



## Pastor Ralph Kenneth Simmons

October 15, 1946 - September 3, 2015

Celebrating The Life Of Pastor Ralph Kenneth Simmons:

The life of Ralph K. Simmons began on October 15, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan where he was the youngest of six children born to the late to Judge Richard and Bernice Simmons. Three of his siblings preceded him in death, Callie, Herman and Gene. Ralph surrendered his life to the Lord at the young age of 14 and accepted his calling to the Ministry in 1987.

He was faithful and about his Father's business in preaching and teaching the Gospel until his homegoing.

Pastor Ralph K. Simmons was Senior Pastor and Founder of Evangelistic Ministries Center. Because of his love for soul- winning and desire to strengthen Christians in their walk with the Lord, he worked tirelessly towards that goal by preaching the Gospel on Radio Stations 1440 and 1340 AM; Serving as Associate Minister, Bible Class Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, as well as substitute Christian Education Teacher at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; he established a Drug and Alcohol Program while participating in and leading the Street Ministry; he was a traveling Bible Teacher at various sites such as the Detroit News, law offices, social service offices, Grace Hospital and MichCon in the City of Detroit where Christians at those sites took their lunch hour to study the Word of God.

Ralph was also a part of Evangelist Roosevelt Moore's Prison Ministry, participating in visitations to various prisons to fellowship, counsel, and preach to the inmates. He was instrumental in training and working with team members to prepare for the prison visits. He served as Assistance Pastor at the Open Door Rescue Mission. Pastor was also a member of the Berea Baptist Bible Institute. While at the Institute he was an Instructor where he taught classes on Theology and Hermeneutics to other pastors.

Pastor managed and oversaw the administration of classroom tasks such as preparing syllabi, tests, and routinely evaluated the students' progress.

Lastly, at Evangelistic Ministries Center, Pastor Simmons established a Bible Institute with a large tape ministry. He has written two books, The "Genesis Flood Controversy" and "The Revelation of Christ."

# Cemetery Details

## **Detroit Memorial Park East**

4280 East 13 Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48092

# Previous Events

## **Family Hour**

Saturday, Sep. **12**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fountain of Life Missionary Baptist Church  
17824 John R.  
Detroit, MI 48203

## **Funeral Service**

Saturday, Sep. **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Detroit, MI 48203

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Ralph Kenneth Simmons*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To my Pastor,*

*We didn't know that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we love you dearly in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God, called you home. You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide. And though we can not see you. You are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again. Love you, Today Tomorrow and Forever,  
Tracy*

Tracy - September 13, 2015 at 01:35 AM



“ *Tracy lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ralph Kenneth Simmons*



Tracy - September 13, 2015 at 01:26 AM



Bernadine  
Simmons

“ *To Sandra and Family,  
We are sending you our deepest sympathy.*

*Ruby Sullivan (Sister) &  
John Simmons (Brother)*

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**Bernadine Simmons** - September 11, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Pastor Ralph Kenneth Simmons.*



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September 11, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ *Dear Sandra & Family,*

*Please know that you have my deepest sympathy on the loss of  
your husband. I know there is little I can say to console you but  
please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your  
family at this difficult time.*

*April Allemon*

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**April Allemon** - September 11, 2015 at 02:53 PM

PB

“ *Dear Sandra and Family,  
You have my deepest sympathy and condolences during this challenging time. Your love, support and compassion for Ralph reigned strong through the years. He was a strong man of God with a strong woman at his side. Now is that time where faith and trust are called to duty.  
Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. May God continue to strengthen and guide your path.  
Peace and Love,  
Pat Swan-Brown*

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**Pat Swan Brown** - September 11, 2015 at 11:09 AM

KB

“ *Pastor,  
  
As a young man, you blessed me through God. To this day I appreciate it. I grew up knowing you as more than my Pastor, you are my family ,and EMC is my family. Its because of family like you that I will never forget where I come from. Thank you for everything you have done, and everything you have taught us. May you rest in heaven as one of God's soldiers  
Love, Bear*

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**kimberly burrell** - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 PM

LC

“ *My Pastor, My Mentor, My Friend*

*I know he is surprised at the many crowns he received to cast at our Savior's feet, though his humility never allowed that to be a goal.*

*Pastor's powerful, Christ-centered ministry affected so many more lives*

*than he realized. His love of God and His truth remained steadfast.*

*I'm thankful for the many hours spent studying at the Simmons' dining room table and the beautiful library I gained over the years, some Pastor thought he was just loaning out (smile).*

*He taught me the true beauty of salvation and not to be afraid of my calling into the ministry but to remain humble and strong in the Lord.*

*What would friendship be without a few quarrels? We had a few over our*

*28 year friendship and I cherish each one, because each one strengthened*

*our friendship. I'm drying my tears now and I Promise to be there for my sister, Sandra*

*and to take care of our beautiful EMC church family.*

*Love, Sis (Minister LaVori Cade)*

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**LaVori Chante Cade** - September 10, 2015 at 06:56 PM

LC

“ *I also want to say to the Evangelistic Ministries family that my love and prayers are with you all. Love LaVira Carter*

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**LaVira Carter** - September 10, 2015 at 03:24 PM

LC

“ *LaVira Carter lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ralph Kenneth Simmons*



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**LaVira Carter** - September 10, 2015 at 12:38 PM

LC

“ *Pastor Simmons truly was a great man of God. The way he taught was so straightforward, he never watered down the word for anyone. He made such an impression on my life, and always made me feel the Love of God through him. I'm very honored to have known him. My deepest sympathy goes out to his beautiful wife Sandra and family.*  
*Love LaVira Carter*

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**LaVira Carter** - September 10, 2015 at 12:34 PM

BS

“ *Dear Cousin Sandra, Ann Marie and I are praying for you and your family. Your husband is now with the Lord but we know you will miss him. We love you.*

*Bill and Ann Marie Senior*

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**Bill Senior** - September 10, 2015 at 10:43 AM

ST

“ Dearest Sandra & Family,

*I was saddened to hear of Ralph's passing, but rejoicing knowing he is present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). Ralph was a great Pastor, husband, father and friend to many. Believer's in the Body of Christ know that God does not make mistakes. Ralph's work on earth is completed - well done, good and faithful servant. May Ralph's legacy and passion for the Lord Jesus Christ live on to those lives he has touched! Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot bear. I'm praying God's comfort (as only He can) and continued blessings be upon you and your family.*

*With Love and Deepest Sympathy  
Sharon Taylor*

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**Sharon Taylor** - September 10, 2015 at 09:16 AM

KB

“ Pastor,

*I remember the Y.. I remember standing on the four corners of Cass Corridors: feeding the homeless. I remember James Couzens.. I remember being the unwed mom, and you continued to pray for me, and uplift me, and show me love. I remember you marrying me to the man God had truly chosen for me. I remember you Christening all four of my children and Baptizing the 3 older ones. You have been my Pastor, and a Father figure for me for at least 25 years.*

*I REMEMBER YOU!!!!!!*

*I LOVE YOU*

*KIMBERLY DUNCAN BURRELL*

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**KIMBERLY DUNCAN BURRELL** - September 09, 2015 at 07:04 PM

KH

“ *Extending deepest sympathy for you all in your loss, and hoping that comfort and peace may come to you. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. Sister Simmons and Family hold on to God's unchanging hand. You all are in our prayers, may God strengthen and comfort you all.*



*Love Always,  
Katrina Spratt - Hurt & Family  
Cleveland, Ohio*

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**KATRINA HURT** - September 09, 2015 at 02:17 PM

DS

“ *We are deeply saddened on the unfortunate death of Ralph and extend our sympathy wishes and condolences to you Sandra and Family. He was a Man of God, funny, dear and kind friend, our 30 years of friendship has truly been special and cherished. No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind, but take comfort in knowing that he is now resting in the arms of our Lord. Be strong and as you look back on his memories, may it bring a smile to your face and comfort to your heart. He will be truly missed, just remember, We are here for you. We are praying with and for you all's peace, strength and comfort.*



*Sincerely Yours,*

*Rev. Lee & Sister Doris Spratt*

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**Doris Spratt** - September 09, 2015 at 01:59 PM

SR

“ *Pastor Ralph K Simmons changed my life! His teaching, preaching, friendship and counsel have made me a greater student of the word of God. I have admired his passion, transparency, genuiness and knowledge of scripture along with his walk with Christ. He was a gift to his ministry, "Evangelistic Ministry Center" and to his family and friends.*



*I could call Ralph (day or night) and always be able to receive the counsel needed to combat the enemy. He was gifted his capacity to hold your attention, answer your questions and eloquently provide the text in a manner that challenged your ability to get stronger in the Lord and revisit your walk so as to not condemn but to realize that this great Lord of ours was worth learning more about! He made you want more of Him.*

*He was a God father to my son, a Pastor to be respected and a good natured individual who could meet the common man on Cass Corridor, the student at WCC, the dignitary at any church and the stranger who was just looking for help. Ralph was not interested in praise or false plaititudes. He was just interested in using his gift to present to the Master one day.*

*And this day has come - He is with his King. He will be missed and he can not be replaced - but EMC you are his legacy. Continue to fight the good fight of faith!*

*Sandra, Darsha & Kenneth - you are in my prayers. Forever grateful for your love*

*Sheila Ricks*

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**Sheila Ricks** - September 09, 2015 at 10:46 AM

AP

“ *Rev. Ralph Kenneth Simmons, Expositor of the Word, Servant of Christ, Faithful Pastor, and Profound Theologian, you thoroughly searched the divine library, that you might feed the flock with knowledge and understanding. You drank deeply from the wells of salvation, that you might refresh the sheep with living water. Your work is finished, your labor is done, a crown of glory you have won. Farewell Man of God!*  
*Andre & Katherine Pickens*



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**Andre Lamont Pickens** - September 09, 2015 at 10:10 AM

PB

“ *Sandra, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Paul Belsito** - September 09, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Ralph Kenneth Simmons.*



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September 09, 2015 at 09:37 AM

CZ

“ *Sandra and Family, you have my deepest Condolences. Pastor Simmons will be greatly missed by all. You, your family and the EMC family are in my prayers. We Love You All.*

*Christine, Devon and Camorynne*

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**Christine Zackery-Shaw** - September 09, 2015 at 08:46 AM

CC

“ *Words can not express how much of an impact you had on me and my growing with the Lord. Sadly enough I'm only able to tell you now that your gone. Although I was not always able to grace the doors of Evangelistic Ministries Center regularly, I Always carried the lessons and the Word with me. I gave my life to the Lord under Your care And Love and I am Forever Endebted to you for showing me the way. Pastor you will be gravely and dearly missed but I know you are Exactly where you want to be.....Home*

*Love,  
Charlotte Coleman*

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**charlotte coleman** - September 09, 2015 at 07:58 AM

AN

“ Sandra & Family,

*My sincere condolences to you and your family at this time of loss. Ps. 116:15 reads "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Ralph fought the good fight of faith and fulfilled God's purpose in preaching the Gospel to the world and winning many souls for our Lord. The Lord will not forget Ralph's work and labor of love toward his name, in having ministered to the saints.*

*God Bless, from your sister in Christ  
Andrea Stamps & Family*

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**Andrea** - September 08, 2015 at 10:41 PM

DO

“ Pastor,

*You were everything that a man of God should be. Loving, kind, giving, and caring. A beautiful friend and beyond. You were loving husband and father. And you have taught me so much. You have always been there for me and my family, You will always be precious in my heart and I will always love you.*

*You are now with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whom you preached, lived and loved with your whole heart. I will deeply miss you. Until I see you again in glory.*

*Your loving friend,  
Doris*

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**Doris** - September 08, 2015 at 09:18 PM

QU

“ To my Pastor a great man of God. He was strong in the word of God and would never compromise for anything. He was not only my Pastor but my family. He was always there for me and was always available to talk, give advance and to give an encouraging word. Your passing has left a huge whole in my heart. You will truly be missed. You are irreplaceable!

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**Quintin** - September 08, 2015 at 06:26 PM

ML

“ Sandra, I was saddened by the news I received today. I always had good thoughts and memories of you during your time here. My most sincere condolences to you and your family.  
Mike Lubinecky

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**Mike Lubinecky** - September 08, 2015 at 06:39 AM

LB

Sandra thinking of you in your hour of sorrow. May God's blessings continue to shine upon your family

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**lottie bowdry** - September 10, 2015 at 10:25 AM

SS

Ralph, my Pastor, my heart, my soulmate has gone on to be with his Lord. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith, and has now received his reward. I will really miss my husband. We were one as the Lord told married couples to become. Much Agape to My Love. I'll see you in the future. Sandra

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**Sandra Simmons** - September 11, 2015 at 06:43 AM