

*In Loving Memory
of
Hannah Simmons*



November 29, 1919 ~April 4, 2020

**Memorial Service
Saturday, April 18, 2020
1:00 PM via Video Conference**

Life's Journey

Hannah Lee Simmons, the oldest of three children that were born to the late Lillie Kirkland and Charlie Simmons, fell peacefully asleep in death on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 100 years of age. She was a loving devoted mother to her four children. Her youngest Louise, preceded Hannah in death. Hannah leaves to mourn her three other children: Eula (Ivory), Lillie, Robert (Donna); nine grandchildren: Roger (Chavonne), Stephen (Tammy), Douglas (Verushka), Sean, Marlo, Nichole, Monica, Prudence, and Ebony, along with a number of great grands and great-great grandchildren. She also leaves to cherish her memory a large expanded spiritual family.

Hannah was born on November 28, 1919, in McBean County, Georgia. She spent her childhood in Waynesboro, Georgia, a place she always cherished in her memory and loved to share stories about. She only attended school to grade six, due to having to help with work on the farm and care for her younger siblings and cousins. In 1955, in search of a better life for herself and her children, Hannah moved to Philadelphia where she worked hard as a housekeeper and at Wanamaker's Department store while raising her four children as a loving and devoted single parent.

Having a deep yearning to get to know her creator, Hannah attended different churches, but never felt spiritually satisfied. In the Summer of 1958 her search for spiritual truth was realized when a young lady, one of Jehovah's Witnesses, stopped by her home to share Bible truths with her. She was so ecstatic about what she was learning that she made all of her children come inside and gather around the table to learn as well. She valued what she learned and her love for Jehovah grew. Hannah dedicated her life to Jehovah and was baptized as one of his Witnesses on September 10, 1960. This began a fulfilling life of nearly 60 years of faithful service. Hannah's zeal and appreciation of how Bible truths improved her life caused her to want everyone to learn these same truths. Although limited in secular education, her Bible training gave her the confidence to boldly preach to doctors, lawyers and other professionals. She also sought ways to reach people that might seldom be at home; witnessing on buses, trains and in the park. She would often be seen at the local shopping centers with her Bible and literature joyfully talking to others as they finished shopping. This burning zeal led to her increasing her service to become a full-time minister of the good news of God's Kingdom.

In 1972, she was able to become a regular pioneer. This involved spending 100 hours each month in the door-to-door ministry teaching interested ones from the Bible how God's Kingdom will restore paradise back to this earth. She later served where there was a greater need for Kingdom preachers; serving for a month in Jefferson City, Missouri. That experience fueled her desire to do even more. So in 1987, at the age of 68, Hannah moved to Canton, NC and served 9 years there spreading the message of God's Kingdom. During her 60 years of joyful service as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, she was instrumental in aiding a number of individuals to accept those scriptural truths which so affected her life for the good. Nothing made her happier than talking about Jehovah and how his Kingdom will ensure that His will is done on earth. – Matt 6:10.

Hannah always looked forward to the large annual conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses. She also enjoyed vacationing with her family and friends, visiting the Amish Country where she relished spending time with her grandchildren. Her "grands" as she would proudly call them, fondly remember these moments which included picnics, playing baseball, and bike rides in the park. Hannah was also an excellent cook who loved her family and always looked forward to having big family dinners. In one of her last conversations she asked, as she often would, "Now, when are we going to have our family dinner?" We are eagerly looking forward to that joyous reunion, which is "Just Around the Corner."

Order of Service

Chairman:	Robert Sowell
Song# 72	
Opening Prayer:	Robert Sowell
Reading of Obituary:	Alex Roy
Discourse:	Robert Simmons
Song# 140	
Closing Prayer:	Reginald Credle

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for
your love, prayers, and encouraging words.*



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