



Josephine N. Simmons

May 6, 1925 - July 29, 2015

Josephine N. Simmons passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. She was born in Philadelphia PA, but was raised in Long Branch, NJ. Jo attended the Long Branch schools then went to Virginia State College to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics. Upon returning home to Long Branch, Josephine taught fourth grade and was a reading specialist in the Long Branch school district for 32 years. She truly loved helping the students be the best they could be. If it meant staying late to help them or buying a coat to keep them warm in the winter Jo never hesitated to come through. She made many lifelong friends with coworkers. Once Jo was your friend she was dedicated and loyal to you forever. Josephine will always be remembered as a resilient, determined woman who was never afraid to speak her mind or give orders when a leadership role needed to be filled. She loved her family and friends dearly. She was very proud of those closest to her and never hesitated to share her loved ones' accomplishments with anyone and everyone around her. Her personality was so memorable that it is not just her immediate friends and family who will miss her: Josephine managed to make a lasting impression on everyone in her life from her former students, to people at "the diner," to her doctors, to friendly faces standing in line in front of her at the grocery store or bank. There are many people whose days will suddenly feel lacking without the sound of Josephine's pride-filled, eager chatter, but, they will remember her stories and energy for a long time to come.

Church was very important in Jo's life. She was raised A.M.E. Methodist. Once she married, Jo became an Episcopalian. As a member of St. James' church, Jo was a dedicated worker on the Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women's Guild.

After retirement, Jo joined the Tinton Falls Senior Citizens group. She was very active in planning the many trips they took.

Josephine is predeceased by her mother, Lena Neely, brothers Albert Neely, Clarence Neely, and sister Gloria Johnson. She is survived by her loving and dedicated husband of 65 years Thomas Simmons, daughter Cheryl Smith, and granddaughter Airelle Smith. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Donald Simmons (Mary), Barrett Simmons, sister-in-law Joan Fornicola. She will also be missed by her nephews Tyrone Johnson, Clarence

Neely, Brian Johnson (Fern), nieces Robin Reeves (Dewayne), Adrienne Johnson, grandnephews Kyle Johnson, Landon Johnson, and grandniece Peyton Johnson. There will be a viewing at St. James' Episcopal Church, 300 Broadway, Long Branch, on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 11:00a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 12. Interment private. Messages of condolences may be sent to <http://www.Hoffmanfuneral.com>

Cemetery

Events

Interment Private

AUG Visitation 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. James Episcopal Church
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AUG Funeral Service 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Nephew Tony Baker and Hanoria Baker purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Josephine N. Simmons.



Mary Ann Oliver - August 03, 2015 at 08:15 AM



“ To the Simmons family... We the Hill family send our sincere condolences in the lost of your wife, mom, and grandmom. She was a wonderful person and will truly be missed by all.

Milton Hill - August 03, 2015 at 12:05 AM



“ To the Simmons sorry for your loss.

from Shelly Owens and family



shellyowens - August 01, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Ms. Simmons. She was a friend to my aunt Geneva Morris. May God keep the family in His care.

Leslie Morris

Leslie Morris - November 21, 2015 at 08:15 AM