



Elijah Simon

August 16, 1954 - February 13, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 21, 2008 at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue. Bishop Kenneth Simon, Sr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family will be present at 6:00 p.m. for the Family Hour. Mr. Elijah Simon passed away Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan at the age of 53 years. Elijah was born August 16, 1954 in Saginaw, MI to Robert, Sr. and Carrie Lee (McCain) Simon. He attended Saginaw Public Schools and was a 1972 graduate of Saginaw High School. Elijah accepted Christ in his life and attended Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter, SC. Elijah was especially well known in South Carolina. He loved his family and friends and listening to gospel music, especially by Shirley Caesar. Elijah moved to Bishopville, SC in 1975 and was employed at Reeves Brothers Manufacturing Company and later moved to Sumter, SC where he was employed at Crescent Tools and at Bendix (Bosch) Braking System for 25 years. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Beverly M. Simon of Sumter, SC; two sons, Toriana (Ramona) Allen of Saginaw, MI and his mother, Pankie Allen and Elijah Caldwell of Ansonia, CT and his mother, Minnie Caldwell; three sisters, Dorothy Simon-Boone and Carrie Lee Simon-McLeod, both of Saginaw, MI and Rosa M. Bowman of Bishopville, SC; three brothers, Bishop Kenneth M. (Debwin) Simon of Saginaw, MI, Robert Simon, Jr. of Statesborough, GA and Benard Joyner of Rantoul, IL; three aunts; four

uncles; a special uncle, Abe McCain, Jr. of Bishopville, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and a special brother-in-law, Moses (Anita) Hudson of Sumter, SC. He was preceded in death by both parents; two brothers, Willie James Simon and Ryan Joyner; two brothers-in-law, Lee Roy McLeod and Sammie Lee Boone, Sr. The family would like to express special thanks to Rev. Floyd Logan, Rev. Murry Culberson, Carl Mosley, Virgil Sue Billings, Debwin Simon, Covenant Medical Center-Cooper, 7th Floor ICU, also to Patty, Linda and Lisa.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *What a shock. Elijah had called not to long ago and at least I had the chance to hear his voice. I haven't seen him since we graduated from high school. To the family you have my deepest sympathy.*

*Bishop Simon you are in my prayers as well as the entire family.
God bless.*

Pastor W.F. Casey

Carnell Calhoun - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Elijah,
It will be hard not hearing from you every day to discuss what we thought was important for hat day. Our friendship have been long and very rewarding for without it I would have missed some wonderful experiences. The rides the talks and most of all the companionship. We new this day would come and also it would change life forever.I thank God for the opportunity to have you as a friend. So long my friend. You will be missed.*

Sylvester Adger - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Elijah Simon (Loggie) i met you when i was in 10th grade and you were my first love, you gave me my one and only son Toriano whom i love with a passion, even though you left Saginaw when he was only 2 years old, i am forever grateful that i met you. I had some wonderful times with you, at dances, movies, my high school prom, and all the times we shared together, I will always remember the converstions and memories that we shared, Dorothy, Carrie, Rossevelt and other family, may God be with you and keep you strong through this troubled time, and most of all, Toriano and Elijah your dad was a wonderful man and he would truly capture your heart. Stay Strong! and may your dad rest in peace...*

Pankie Allen Brown - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Blessing to the Family,*

(Bishop Kenneth Simon)

No one really knows how much we must bear in times like these but God!

No one can really support us with peace of mind but God!

No one knows the beginning to the end but God!

And no one is to go to in times like these but God!

Just know when you call him he does answer prayer.

We are praying for you in this hour as special thoughts are in our hearts for you and your loved ones Bishop Simon.

God Bless you

*Dr. Beverly A. Smith
Pastoral Care*

Bishop Alvernis Johnson, Overseer

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Sagianw, MI 48601*

Dr. Beverly A. Smith - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Elijah and I had an understanding far beyond anyone's knowledge. There were things that happened between us in which no one knew, but we managed to work through it and continued being best of friends. I will miss our conversations about life and who you think I should and shouldn't be with. Although, we did have much of an interpersonal relationship, that was okay because we had an telephone bond. A bond that was not meant to be broken. I knew this day would come, but I never could rationalize how it would play out. Now, I know.*

As long as you were my father, I only had one wish and that was for you to treat me with respect, in which you did. I thank you.

Family members and friends don't understand why I not there to see you one last time; they will never understand. As I stated before, we have a bond that was made not to be broken.

I have my last vision of you and in that vision you were stand in your yard waving good-bye to me as I was pulling out of yard for the last time. You were smiling and you appeared to be proud to have me as a son.

Family members and friends, I wouldn't change this vision for the world.

Please understand, my rationalization for this is action is not being disrepectful; however, I know this is what Elijah would have wanted me to do.

I love Elijah, my father, so please understand our bond.

Sincerely,

Elijah Caldwell

Elijah Caldwell - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ To: The Family of Elijah Simon,

It is with a heart filled with sorrow and joy that we greet you at this time. Sorrow because our hearts grieve the passing of our dear friend Elijah. And joy because it was a joy to have known such a man as Elijah Simon.

I met Elijah more than twenty years ago at Bosch Braking System, where we worked together. Now, Elijah was a hard worker, when he worked, but most of the time you would find Elijah talking instead of working. Elijah was a great talker and encourager. He knew everybody and did not make himself a stranger.

One day while I was observing Elijah as he was making his rounds through the plant talking with everybody. I notice that after he talk with each person, they were either smiling or laughing. And when He got to me, I said Elijah you really don't have time to work. I am going to talk with the Employee Relation Manager to see if they could create a new position for you, E.M.T. (Employee Moral Technician). Elijah knew how to get you going.

Family I must say that Elijah was a true friend. He was one that was loved by all of us, my wife and children. Even though we were good friends we still had our differences. There were times when I had to let him talk, and there were times when he had to let me talk. And there were times when we had to draw straws to see who would talk first. In spite of our differences we were able to work through them in love.

Family, God places people in our lives for a minute. And they are there to help us to get from one point to another and then they are gone. I thank God that He has allowed Elijah to be a part of our lives. Our lives have been richer because of him.

Elijah's leaving us is not a surprise to God. Because God number our days, God creates our ending before our beginning. God looked in to the future and saw that he needed a reason to bring you together, and God choose Elijah.

Therefore I encourage each of you to think not only of Elijah. Now I know that you are going to miss Elijah's smiles, laughter, jokes, conversation, and those late night calls that he made just to say ?I was thinking about you?.

But think of yourselves, your relationship with each other, and your relationship with God. God loves you, God loved Elijah and Elijah loved God. Every now and then Elijah would tell me that God loves him and that God has something special for him to do. And it was to share joy and laughter and to bring the family together.

Elijah would have you to know that he was not perfect and that he made some mistakes in his life. But in spite of that he loved each and every one of you.

Family we say to you, cast your burden on the Lord, and the Lord will sustain you. May God's love be your strength and comfort during these times. And know that our prayers are with you continually.

Sincerely,

Pastor James and Jackie Carter and Family,

Pastor James and Jackie Carter - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *I extend my deepest sympathy to you all at this time of sorrow. I will miss Elijah very much.*

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