



Gwendolyn M.T. Tonkins

January 12, 1931 - November 19, 2017

Gwendolyn Maxine Tonkins was born in Washington, DC on January 12, 1931 to the late Chauncey Alphonsus Simms and Gertrude Margaret Simms. Gwendolyn was the fourth of eight children: three boys and five girls. She graduated from Fannetta Cosmetology School and enjoyed that profession for many years.

Sister "T", as she was affectionately known by family and friends, was baptized as one of Jehovah of Witnesses on July 23, 1994 and attended the Glassmanor Congregation in Washington, DC. She enjoyed sharing in the field ministry with family and friends and became a regular pioneer in 1998. There was no such thing as a stranger to her, everyone she met was an instant friend. She was generous and willing to make herself available to help others and had an endearing sense of humor. Sister "T" loved fishing, singing and dancing. And around the house you would find her dancing to Al Green or The Temptations.

Gwendolyn fell asleep in death on November 19, 2017. She was preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Cereta Iris Gregory; two sisters, Dorothy Simms, Peggy Brown and two brothers, Harold Alexander and William Simms. She leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter Donna Coleman, her son Nathaniel Isaac Tonkins Jr.; her daughter-in-law, Karen Tonkins; three grandchildren, Erica Chavis (Andre'), Krystal Tonkins, and Daniel Tonkins; two great granddaughters, Tiffany Smith and Seneca Chavis; two sisters, Iris

Patricia Duckett and Cereta A. Crichlow; one brother-in-law, Allwyn F. Crichlow; one brother, Chauncey Alphonsus Simms, Jr., nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of relatives and friends.