



Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson

March 3, 1936 - September 7, 2018

On Friday, September 7, 2018 at 10:35 AM our beloved Lonza Lee "Lonny" Simpson entered into eternal rest. He was born the fourth of five children to Alonzo and Viola Simpson on March 3, 1936 in Parkins, Arkansas. His family moved to Saginaw when he was a young child and he attended Central Jr. High School and graduated from Saginaw High School, "Class of 1955". He continued his education before becoming employed at Saginaw Steering Gear, where he had served as a supervisor, retiring in 2009 after fifty-two years of service. Lonny was a long-time devoted member of Bethel A.M.E. Church where he enjoyed serving with the Cup of Water and Church Security Ministries.

"Lonny" fell in love with Diana Ruth Parker and they were married on January 23, 1965 in Saginaw, MI, she survives him.

He loved manicuring his yard and took pride in sitting back and admiring the end results, especially the beautiful flowers. Lonnie was a great bowler and enjoyed fishing trips, especially with his longtime neighbors and friends, the Thompson and Lowery families. "Lonny's" commitment toward his family was genuine. He was a fantastic cook and his recipe for peach cobbler...was a blending of the love, affection and pride he had for his family.

"Lonny" leaves to cherish precious memories his devoted wife, Diana; his loving and caring children, Ynette Diana, Batenia LaMott, Hillary and Lonny

Simpson; a host of nieces and nephews, one sister in-law, Francis Ward; three brothers-in-law, Henry Parker, Jr., Don (Mary) Parker, and Ray (Barbara) Parker; many cousins and dear friends including, Doug Lane and Alex Farrell, Jr.

“Lonny” was preceded in death by his parents, Alonzo and Viola Simpson; four siblings, Mary Ramsey, Jack Simpson, Emma Faye Simpson and Margaret Sherley.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018 at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Pastor Dennis Laffoon will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Browne's Mortuary - September 14, 2018 at 09:34 AM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Derrell Martin - September 19, 2018 at 11:37 PM

SM

“ *Shayla Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Shayla miller - September 17, 2018 at 09:29 PM

GR

“ This world won't be the same without you
uncle Lonnie!!! 🙏 I love you...



Grunt - September 16, 2018 at 07:01 PM

EW

“ To a very special friend and family to me
growing up. I will miss Lonnie truly you will be
in our prayers and our heart , Diana. Michael
and myself love you, dearly
Dr. Emilia & Brother Michael Williamson
Robersonville NC



Emilia Williamson - September 14, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ Rija Landry-Aka lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Rija Landry-Aka - September 14, 2018 at 07:49 AM

AP

“ Diana my thoughts and prayers are with you
during this very difficult time. GOD knows and
He cares.



Alberta Pruitt - September 14, 2018 at 07:47 AM

GT

“ *Geraldine Meredith - Thorne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Geraldine Meredith - Thorne - September 13, 2018 at 11:18 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Walsezetta Bennett - September 13, 2018 at 10:27 PM

MF

“ *Deepest Condolences To The Simpson Family & Friends. God Bless! Brenda (Bryant-Reynolds)*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - September 13, 2018 at 07:34 PM

TH

“ *Tanisha Haywood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Tanisha Haywood - September 13, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson.*



September 13, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Yvette Wofford - September 13, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *Verndia Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



verndia hicks - September 13, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ *JONATHON & CHERYL HARDY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



JONATHON & CHERYL HARDY - September 13, 2018 at 03:42 PM

JR

“ Please know that others care and the strength of the Lord be with the family.

*Brenda Davis-Sherley
Diane Evans*



Janice Ruffin - September 13, 2018 at 02:08 PM

NO

“ NyAngel Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



NyAngel Oneal - September 13, 2018 at 12:48 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jonex lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Brenda Jonex - September 13, 2018 at 12:18 PM

SC

“ Stacey Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Stacey Crosby - September 13, 2018 at 11:51 AM

JR

“ *Janice Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Janice Ruffin - September 13, 2018 at 10:56 AM

PM

“ *Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Pamela Monroe - September 13, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *Tiffany Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Tiffany Owens - September 13, 2018 at 09:57 AM

DK

“ *Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - September 12, 2018 at 10:57 PM

VT

“ Sending prayers to Lamont and family



Venita Gaines Tippins - September 12, 2018 at 10:30 PM

JS

“ To the Parker-Simpson family you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God give you strength and peace now and forever.



Janie Surles-Cork - September 12, 2018 at 09:47 PM

DH

“ Dorothy P. Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Dorothy P. Harris - September 12, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ Rija Landry-Aka lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Rija Landry-Aka - September 12, 2018 at 02:50 PM

SP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Simpson and extended Family.*



Sharon Pruitt - September 12, 2018 at 02:37 PM

DT

“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



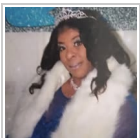
Denecho Turner - September 12, 2018 at 01:07 PM

MM

“ *Mary Mathious-Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Mary Mathious-Crosby - September 12, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Tracy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Tracy Johnson - September 12, 2018 at 10:06 AM

JB

“ *Joyce Barlow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Joyce Barlow - September 12, 2018 at 09:38 AM

JW

“ *JoAnn West lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



JoAnn West - September 12, 2018 at 09:24 AM

CW

“ *Calvin And Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



calvin and Delores Williams - September 12, 2018 at 09:09 AM

JF

“ *Jenny Flunder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Jenny Flunder - September 11, 2018 at 05:44 PM

OR

“ *Olee Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Olee Roberson - September 11, 2018 at 05:37 PM

CJ

“ *C. Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



C. Jarrett-Mason - September 11, 2018 at 05:30 PM

MW

“ *Sending Prayers To The Simpson Family...*



Mechelle Williams - September 11, 2018 at 05:09 PM

CL

“ *Calvin And Phyllis Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Calvin and Phyllis Little - September 11, 2018 at 02:40 PM

VJ

“ Valerie J lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Valerie J - September 11, 2018 at 02:25 PM

GF

“ Gina Ford-Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Gina Ford-Copeland - September 11, 2018 at 02:13 PM

HB

“ Helen M. Bonner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Helen M. Bonner - September 11, 2018 at 01:59 PM

HB

Lonnie was always an nice person, met him the 1st day i started at plant 5, he will truly be missed , prayers are with his wife and family during this time.

Helen M. Bonner - September 11, 2018 at 02:02 PM



Jesus. Loves Us.

Frank Johnson - September 16, 2018 at 11:40 AM

FA

“ Faye Adams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Faye Adams - September 11, 2018 at 01:43 PM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Carrie Jackson-Zackrie - September 11, 2018 at 01:20 PM

SN

“ Lonnie was a friend to many and will be missed. I pray that God will be with you during this time of grief. He will be the wind beneath your wings and grant you peace. With sincere sympathy and love.

Shirley Nuckolls - September 11, 2018 at 12:48 PM

LH

“ Lois Holiday lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Lois Holiday - September 11, 2018 at 12:29 PM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Sue Surles-McDole - September 11, 2018 at 11:51 AM

SS

Sorry for your loss.

Sue Surles-McDole - September 11, 2018 at 11:51 AM

SC

“ South Side Culpeppers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



South Side Culpeppers - September 11, 2018 at 08:05 AM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Sam and Deborah Mack - September 11, 2018 at 03:13 AM

MM

“ *Diana, LaMott and Family,
Take comfort in knowing that to be absent
from the body is to be present with the Lord,
my thoughts and prayers are with you! Love
you much!*
Mary McDonald



Mary McDonald - September 10, 2018 at 07:59 PM

CT

“ *My sincere condolences to the Simpson family.*

Charles E. Taylor - September 10, 2018 at 07:38 PM

FH

“ *Freddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Freddie Hodges - September 10, 2018 at 07:30 PM

JO

“ *JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



JoyReeves - September 10, 2018 at 05:04 PM

MJ

“ *Mr. & Mrs J.L.Fifer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Mr. & Mrs J.L.Fifer - September 10, 2018 at 04:41 PM

MB

“ *Marie Crockett And Lesa Betts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



marie crockett and lesa betts - September 10, 2018 at 04:36 PM

MB

Our prayers go out to the family of Lonnie Simpson our deepest sympathy

marie crockett and lesa betts - September 10, 2018 at 04:38 PM

GC

“ *I spent many, many hours with Lonnie at Plt. 6. Too many stories to tell here but he was a great guy to know and have on my side when I needed him. Rest in peace my friend.*

Gary Carrier

Gary Carrier - September 10, 2018 at 03:41 PM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



IRMA CHISM - September 10, 2018 at 03:01 PM

JG

“ Will be missed my coworker at Plant#6



JoEllen Gaddis-McElhany - September 10, 2018 at 01:44 PM

OK

“ Olivia Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Olivia Kincaid - September 10, 2018 at 12:39 PM

BK

“ Beatrice King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Beatrice King - September 10, 2018 at 12:20 PM

MJ

“ *Mary (Howell) Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Mary (Howell) Jackson - September 10, 2018 at 11:34 AM

AJ

“ *Addie D. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Addie D. Jones - September 10, 2018 at 11:33 AM

SV

“ *Shelva Scott - Veal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Shelva Scott - Veal - September 10, 2018 at 10:31 AM

JP

“ *Joyce Phillips-Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Joyce Phillips-Stanley - September 10, 2018 at 08:48 AM

FM

“ Know we are here for you: Diana, Ynette, and LaMott. Praying for strength, comfort, and peace only God can give.

Love,
Fred, Michelle, Brennan, Kennedy, and Armand



Fred and Michelle - September 09, 2018 at 10:03 PM

AN

“ Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Alicia Nelson - September 09, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ Darlean Donald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Darlean Donald - September 09, 2018 at 07:32 PM

MN

“ My sincere condolences to Diane and family. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Mary (Georgia) Nettles - September 09, 2018 at 07:14 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Crosby Locke, Cantonment, FL*



Bobbie Crosby Locke - September 09, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ *Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Elizabeth Hudspeth - September 09, 2018 at 02:30 PM

JH

“ *Diana, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Lonnie. I hope your memories of him and your lives together are memorable, comforting, and lasting. Please know I am thinking of and praying for you and your family at this time.*



Joyce Harvin

Joyce Harvin - September 09, 2018 at 01:06 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Jeanette Champion - September 09, 2018 at 10:16 AM

DM

“ *DIANA MIREE sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



DIANA MIREE - September 09, 2018 at 06:56 AM

DT

“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson*



Denecho Turner - September 08, 2018 at 10:26 PM

JA

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Simpson family. May God bless you and keep you.*



JOYCE ATKINS-PALMER - September 08, 2018 at 04:06 PM

NC

“ *Such a great family. We met thru our husbands having dialysis together. Being a spouse of a dialysis patient is something only another spouse can understand. Diana you were so supportive through all this for me and all rest of our dialysis family. Prayers for comfort thru this empty time. Glad Lonnie is no longer suffering. Love to you and your family.*

Nancy Clare - September 08, 2018 at 02:19 PM

IF

“ Dear Diane, children, and family, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” 1 John 3:2



Words can't wipe away your tears. Hugs won't ease your pain. But hold on to your memories. Forever they'll remain." Our hope is that you find some comfort in knowing we grieve with you now and in the days ahead. Be encouraged!!

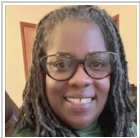
Irvin Family - September 08, 2018 at 02:04 PM

AL

“ Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Annie Lowery - September 08, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ To my dear cousins Diana, Ynette, and LaMott...I wish I could be there with you during this time. But know that I am there in love, spirit, thoughts, and most of all prayers. Lonnie has touched us all in a very special way and will be truly missed.



Susann Wilson-Moody - September 08, 2018 at 01:30 PM

SC

“ Sona Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



sona Carruth - September 08, 2018 at 01:21 PM

SD

“ Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Stacy Duran - September 08, 2018 at 12:20 PM

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



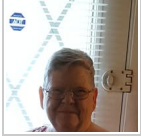
Gregory Daniel - September 08, 2018 at 10:58 AM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonza "Lonny" Simpson



Dona Austin-Bigby - September 08, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ *Diana, LaMott, Ynette I love you and I am here for you, whatever you need. I love you so much and my heart aches for you. I, too, will miss Lonnie. Blessings and peace to you.*

Kay McMillan - September 08, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to Sis. Diana and Family. God bless Sis. Diana for being such a "Faithful, Dedicated & Loving Wife, along with the Children." Job Well Done Family! Every time Houston prayed with Bro. Lonnie, Bro. Lonnie would say "Amen!" Our hearts are heavy. We love you guys. "To God Be The Glory!"*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts. Philippians 4:7

Houston & Elaine Jackson, Jr. & Family



Elaine Jackson - September 08, 2018 at 10:07 AM

CA

The road of life generates many obstacles and detours, but over the many years of our friendship, God has been our G. P. S, and our road of friendship was enhanced through God's merciful blessings. The camaraderie's and fun we shared during our life time in spirited competition is an orchestration of togetherness that cannot be duplicated because has God has given us the copy rights.

To the family and friends, there is an old cliches' that states "Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if only one friend remembers to turn on the lights."

Thank you Lonnie for turning on the light , and sharing your light with your many friends,

The light you shared has become a living testimony of the many friends you accrued over the years.

Thank you God for creating Lonnie Simpson, as the Beacon Light, to safe guard his many friendships.

Rest in peace my class mate and friend, and thanks for sharing your light.

S. H. S.

Charles Atwater

Charles Atwater - September 12, 2018 at 03:19 PM