



Colon T. Simmons

July 15, 1923 - March 28, 2018

Colon Theophilus Simmons was called to eternal rest on March 28, 2018. He was born on July 15, 1923 to the late Cornelius and Sophia Simmons in Norfolk County, now known as Chesapeake. He was raised in Oak Grove and, during his adult years, relocated to the Bells Mill section of Chesapeake where he became a strong pillar in the community. Because of this, he earned the title "The Mayor of Bells Mill." He worked at the Norfolk Naval Air Station for 38 years and after his retirement, he spent more time in his barbershop. There, he willingly served his friends and neighbors for more than 60 years. Colon was also active at his church. A life-long dedicated member of Lee's Chapel AME Church of Bell Mill he served in several capacities for many years. He was very musically inclined. More than half a century ago, he was instrumental in organizing the Moderner's Male Chorus, with men from various churches in the community. He was also a very civic minded individual and was the president of the Bells Mill/Dawson Town Civic League for several years. As such, he made it a point to keep the community abreast of important issues and concerns in the city. Although Mr. Colon, as he was affectionately known by the city Mayors and officials, was not an elected official, rather it was his perseverance when pursuing improvements for his community and humble but straight forward approach that earned him respect amongst the city officials.

He leaves to cherish his memories, 5 children: Lamont "Ricky" Simmons, Larry "Sweet Pea" Simmons (Yvette), Pamela Harris (Golden), Janet Gregory

(Milton), and Carolyn Bonner; one deceased daughter, Rosa Johnson; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lee's Chapel AME Church
1036 Bells Mill Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Colon T. Simmons



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - April 01, 2018 at 04:24 PM

MC

Oh Uncle Colon. My heart still feels the love you shared with us. Oba koso. The king did not die. Rest In Peace and Power. Martha Sea Corprew ❤️🙏🥹

Martha Sea Corprew - June 01, 2020 at 12:42 PM

MC

An inspiration to Horace and me. We are forever grateful for your many contributions to Lee's Chapel church and us. Your legacy of love and support remains in our hearts

Mariea Cross - April 05, 2023 at 12:27 PM

GG

“ To the Simmons family my deepest condolences and one of Norfolk Co. Original Bells Mill lost a great man. Rest peacefully Mr. Colon. George Gaskins "GG"

George Gaskins - April 10, 2018 at 09:14 PM



Thanks G.G

Lamont Simmons - May 19, 2018 at 05:08 PM

MW

“ *Sending my sympathy and prayers to the family.*

Matikda West Watson - April 02, 2018 at 09:18 PM



Thank you, Matilda!

Lamont Simmons - April 08, 2018 at 09:19 PM

RP

“ *Richard Pippin lit a candle in memory of
Colon T. Simmons*



Richard Pippin - April 02, 2018 at 11:17 AM



Thank you, Richard!

Lamont Simmons - April 08, 2018 at 09:18 PM

MD

“ *Rest in Heaven for a long deserved rest.
Sending our condolences with love, Mitch &
Doris Mitchell.*



Mitch & Doris - April 02, 2018 at 08:16 AM

LC

“ *Levita Clark lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Levita Clark - April 02, 2018 at 08:04 AM

SR

“ *Sandra ROYAL lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Sandra ROYAL - April 01, 2018 at 09:58 PM



Thank you, Sandy!

Lamont Simmons - April 08, 2018 at 09:13 PM

CR

“ *Carolyn And Rick Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Carolyn and Rick Reynolds - April 01, 2018 at 06:42 PM

RW

“ To Ricky, Larry and Pam. Our deepest condolences to you in the lost of your father Mr. Colon T. Simmons. Mr. Colon as everyone knows was what we called the mayor of Bells Mill. He cared and loved those of us who lived in the village of Bells Mill. Before we ever knew of a public recreation center we had one behind his barber shop where we played basketball around the tree stumps along with baseball and football behind his house. I will never forget those days of running to the barber shop letting Mr. Colon know that I was there to get a hair cut and I was next in line. I hear that voice in my heart saying "Peterboy come on, you're next. My God what a wonderful man, a wonderful mentor and a wonderful caring father to all of us who knew the mayor of Bells Mill. May God bless you and keep you guys. The Wilson family share your grief knowing that our lost is heaven's gain. Love you guys. Rev. Edward J. (Peterman) and Teresa Wilson

Rev. Edward J. Wilson - April 01, 2018 at 05:14 PM



Thank you, Peterman!

Lamont Simmons - April 08, 2018 at 09:15 PM

LS

Thanks Peterman

Larry Simmons - April 14, 2018 at 02:28 AM

TW

“ The Whitfields lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons



The Whitfields - April 01, 2018 at 11:40 AM



Thank you, Donnie and Dwayne!

Lamont Simmons - April 08, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to my sibling, the family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of the beloved Colon aka Paupoo. He was a fine man and is sorely missed.*



Lamont Simmons - March 31, 2018 at 03:27 PM



Still missed!!!

Lamont Simmons AKA "Rik" - September 13, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 31, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colon T. Simmons.*



March 30, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ *Rosalind Gary sent a virtual gift in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Rosalind Gary - March 30, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Rosalind Gary lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Rosalind Gary - March 30, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Kendall Wright lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Kendall Wright - March 30, 2018 at 12:09 PM

AW

“ *Al Wright lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Al Wright - March 29, 2018 at 07:57 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wright lit a candle in memory of Colon T. Simmons*



Janice Wright - March 29, 2018 at 07:55 PM