

PALLBEARERS  
BCU Wildcats Football Teammates

HONORARY PALLBEARERS  
A Host of Devoted, Dedicated Family,  
Friends and Coaches

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Family and Friends

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank you for your acts of kindness. Your thoughts, words of encouragement, monetary help, deeds to help comfort and console our hearts, minds, and most of all your prayers are appreciated. The many expressions and tokens of love and concerns have touched our hearts, lifted our spirits, and simply been overwhelming. Each expression in its own way has served as a source of comfort in our time of sorrow. Your comforting expressions of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude with a special thanks to BCU Wildcats Football Teammates.

~ *With Love the Family of Walter Leonard Simmons, Jr.* ~  
"Lil Walt" "Big Boi"

A TRIBUTE TO OUR DAD

*My Heart Remembers You  
Dad, your memory fills my soul  
With joy and warmth and love untold  
Though now you're gone beyond the sky  
Your spirit stays by my side.  
You taught me life's most precious things  
Your words of wisdom like a song  
Will guide me, though you are gone.  
Though I can't hold your hand again  
Nor sit with you 'til day has end,  
You live within my beating heart  
And we'll never be apart.  
Someday we'll meet beyond the blue  
Until then, sweet Daddy my guide,  
I'll keep you close inside.*

*Love,*

*Trey and Layla*



*Funerals by T.S. Warden*

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
**WALTER  
LEONARD SIMMONS, JR.**

*February 1, 1970 - April 28, 2024*

11:00AM, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024  
WEST JACKSONVILLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
3838 Firestone Road | Jacksonville, Florida 32210  
Bishop Gary L. Hall

INTERMENT  
RESTLAWN CEMETERIES  
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive | Jacksonville, Florida 32208

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# OBITUARY

On February 1, 1970, Walter Leonard Simmons, Jr. was born to Walter and Carolyn Simmons. He attended West Jacksonville Church of God in Christ. He rededicated his life to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He answered his Master's call on Sunday, April 28, 2024. He attended private and public schools in Duval County, graduating from William M. Raines High School, Class of 1987. He attended Savannah State University, and graduated from Bethune Cookman University with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Walter met his wife, LaTarsha, while in college at Bethune Cookman University. She preceded him in death. From their union came two children: Walter Leonard Simmons, III and Layla Denise Simmons. He was a devoted and dedicated Father to both children. Showing up as their number one motivator and encourager in sports, cheerleading, and any other extra-curricular activities.

Like his father, Walter Leonard Simmons, Sr., who preceded him in death, he was gifted with a giant personality. He was affectionally known as "Lil Walt" among family members and friends and "Big Boi" by classmates and teammates. Football was his life's passion as a Player and Coach. He also passionately loved "Air Jordan Tennis Shoes".

Walter worked as an independent truck driver.

To cherish his memory and continue his legacy are: children, Walter Leonard Simmons, III (Trey) and Layla Denise Simmons. A devoted and loving mother, Carolyn Simmons, and a dedicated and devoted sister, Sheena Quaintance; uncles: Claude Simmons (Gwendolyn), Robert Wells (Jaceta), Larry Wells (Sandra), Dr. Marvin Wells (Nicole); aunts: Leila Wells, Patricia Jenkins (Carl); great aunts: Annie Mae Griffin and Evelyn Jackson; and a host of loving cousins and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Minister Michael Bolden, *Presiding*  
*Hope Chapel Christian Assembly*

## The Processional

Solo "The Lord's Prayer" Angelica Stokes-Mills

Prayer Elder William Bailey Sr.  
*West Jacksonville COGIC*

Scripture  
Old Testament Elder David Rozier  
*Hope Chapel Christian Assembly*

New Testament Rev. Elton Wright  
*Friendship Missionary Baptist Church*

Solo "My Tribute" Marian Adkins

Expressions  
Family Terrance Simmons  
Best Friend Larry Ellis  
Classmate Jack Hendrix  
Coach Larry Little

Resolutions & Acknowledgements Sandra Thompson

Solo "The Goodness of God" Elder Mary Speight

Words of Comfort (Eulogy) Elder Jarvis Allen  
*West Jacksonville COGIC*

## The Recessional

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