



Will Jay Simmons

January 19, 1920 - June 3, 2017

WILL SIMMONS WAS BORN IN ATLANTA, GA JANUARY 19, 1920. IN HIS EARLY YEARS, HE MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO MACON, GA, WHERE HE WAS RAISED AND ATTENDED SCHOOLS. ON DECEMBER 27, 1942, HE MARRIED DORA JUNE CLIETT AND THEY MOVED TO PORTSMITH, VA WHERE HE WORKED AS A WELDER IN THE NAVY SHIPYARDS. THEY DECIDED TO MOVE TO NEW YORK TO RAISE THE FAMILY AND REMAINED IN NEW YORK UNTIL THEIR TRANSITION. WILL WORKED FOR GENERAL MOTORS CORP IN THE PAINT DEPARTMENT FOR 37 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING IN 1983. HE THEN WORKED FOR THE SLEEPY HOLLOW POLICE DEPT AS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD FOR 15 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING FROM THAT ROLE. WITH A STRONG PENCHANT FOR LEARNING, WILL SPENT HIS RETIREMENT YEARS PURSUING VARIOUS HOBBIES. HE ATTENDED AN ELECTRONICS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AFTER RETIREMENT, TINKERING WITH OLD RADIOS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. HE TOOK ADULT LEARNING COURSES IN HIS QUEST TO LEARN TO SPEAK SPANISH AND WOULD CARRY THAT TRANSLATION BOOK WHEREVER HE WENT. WHEN COMPUTERS BECAME MORE POPULAR, HE HAD A DESIRE TO LEARN HOW THEY WORK AND DEVELOPED THE SKILLS TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL CARDS THAT HE WOULD SEND TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY MEMBERS ON HOLIDAYS. AT 84 YRS OLD, WILL GAVE HIS FIRST RECITAL AS A RESULT OF TAKING KEYBOARD LESSONS. HE NEVER

VIEWED HIS AGE AS A HINDRANCE TO WHAT HE WANTED TO LEARN AND ACCOMPLISH. WILL WAS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF MT HOPE AME ZION CHURCH IN WHITE PLAINS, NY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MENS CHORUS. WILL FOUND GREAT JOY IN SINGING WITH THESE GROUP OF MEN AND PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES. WILL'S LOVE OF HIS LIFE, HIS WIFE, DORA, PREDECEASED HIM IN 2009 AND HE LEAVES BEHIND THREE CHILDREN, NANETTE, WILL (KAREN) AND RONNIE (JENNY). 2 SISTER-IN-LAWS, LILLIAN MINTER AND GLORIA REYNOLDS. 9 GRANDCHILDREN, 13 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY NIECES, NEPHEWS AND COUSINS.

HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL OF US AS HE TRANSITIONS AND WE THANK GOD FOR THE MANY YEARS WE HAD TOGETHER.

Previous Events

Wake

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Hope AME Zion Church
65 Lake Street #C
White Plains, NY 10604

Funeral

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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65 Lake Street #C
White Plains, NY 10604

Interment

JUN 9 (ET)

White Plains Rural Cemetery
167 North Broadway
White Plains, NY 10603

Tribute Wall



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