

*Mrs. Jessie Mae Sims*  
ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

*Last Glance | Final Sealing*

Processional led by Pastor Bryant

Hymn Deacon Stanley White

Prayer Deacon Wilbert Sims

Scripture  
Old & New Testaments Rev. Norris Harris

Reflections Classmate of PHS 1974  
Mr. Simeon Wakefield

Words of Comfort Pastor O'Quintodd Bryant  
Bethlehem Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the  
Heirloom Family Bible Barnum Staff

Benediction Pastor Bryant

Recessional

Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off  
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.

*A light from our household is gone.  
The voice we love is still.  
A place is vacant in our home  
that never can be filled.*

*Jessie Mae Sims*  
1953 ~ 2020

*Earthly Place of Rest*  
Bethlehem Church Cemetery  
Plains, Georgia 31780

*Acknowledgements*

*The Family acknowledges with grateful appreciation  
all acts of kindness rendered to them during the  
passing of their loved one. The many telephone calls,  
prayers, flowers, cards of condolence, and other  
sympathetic gestures are deeply appreciated.  
May God bless and keep each of you.*

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A CELEBRATION  
*of Life for*  
**JESSIE  
MAE SIMS**  
Sunrise: March 23, 1953      Sunset: September 30, 2020  
**GRAVESIDE SERVICE**  
Saturday, October 3, 2020 | 1:30 p.m.  
**Bethlehem Church Cemetery**  
Plains, Georgia 31780  
**Officiant**  
**Rev. O'Quintodd Bryant**  
Pastor ~ Bethlehem Baptist Church

## *Mrs. Jessie Mae Sims* OBITUARY

*M*s. Jessie Mae Sims was born in Sumter County, Georgia on March 23, 1953, to the parentage of the late Mr. Jessie Lee Sims and the late Mrs. Bertha L. Stewart Sims. She acquired her education in the public schools of Sumter County. She graduated with honors in 1974 from Plains High School. Jessie was employed by the Manhattan Shirt Factory until its closing. Later, Jessie attended Georgia Southwestern College, obtaining a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Jessie started her Christian journey at a young age at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. Jessie served the church that she loved in many facets. She was a member of the Young Adult Choir, Sunday School Teacher, President of the Missionary Society and Church Secretary.

In addition to her parents, Jessie is preceded in death by two brothers, Mr. Arthur Lee Sims and Mr. John Edd Sims; one sister, Mrs. Imogene Sims Harris and a nephew, Mr. Jeremy Sims.

Left to cherish her memories are her brothers and sisters: Mrs. Jurilene (Ralph) Morgan, Mrs. Margaret (Dennis) Harvey, Ms. Mandy Sims, Mr. Ervin Sims, Mr. Leonard Sims, Mr. Wilbert (Helen) Sims, all of Americus, GA; Mr. Robert (Della) Sims, Rincon, GA; Mrs. Annie (Eddie) Biggins and Mr. Jerome (Rosemary) Sims, all of Desoto, GA; one aunt, Ms. Martha Edwards, Smithville, GA; two uncles, Mr. Sammy (Rebecca) Stewart, Miami, FL and Mr. Lynwood (Rather) Stewart, Americus, GA. Although she had no biological children of her own, she reared Mrs. Sekeithia (Lorenzo) Waters, Leesburg, GA; Mrs. Jayla (Brandon) Prince, Americus, GA and SGT Eric Williams, Fort Polk, LA. Many other relatives and friends also survive.



# JESSIE MAE SIMS

**March 23, 1953**

**September 30, 2020**

*I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin  
until the day comes we're together again.*

## A FALLEN LIMB

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.*

*I keep hearing a voice that says,*

*"Grieve not for me.*

*Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.*

*The good life I lived while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.*

*Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease; my soul is at rest.*

*Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.*

*Continue traditions, no matter how small.*

*Go on with your life; don't worry about falls.*

*I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.*

*Until the day comes we're together again."*

