was all she needed.

Mary was preceded in death her parents, John and Ella Simmons; Siblings: Geora Simmons, Lorene Simmons Poole, Ada Simmons Taylor, Willie Mae Simmons Goggins, Virginia Simmons Montgomery, Jimmy Simmons, Richard Simmons, Charles Simmons, William Simmons.

Mary is survived by her stepson, Ricky Mays of Ashville, NC; Step grandchildren, Jimmy and Terry Smith, both of Stoney Point, NC, Debra Borders and Joan Newland, both of Statesville, NC and Bernard Borders of Statesville, NC. She is also survived by her great niece and caregiver, Geraldine Simmons Smith (Mario) of the home. Mary leaves a flower garden of step grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mary was the last of her generation. Throughout her lifetime, she imparted wisdom, knowledge and history, especially family history. Being the last of her generation, she left the blueprint on how to live a Godly life.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....Minister & Family
Selection— *"It is Well With My Soul"*.....Rev. Joannie Hunter
Poem— *"I've Gone on A Trip"*.....Karen Workman
(Written by Queenie Lawton)
Prayer Of Comfort.....Min. James Kearney
Scriptures:
 Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....Bro. Ivy Durrah
 New Testament: Romans 14:7-12.....Sis. Jenny Saxton
Words of Expression
Reading of Obituary.....Debra Borders
Selection— *"Going Up Yonder"*.....Rev. Joannie Hunter
Home Going Message.....Rev. Dr. Victor C. Wilson

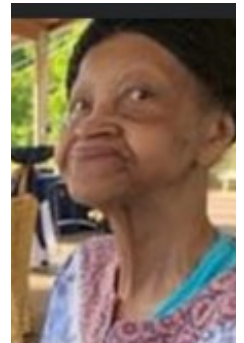
BENEDICTION & RECESSIONAL

Repast following service in the upstairs Dining Room

I'VE GONE ON A TRIP

*A trip I didn't plan
I slipped away in the still of the night
The master held my hand.
I was so weak and weary, I could not stand alone
Angels were all around me, singing come. Come on home.
I felt my spirit leave my body as I lie still in bed,
And as I soared to heights unknown,
There was something I hadn't said.
I didn't tell my loved ones goodbye,
but I didn't want to miss the train.
I left them behind missing me, and I left all my pain.
As I entered the heavenly gates, a welcome sight I did see.
My family members all gathered
At a heavenly reunion for me.*

Written by Queenie Jones Lawson





WITH GRATITUDE

Special thanks to my family, Mario, Kande, Karl, Omari, Ghania and Sherri for their love and support in helping to care for "Auntie". Special thanks to William Foster, who "Auntie" referred to as "Millie's son" for always lending a helping hand. Oh, how she looked forward to and was thankful for those delicious meals prepared by Karen Workman and Paul Gilliam. Thanks to Vivian Duncan and Tonya Maxwell for gifts and love you gave her, Words cannot express our thankfulness to Gentiva Hospice. Thanks to Janet Edge; RN, Sherry McGarity; Social Worker and Teja Mill, CNA for going the extra mile in "Auntie's" home care. Thanks to Meals on Wheels. Thanks to our Trinity AME Zion Family. Gratitude to our Ubuntu Family for your support. To the Woodruff Community, we thank you. For every call, text, card, thought, prayer, FB messages, flower, gifts, donation, etc., our sincere thanks. To the WJ Gist Funeral Home and Staff, thank you for your exceptional love and care of our family.

~The Family~

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