

*Ms. 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.