



## Rev. Gene F. Simpkins

October 19, 1935 - March 27, 2017

REV. GENE F. SIMPKINS, AGE 81

And a resident of Mt. Hermon passed away at 8:10 pm Monday March 27, 2017 at his home. He was a servant of the Lord and preacher for the United Pentecostal Church International for nearly 62 years. Gene attended the Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, MN and began his church pastoring in Newellton in 1958 before moving to churches in Farmerville and Holden. He began serving in Washington Parish in 1967 at the Mt. Hermon UPC, where he pastored for 15 years. He helped to build and then pastor the Bogalusa United Faith Church for over 17 years and later pastored in Independence for 5 years before retiring. During his ministry, Bro. Gene served as the Presbyter of the UPCI Louisiana district section 1 for 29 years. He adored his wife and loved spending time with his family.

Survived by:

Wife of 59 years: Pattyce Donaldson Simpkins of Mt. Hermon

Son and Daughter in law: Randall Gene and Dena Simpkins of Walker

2 Daughters and Sons in law: Wanda and Jerry Morgan of Harrison, AR,  
Suzonne and Rev. Randall Garcia of Mt. Hermon

7 Grandchildren and Spouses: Ryan Simpkins,  
Tara Simpkins,  
Kristi and Jason Bledsoe,  
Kandi and Ty Rowland,  
Amanda and Todd Boyd,  
Jessica and Brian Goings,  
Pattyce and Cody Hughes

8 Great-grandchildren: Jayden, Kyleigh, Austin, Landon, Brynlee, Tucker,  
Raylee Gene, Lucy

Brother: Aubrey Simpkins of West Monroe

Sister and Brother in law: Gladys and Eddie Joe Frazier of West Monroe

2 Sisters in law and a Brother in law: Gloria and Rev. J.E. Burgess,  
Robbie Alford

He was preceded in death by his parents T.O. Simpkins and Eva Spiller Simpkins, his father in law and mother in law S.T. and Freda Donaldson, and sisters in law Sandy Simpkins, Terralyn Donaldson and Ann Donaldson.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton) from 5 pm until 9 pm Thursday March 30th. Visitation will continue at Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church (18018 Lee Road, Franklinton) on Friday from 9 am until 11 am. A funeral service will be held in the church at 11 am Friday with Rev. T.F. Tenney, Rev. Randall Garcia, Rev. Leon Hickman, Rev. W.L. Tullos, Rev. Kevin Cox and Rev. Billy Trusley officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Hermon Pentecostal Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers are his 6 grandsons Ryan Simpkins, Todd Boyd, Brian Goings, Cody Hughes, Ty Rowland, Jason Bledsoe

Honorary Pallbearers are his great-grandsons Austin Boyd, Landon Boyd, Tucker Goings

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our love and prayers to sweet Pat and this precious family; special and wonderful memories!*

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**Pete and Gwenette Sims** - March 30, 2017 at 09:38 PM

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“ *Dear Sis. Simpkins and and children:*

*We are sorrowing with you at the lost of a wonderful soldier of the cross and faithful Presbyterian of the Louisiana District UPCI for many years. He helped pave the way for so many today to be blessed with the Gospel and benefit from his sacrifices. I am so sorry that Martha and I cannot be there with you due to the District's obligation of Women's Conference. Please contact me and I will be glad to help with your UPCI and District benefits.*

*You are in our prayers, especially for the days ahead.*

*Our love,*

*Randy and Martha Harper*

*LA District Secretary/Treasurer*

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**Randy O. District Office for the United** - March 30, 2017 at 10:16 AM

PS

“ Bro. Simpkins was truly a man of God! He was my dear mother's pastor for several years. He preached many of the funerals of some of my family members! He was a dear friend!  
He will certainly be missed by all those who new him and loved him. We will not forget him are his family especially Sis. Simpkins. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
I want say, "good bye," but i look forward to that great resurrection day when we shall see our loved ones who have passed from this life in Christ!  
May God bless you all and uphold you by the Power of the Holy Spirit!  
Pastor Larry & Catherine Lassley, Sr.  
Calvary Christian  
Bogalusa, La. 70427

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**Pastor Larry Lassley, Sr.** - March 29, 2017 at 05:29 PM

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“ Bro Simpkins was an awesome man of God who won my husband (Curtis Varnado) to the Lord in 1966. Curtis has looked up to Bro Simpkins as his pastor and father figure. Bro Simpkins will be greatly miss.

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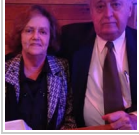
**Carolyn and Curtis Varnado** - March 28, 2017 at 02:02 PM

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Sis Pattyce and family - so sorry to learn of the passing of Bro Gene! What a reward awaits this faithful man of God and you both labored diligently as a team doing great exploits for Him! Bro. Gene has now cashed in on all the dividends you both worked to set aside! What a pay day! May God strengthen and give you much peace at this time! We love you folks dearly as FAMILY!

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**Lurline & DeWanna "Dee" Phillips** - March 30, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *The Rev. Simpkins was a good man, a good minister and a true man of God. Everyone will miss his kind nature and clear vision. He was my mother's pastor and she truly enjoyed every minute of his services and counseling. Goodbye old friend.*

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**Robert Lawrence** - March 28, 2017 at 01:15 PM