



Alberta Simms

October 29, 1923 - June 14, 2010

Alberta Berniece (Kennedy) Simms was born October 29, 1923 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to DeLacy Kennedy and Ada H. (Goudeau) Kennedy. She graduated from Uganda Martyrs Catholic High School in 1941. Alberta married the love of her life, Grant Simms, in July 26, 1941. She was an interior decorator and worked along side her husband for forty plus years. They owned Simms Interior Exterior Design Company. Alberta attended Uganda Martyrs Catholic Church in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Alberta was preceded in death by her parents: DeLacy and Ada Kennedy; her siblings: Lucille J. Brooks, Mattie B. Henson, DeLacy Kennedy, Jr., Bennie Gene Kennedy and her husband: Grant Simms who passed away March 3, 1987.

Alberta was active in school and community work. She worked with the Okmulgee County Commissioner's office to repair the county's rural roads. She was very active in national, state, and local politics. She was a leader in the Democratic Party.

In 1997, she gave the commencement address at Preston High School, over 40 years after she had worked to integrate the school system. Her oldest son Mark was the first African-American student to attend Preston Public Schools.

A faithful volunteer at Marion Academy Elementary School in Okmulgee, OK, Alberta enjoyed working in the library with the children, helping with reading

and book selection. She also enjoyed sewing and quilting.

She is survived by her sister: Loletha M. Prudom of Tulsa; her brother: Elmer G. Kennedy and his wife, Gwen of Okmulgee; her son: Mark E. Simms and his wife: Josephine of Oklahoma City; her daughter: Brenda J. Moore and her husband: Kenneth of Broken Arrow; her son: Grant Wayne Simms and his wife: Lisa of Beggs; her grandchildren: Mark E. Simms, Jr. and his wife: Angela; Cedric Darnell Simms, Sonja Jo Simms, Curlonda Monique Simms, KaSondra Gayle Moore, Kimberly Denese Moore, Kandice Marie Moore, Kristopher Michael Moore, Adam Wayne Simms, Andrew Thomas Simms; three great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and acquaintances.

Memorial donations can be made to the Alberta B. Simms Memorial Scholarship Fund C/O Citizens Security Bank at P. O. Box 1117, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 25th at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 1001 E. Chicago Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Reverend McKinley Rice will officiate.

Arrangements were entrusted to Daniel C. Schaudt of Schaudt's Glenpool Funeral Service & Cremation Care. Family and friends may view the obituary and send condolences to the family online at www.schaudtfuneralservice.com

Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Ruth N. Mitchell and family of Pontiac, Michigan would like to express our sincere condolences on the passing of a dear cousin. Although our ships only passed briefly, an impression was made that she was a loving and genuine person. May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Ruth N. Mitchell and Family - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Grant and Lisa:*

My thoughts and prayers are for strength and comfort for you and your family during this time of need.

Phil Mitchell - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Grant,
May God Bless and keep you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

*Remember: Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot Heal.
Travis*

Travis Fields - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I only got to meet her once, but I got to know her better through Grant. She was a dear sweet lady. My prayers are with the family. May the Lord bring you comfort in knowing that she is now an Angel looking over you.*

Jackie Terry - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ On behalf of the Lewis family, we want express to you the Sims family our condolences during this time. We shall never forget the generosity shown to us through this servant of God by way of Cousin Alberta. We shall forever hold dear to our hearts all of the fond memories she left with us while growing up. We are praying that God grants unto you His strength and peace in the days ahead.

Dr. Jerry D. Lewis - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Eliza Jeffries - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our prayers are with you

Dick and Marie Cannon - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ You will be missed Aunt Bert

Otis Tyrell Sims - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM