



## Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms

July 18, 1957 - April 19, 2016

SIMMS, Ms. Phyllis L. "Phil" - Age 58, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at McLaren Oakland Hospital. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday April 30, 2016 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Rev. Nathan Waters. Officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30AM Saturday. Mrs. Simms will lie in state in the Chapel of the Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from Noon - 8:00 PM Friday.

Mrs. Phyllis L. Simms was born July 18, 1957 in Selmer, Tennessee, the daughter of Archie B. Brown and Martha V. Wynn. Phyllis moved to Michigan in 1965, she later graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1975. Family was always a vital aspect of Phyllis character. Every summer Phyllis would go visit her favorite Aunt, "Aunt Naomi" in Chicago or Tennessee. Developing and creating a bond that will last and shine forever. Another important person was her cousin, "Lammie" who already awaits her arrival to Heaven's Gates. Although they were cousins, they were truly brothers and sisters and both are missed by many. In 1982, Phyllis met the love of her life Anthony "Tony" "Paw Paw" Wright their instant chemistry led to a life time of love, happiness and an array of special memories that can never be replaced. Tony loved Phyllis and was by her side from day one until her passing. In 1996 Phyllis lost her mother, Martha "Brown Lady", but by God's grace, one day after her mother's

burial, her first grandchild was born, Mar'Rion. Mar'Rion was Phyllis's heart and she was very much esteemed to be called "Granny." A name not only for her grandchildren, but even being called "Granny" by her four beautiful children. Phyllis had several hobbies: she collected wind chimes, reading, and absolutely loved running her mouth on the phone with her friends. Special friends like Ms. Angie Long, Ms. Ebony Wright, her sister-in-law, Beechie, her sister Carol, cousin, Sylvia and mostly her only daughter, Mrs. Ebony L. Simms-Peoples. Her favorite hobby of all was going to the casino. Her daily hope was to "hit big" and be able to do something special for her children and grandchildren. All of her grandchildren meant the world to her. Amari, Asi' Ana, Anaya and De'Onnie loved their Granny deeply and they shared a bond that they can all cherish for the rest of their lives. It also meant the world to Phyllis when her son, Donnie had his first child, "Keira." Although Phyllis was not a member of a church, she carried the love of Christ in her heart and treated everyone with kindness and respect. Phyllis will be greatly missed, but her spirit and legacy will live on through each and every one that she touched with her presence. Heaven just gained an Angel!

Mrs. Simms leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Anthony Wright; children, Daquetta Baylor-Boothe, Derek L. Brown, Ebony L. (Deon) Simms-Peoples, William D. Simms and Ahmad Vittorio Simms; stepchildren, Shonda (Jerry) Birdo, George Rogers, Tomeka Wright, ReKiaya Simms and Danisha Emery; grandchildren, Mar'Rion M. Simms, Asi'Ana S. Simms, Amari L. Lewis, Anaya S. Simms, De'Onnie Peoples and Keira B. Johnson; sister, Carol F. Brown all of Pontiac, MI; brothers, William Amos of Selmer, TN and Archie N. Brown of Pontiac, MI; niece, Jameka Brown; nephews, Dominique Brown and DaQuan Brown all of Pontiac, MI; aunts, Helen Jarmon of Tampa, FL and Naomi Watts; uncle, Joe Surratt both of Chicago, IL; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Amos, Carolyn McGinnis, Shirley Chappell-Mingo of Pontiac, MI; brother-in-law, Glovell Grandberry of Pontiac, MI; and a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Angie Long and Ebony Wright.

Mrs. Simms was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Martha V. Brown; uncle, Van Watts, Sr.; cousin, Van "Lammie" Watts Jr.; Euther Gene Johnson.

The family would like to express special thanks to Angela Long and everyone who visited her in the hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac  
268 North Perry Street  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
(248) 758-1913  
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## Family Hour

APR **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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APR 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dee Dee lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Dee Dee** - April 30, 2017 at 05:37 PM

CC

“ *Connie Perry Cook lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Connie Perry Cook** - May 02, 2016 at 04:11 PM

EP

“ *To the family of Phyllis Sims. I just learned of Phyllis' passing. Very shocked and sad. I am praying for healing for the family. Phyllis was a jewel with a very kind spirit. I've known her since she was very young. May she rest in peace. Love, Earnestine Perry*



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**Earnestine Perry** - May 02, 2016 at 11:55 AM

CE

“ *Carlotta Emery lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*

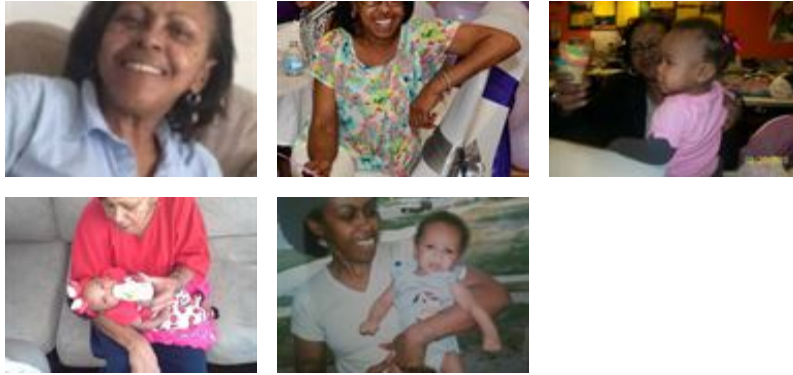


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**Carlotta Emery** - April 28, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - April 28, 2016 at 01:20 PM

NF

“ *The Naylor Family*



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**Naylor Family** - April 28, 2016 at 11:04 AM

SW

“ *Sylvia And Donnie Wright Love you rest in Peace*



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**Sylvia Wright** - April 28, 2016 at 10:32 AM

CB

“ *My family and forever my friends, I want to express my heart felt sympathy during your time of bereavement. You all mean so much to our family and will forever be in our prayers. Phyllis I know you are in Gods arms and no more pain and suffering. See you again lady, love you*

*Love San and the Daniels/Bradford family*

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**Cassandra Daniels Bradford** - April 28, 2016 at 10:30 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra Daniels Bradford lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Cassandra Daniels Bradford** - April 28, 2016 at 10:27 AM

CC

“ *Corlinda Cowart lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Corlinda Cowart** - April 28, 2016 at 07:06 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms.*



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April 27, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms.*



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April 26, 2016 at 09:56 PM



“ *Miss. M Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Miss. M Hurner** - April 25, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *To all of the family members of Phyllis Sims; I send my deepest condolences in hearing of her passing. I will be in Pontiac for the service and will be praying with and for the family. I have lost a dear sister and friend and look forward to seeing you all.*

*My most sincere regards - Rev. Cornelius Perry*

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**Cornelius Perry** - April 25, 2016 at 06:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms.*



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April 25, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *To Tony, and the entire Simms and Wright Family,*

*Our deepest sympathy. I too will miss Phyllis, she was a good person, always someone you could talk to.....and lift your spirit. May the good Lord bless, and give you peace at this time of sadness. Always, always keep the memories of her close.*

*Marilyn McDonald & Family  
Waterford, MI*

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**Marilyn McDonald** - April 25, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *Ebony sorry to hear about your loss...Praying for your family*  
*Graneta*



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**Graneta** - April 24, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *Labeachie Dixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Labeachie Dixon** - April 24, 2016 at 09:40 PM



“ *Eboni Johnson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Eboni Johnson** - April 24, 2016 at 05:18 PM



*Prayers to you all, I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

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**Eboni Johnson** - April 24, 2016 at 05:20 PM



*My love and prayers are with you sorry for the lost of sister;and mother keep each other lifted up*

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**Labeachie Dixon** - April 24, 2016 at 09:31 PM

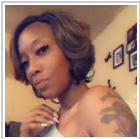
TR

“ My thoughts, love and prayers go out to you and the family during this time of sorrow. Words cannot express how I feel right now. I do know that losing a mom is one of the hardest things that can happen to us. I met Phyllis when she was a young lady, sweet and shy. She is no longer suffering, resting now and at peace. Matthew 5:4 – Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. I know it seems that you will mourn forever, but she will always be in your hearts. Remember that a mother's love passes all dimensions.



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**Teresa Rush** - April 24, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ There are no words to express to u how I'm feeling rite now, but because I know that u would want us to go on the best way possible, I'm trying to be as strong as I can. I actually think you'd be proud to see just how strong I've been. Man I'm going to miss u, I called u twice already! U were my casino buddy, my confidant, my other mother, my friend and I'll never ever forget u! I thank u for loving Myre and me, and for going hard for me when I wasn't for myself! One thing I will take to my grave is that I had a genuine friend in u!!! My heart breaks to be writing this, but I want to lite a candle to see if it'll shine half as bright as u have on this earth. Until we meet again, rest peacefully Phil Schmil!!! I will always love u.....



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**Ebony Wright** - April 24, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ Michele Smoot lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms



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**Michele Smoot** - April 23, 2016 at 01:49 PM

WM

“ I'm lighting this candle. In remembrance of you my dear first cousin. I pray we will meet again in heaven.. Ms.Willie jo Sain Mosley



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**willie jo sain mosley** - April 23, 2016 at 01:39 PM

MD

“ To The Simms & Wright Family, My Heartfelt Condolences, Keeping You Lifted In Prayer

*Mark Daniels & Family*



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**Mark Daniels** - April 23, 2016 at 03:31 AM

SP

“ Shirley Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms



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**Shirley Powell** - April 22, 2016 at 09:42 PM

PJ

“ *This is your cousin Patricia and I say you will surely be deeply missed my prayers and thoughts go out to the family and may God bless you all love Trish Jenkins and family*



Patricia Jenkins - April 22, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MS

“ *We were inseparable as children. I remember how we on lived a country block from each other but when it came time for us to go home we would cry. Oh how upset we were when she had to more away from selmer. We loved each other. Rest now my sister in the arms of our Lord.*

Melinda Robinson Sanders - April 22, 2016 at 07:38 PM

RF

“ *To The Simms and Wright Family, my heart goes out to yall in this time of need. May God continue to Bless you and Comfort you during this time. We're Prayer for yall. Much Love Ruth Johnson and The Wellons Family...*



Ruth Johnson and The Wellons Family - April 22, 2016 at 04:44 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms.*



April 22, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ I am lighting this yellow candle for you in memories of you Phyllis Brown Simms to let you no I'll miss you today, tomorrow an the many days to come....love ya!!.....FAM... Vanessa Rodgers (Hargo)



Vanessa Hargo - April 22, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ Sending my condolence for Tony .Ebony Derek Nelson an whole family My Sis of I've no you for 19yr an you always made me smile an laugh when we was together I will always cherish those days until we meet again keep that smile and keep that grinn... Love you Vanessa Rodgers (Hargo)

Vanessa Hargo - April 22, 2016 at 01:13 PM

GB

We will always love you. Sheria&Gary

Garrett bargaineer - April 22, 2016 at 03:25 PM

AN

“ Ebony so sorry to hear about your mom I thought about her all last night and about the time she wanted to go wall eye fishing with me and my Dad and she got a hook thru her finger and I had to drive the truck with boat trailer on back to nearest hospital in St Clair Shores so they could cut the hook out and I think she kept the hook lol I'm sure she will see my Mom and Dad in heaven and laugh about it love to all of you Anita

anita - April 22, 2016 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ *Janice McClain-Morgan lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



Janice McClain-Morgan - April 22, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ *Kenny MacLachlan lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



Kenny MacLachlan - April 22, 2016 at 08:47 AM

LR

“ *Heaven has truly opened its doors to a beautiful woman we all was blessed to have her in our lives.. She is loved and missed much.*



Latasha Richardson - April 22, 2016 at 07:55 AM

JD

“ *Justin Douglas lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



Justin Douglas - April 22, 2016 at 03:56 AM

CS

“ *Claud Della Stackens lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Claud Della Stackens** - April 21, 2016 at 09:18 PM

CS

*My sweet cousin thinking of the times you talk my dad into staying all night with you and Nelson. Never forget you. May God Bless You.*  
*Claud Della Surratt Stackens*

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**Claud Della Stackens** - April 21, 2016 at 09:21 PM

MM

“ *Marsha L Milton lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Marsha L Milton** - April 21, 2016 at 08:58 PM

KB

“ *Kim D Brown lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Kim D Brown** - April 21, 2016 at 08:48 PM

J(

“ I'm truly sorry for your loss, I know how you feel. Remember the good times you all have shared. Keep your hands in Gods hands 🙏



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**Jayekende Deshotel (Phillips)** - April 21, 2016 at 07:30 PM

SJ

“ Praying for the family. Sending my deepest condolences. Keeping you lifted in prayer. Love you Phil..



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**Sonya Jefferson** - April 21, 2016 at 06:38 PM

AL

“ To Ebony & Family,

Your mother was one of the kindest and loving people that I have ever met. Her smile, her love, and her warmth will continue their presence with you, your family and everyone she has touched. May God continue to watch over your family during this time.

With love always

Alexis



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**Alexis** - April 21, 2016 at 05:15 PM

KB

“ Kara Boykin lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms



Kara Boykin - April 21, 2016 at 02:48 PM



“ Phil you will for ever be in my heart you have showed me nothing but love since the very first day we meet 😭😭im going to miss your calls and reads of wisdom thank for being apart of my life💙💜💖💗💕💓💋😘😘😘my prayers are going out to her family



Angel Bush - April 21, 2016 at 02:09 PM

LH

“ To the Simms family my heart goes out to all of you. Phyllis was a beautiful person inside and out I will truly miss her

La'Ticha Hardiman - April 21, 2016 at 01:34 PM

JB

“ James Bullock lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms



James Bullock - April 21, 2016 at 01:05 PM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*



Sabrina Muscovalley-Roberts - April 21, 2016 at 12:50 PM

AB

“ *Anitrise Bell lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



Anitrise Bell - April 21, 2016 at 07:48 AM



“ *Barbara Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



Barbara Rodgers - April 20, 2016 at 08:16 PM

SB

“ *Serita Bell lit a candle in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



serita bell - April 20, 2016 at 02:47 PM

BL

“ *BARB VAN CREDIT DIVA & LISA lit a candle  
in memory of Phyllis L. "Phil" Simms*



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**BARB VAN CREDIT DIVA & LISA** - April 20, 2016 at 11:27 AM

AJ

“ *Amelia Jones lit a candle in memory of Phyllis  
L. "Phil" Simms*



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**Amelia Jones** - April 20, 2016 at 09:29 AM

AJ

*RIP you are now in the presence of the Lord*

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**Amelia Jones** - April 20, 2016 at 09:30 AM



*RIP*

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**Barbara Rodgers** - April 20, 2016 at 08:18 PM