

Obituary

Sunrise: January 17, 1931 – Sunset: July 30, 2020



Isabelle Nelson Simms was born to the late Ruby Jackson and Isiah Nelson on January 17, 1931 in Waynesboro, Georgia. She departed this earthly life on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Isabell attended Waynesboro High and Industrial School; thereafter she met and married Lindsey Mathis, to this union were born four sons: Simmie (deceased), Allen, Larry (deceased) and John (Tommy) (deceased). Eventually she moved with her husband and children to Boston, Massachusetts in 1955. After her first husband died; in time Isabelle married Forrest Simms and to that union three children were born: Derrick (deceased), Isabelle and Forrest Jr. Preceded her in death, son: Robert; brothers: David, Isiah, Robert, and Ezekiel; sisters: Ethel,

Eva, Mary, Elizabeth, and Louise.

Isabelle worked at Dorchester High School and at Grove Hall Day Care Center until she retired after 30 years. Isabelle was a devoted mother and grandmother, and showed love to all that came into her presence. She enjoyed shopping, traveling, and good food.

All that knew Isabelle knew that she loved the Lord; at the early age of 12, Isabelle gave her life to Christ and was baptized at Blount Hills Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Georgia. When Isabelle moved to Boston, Massachusetts in 1955, she set her feet at Metropolitan Baptist Church in 1958 under the pastorate of Reverend John Mayshack. Isabelle believed in teaching her children and grandchildren about the love of God, His forgiving power and protection. Isabelle was a prayer warrior and constantly prayed for her family. Her favorite scripture was Psalms 23, and her favorite gospel group was the Mississippi Mas Choir. She would sing along with James Moore **“What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and grief to bear and what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer”** and she would also sing along with Ms. Mosie Burk **“This morning when I rose, I didn’t have no doubt”**. Isabell knew that she most definitely had a friend in Jesus and she never doubted the healing power of the Lord and that God’s will was always best.

Isabelle was a devoted member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church for more than 60 years. She was faithful in paying her tithes and offering, and inviting people to church to hear the word of the Lord. It wasn’t until sickness invaded her body and Isabelle was no longer able to attend church regularly. What a great loss to the Metropolitan family and to those who fellowshiped with Isabelle. Isabelle has moved from labor to reward

She is survived by her children: Allen (Iris), Isabelle, and Forrest Jr. of Boston, Massachusetts; sister: Josie Campfield of Boston, Massachusetts; seventeen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchild; and three great, great grandchildren. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephew, family and friends.



L to R: Nicole Lungelow, Isabelle Simms, Eva Lewis, and Josie Campfield