



## Reuben Major Simmons Sr.

March 23, 1953 - May 9, 2023

Rueben Major Simmons, Sr., 70, of Salisbury, passed away May 9, 2023 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born March 23, 1953 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Alice Bartelle and John Thomas Leonard. He was educated in the Philadelphia Public School System and worked as a maintenance supervisor for the College of New Jersey for 30 years.

He never met a stranger. He was the light of any room he entered and was a joy to all who knew him. He was a very dedicated man to his family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His infectious smile would brighten anyone's day.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Rueben Major Simmons, Jr.; brother, Junior; sister, Caroline Lightner and grandchild, Malik Kelly.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Major Marcus Bey (Clariceaja) of Philadelphia, PA; daughters, Jessie Deborah Houston and Janice Olivia Withrow both of Salisbury; brother, Donald Warren of Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren, Dominique, Rueben, Jasmine, Kenneth, Deborah, Joseph, Quadir, Alexander, Imani, Saaliyah and Micayla; and eleven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted 1 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023 at Summersett memorial Chapel.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Simmons family. Online

condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reuben Major Simmons Sr..*



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May 25, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *there are so many memories through the years that continue to flood my mind. you smile, stupid jokes, 100 phone calls for nothing other than to hear my voice. you were always the first person to call me on my birthday each year. Whenever I needed you, you always showed up. one of my greatest memories growing up was always seeing your big hand stretched out to hold mine. I am blessed to have had the greatest Dad the world. I love you forever. My Phatz, My Dad, My hero, My Big Bear. Until we meet again from your oldest fathead. Love, Jessie*



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**Jessie Houston** - May 18, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *I will definitely miss his presence. He was one of my favorite patients I enjoyed our jokes and poking fun at each other. Betty I am praying for you and his family. Joelin(Jo Jo)*



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**Joelin Long** - May 18, 2023 at 08:12 AM

SR

“ *Saterius Roberts lit a candle in memory of Reuben Simmons*



Saterius Roberts - May 14, 2023 at 05:34 PM

LH

“ *Rueben I will miss our phone calls checking in on one another , you were a Great Friend and Confidant. Lorraine*

Lorraine Hall - May 13, 2023 at 02:39 PM

AM

“ *Reuben was a very special person! He was so kind and loving to everyone. His smile would light the darkest room. I enjoyed our talks when he came into the Y. And when he was unable to, he made sure to blow the horn so that I could still get hugs and a wonderful conversation!*



*My deepest condolences go out to his loved ones. May God be with you in your time of sorrow. He will be missed dearly.*

Amanda - May 12, 2023 at 02:05 PM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Reuben Simmons*



Janice - May 12, 2023 at 04:49 AM