



Mr. James L. Simmons

April 16, 1938 - November 5, 2016

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“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

II Corinthians 5:1

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James Leonard Simmons passed away peacefully at the Colonial Park Care Nursing Facility in Harrisburg, PA, on Saturday, November 5, 2016, after a lengthy illness. He was born April 16, 1938, in Harrisburg, son of the late Inez Crumby Simmons and the late George D. Simmons Sr. Affectionately called “Jimmy” by family and friends, back in the day, he was nicknamed “Splivitz” by his “homies” because of his intellect and smooth swag.

Jimmy graduated from William Penn High School as an honor student and a basketball star. He retired from the Bethlehem Steel Company, Steelton Plant. His pastimes included reading, listening to jazz music, all types of sports, especially basketball, and he just loved listening to his wife Bonnie sing.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by his brothers, George Simmons Jr., Robert Simmons; sisters, Roselee Simmons Cooper, Doris Simmons Clayton; and his son, James L. Baker. He leaves to cherish many loving memories his devoted wife, Yvonne “Bonnie” Gatling-Simmons of

Harrisburg; sisters, Otelia Wheeler, Betty Grier, both of Harrisburg; daughter, Cathi Cobb-McAdoo (Michael) of Harrisburg; stepdaughters, Sharon Fury, Lamarr Crump, both of Harrisburg, Sheila Hill of Downingtown, PA; a special nephew and great friend, Michael Cooper of Harrisburg; host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives, friends and his miniature poodle, "Lovie," all who loved him, but God loved him best.

Submitted with the Blessed Assurance of Jimmy's Eternal Life, The Family

His life will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, November 12th, at Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church, 2447 Green Street, Harrisburg, with viewing 9-10 a.m. Flowers may be delivered to the church 11/12, 8-8:30 a.m.

Tribute Wall



“ *My condolence to the family the days we played basketball at the ymca on Forster st.*

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