



## Mr. Theodore Larry Simpson

April 2, 1949 - April 20, 2013

Theodore Larry Simpson entered this world on April 2, 1949 in River Rouge, Michigan. He was the first son and the third of four children born to the union of Theodore and Roxie Simpson. Theodore was raised in a very spiritual household. His grandmother, Roxie Hicks, was the minister of St. Mary's Lady of Grace Church, where Theodore was a faithful member for many years. In recent years he joined his wife, Sharon, as a member of the First Church of God Romeo, Michigan, where he worshipped until his death.

Theodore was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system, graduating from Central High School in 1967. He also attended Ferris State University. Theodore was known for working at various jobs in the banking and sales industry. He excelled at collections and sales, and if any company offered him more money, he would quickly join that business. Eventually, he joined the team at General Motors, and worked at many different plants around the country, retiring after 30 years of service.

On April 17, 1983, Theodore married his childhood friend and sweetheart, Sharon Tinsley Simpson. On April 17, 2013, they celebrated 30 years of marriage.

Theodore was an avid music fan. He loved all music, but The Temptations were his favorite group — he owned a collection of every song recorded by

them. Sharon and Theodore traveled all over the United States and Canada to attend their concerts. Theodore's love of music also appeared in his singing. He was every family member's choice to sing The Lord's Prayer at all weddings, funerals and church visitations. His gospel music collection was awesome and well appreciated. His songs by favorite singer, Marvin Sapp, played almost every day. When Theodore was not immersed in his music, he was watching sports. He made it a point to go to the Tiger's games every season. In pursuit, Sharon and Theodore travelled all over the country, including Toronto, Ohio and Florida, just to catch a game. One year, Theodore attended every home game for the Tigers. He also had a green thumb. He enjoyed putting around with, and growing, plants. His love of music, singing and sports was only overshadowed by his love of family.

After the death of sister and brother-in-law Cynthia and Charles Anderson, Theodore and Sharon became the parents of April and Ashley, who have blessed them with granddaughters, Jordyn, Kamryn and Kaidyn, the loves of Theodore's life. Theodore was Papa and Papa was their heart. There was nothing Papa would not do for them, or give them. His greatest joy was spoiling them rotten. With great pleasure he was Kamryn's daily caregiver until his health began to fail.

# Cemetery Details

## Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road  
Redford Twp., MI 48239

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Apr. **26**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Apr. **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Southwestern Church of God  
3032 S. Fort Street  
Detroit, MI 48217

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Apr. **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Theodore Larry Simpson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sharon... sending you thoughts of peace, courage and love.*

*Yvette Cloyd Booth*

**Yvette Booth** - April 27, 2013 at 07:06 AM



“ *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO TO MS SHARON AND FAMILY AS THEY LAY THEO TO REST TODAY.REMEMBER THE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND WHEN YOU CAN'T WALK WITH THE LORD BECAUSE YOU ARE IN DEEP SORROW HE WILL CARRY YOU. LOVE YOU RIP MY FREIND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN*

**CAROLYN** - April 27, 2013 at 06:51 AM



“ *Sharon and Roz, Henry and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you both, wife and sister. He will be missed. We are praying that the Lord will help you get through this time. Rev. and Mrs. Henry D. Williams, Jr. (Berne)*

**Bernadine A. Willilams** - April 26, 2013 at 08:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Theodore Larry Simpson.*



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April 26, 2013 at 04:40 PM



“ *Dear Simpson and Tinsley Families,  
My heart is heavy with the loss of Theodore. The time of death for Malcolm and Theodore has come too close. They are together now and I am sure enjoying each others company again as brothers do. From time to time over the years, I have found myself thinking back to the good times we shared growing up together on Boston. At times, it has brought a smile, laughter, and tears. The Boston clan is getting smaller, but we all have our memories that we can keep in our hearts for the rest of our lives. I will keep you all in my heart and prayers.*

*My loves goes out to all of you,  
Denise Diggs-Taylor*

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**Denise Diggs-Taylor** - April 26, 2013 at 10:14 AM



“ *Sharon, I am so sorry to hear about Theodore. Please know you and your family are in my prayers. Sincerely Christina Cloyd Nelson.*

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**Christina Cloyd Nelson** - April 23, 2013 at 10:06 AM

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“ IT WAS A HONOR TO HAVE THEO AS PART OF OUR FAMILY.I WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THE MEMORIES I HAD WITH THEO. THEO AND MS SHARON CAME FOR A VISIT TO OUR HOUSE IN FLORIDA AND WE HAD A GREAT TIME EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A SNAKE THAT VISITED THEM BUT WE ALSO HAD DOPHINS. THEO AND I WOULD ALWAYS SAY IT LIKE IT WAS THATS WHAT I LOVED ABOUT HIM HE WAS NOT A PHONEY PERSON HE HAD A HUGE HEART AND WE WILL MISS HIM DEARLY BUT I KNOW HE IS STILL WITH US IN SPIRIT. R.I.P MY DEAR FRIEND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.  
LOVE YOU ALWAYS  
CAROLYN AND DAVID AMICANGELO

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**CAROLYN AMICANGELO** - April 23, 2013 at 05:48 AM