



## Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr.

August 12, 2016

Clarence "Chip" Simms, Jr., entered into eternal rest Friday, August 12, 2016. Son of Velta Haynes Simms and the late Clarence J. Simms, Sr. Chip was born June 15, 1970 in New Orleans, Louisiana and worked as an Assistant Basketball Coach, an Accountant, Property Developer, Stock Trader and as a Program Director with Seaside Behavioral Centers. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving sister Kelly Simms Batiste (Joseph), the apple of his eyes, his niece Clarke J. Batiste and nephew Joseph L. Batiste, IV and his fiancée Charlene Carthon. He is also survived by Brandon Theard and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, teammates, and lifelong friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Raymond and St. Leo the Great Church, 2916 Paris Avenue, NOLA. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo/St. Raymond Catholic Church  
2916 Paris Ave  
New Orleans, LA

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“*RIP, Chip. I still recall me, you, Burton Pierre, Lloyd Lymous,, and a few others playing ball on an old raggedy hoop in you guys neighborhood off of Mirabeau Avenue. Was truly proud to see you walk on at Georgetown. Folks that don't play ball will never realize how much of an accomplishment that was. Your passing really shocked me.*

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**Mike Brickley** - May 19, 2019 at 08:03 PM

GL

“*Very sorry to hear about Chip. Only knew him for a short amount of time but immediately knew the quality of his character. Will keep his family in my thoughts.*

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**Glenn** - September 22, 2016 at 12:56 PM

TB

“*So sorry to hear about Chip's passing. We are thinking of you Kelly and sending love and hugs to you and your family. - Tashel Bordere and family*

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**tashel bordere** - August 27, 2016 at 11:37 PM

JP

“*My heartfelt condolences to Kelly Simms Batiste and the entire Simms family. May you be forever comforted by the memories and love you shared with Chip.*

*Sincerely,  
Jayné LaMondue Price  
JLP Enterprises*

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**Jayné Price** - August 21, 2016 at 07:04 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about Chip he was a good friend. May God Bless in your time of need.

*M. Sears-Everson*

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**melinda sears-everson** - August 20, 2016 at 11:56 PM

KF

“ I am beyond blown away. Chip was an incredible human being, great friend and above ALL... STRAIGHT SHOOTER. Upon, which I valued most. May you rest in POWER my beautiful friend. Godspeed.



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**Knasi Fox-Kennedy** - August 20, 2016 at 07:07 PM

ET

“ Deepest sympathy to all in the loss of your father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, friend...

*Most importantly to Brandon Theard, the legacy of your father "Chip" will be a testimony of your faith, which determines your destiny in Jesus Christ. Continue in peace and love as always. Remember, this is only a test.*

*Love Auntie Zelda*

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**Evelyn Theard** - August 20, 2016 at 12:13 PM

FR

“ What a wonderful person and friend. Chip will be greatly missed. We'll keep the memory of a perfectly uplifting smile.

*Franklin Roemer*

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**franklin roemer** - August 19, 2016 at 09:04 PM

SW

“ *Haynes Family,  
I never met Chip, but during the time our daughter Charis was  
interning in ATL. he opened  
his home to her and made her feel like family. Cubby and I will never  
forget his kindness.*

*You guys are always in our PRAYERS....WE LOVE you like family.*

*Always here for you*

*Shreill&Everson*

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**shreill walls** - August 19, 2016 at 05:27 PM

RB

“ *Thanks for being a good person and an all around, standout guy!!  
You have always been kind to me Chip!! Rest in Peace! And may  
your family find Peace!!*

*Ronn Britton*

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**Ronn Britton** - August 19, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .*



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August 19, 2016 at 02:27 PM

LP

“ Love, All the staff of Progressive purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .



Love, All the staff of Progressive - August 19, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .



August 19, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ Chip was a beautiful person and a great sportsman. It was indeed our pleasure to have known him and played ball with him. Sending our deepest condolences as we pray for this family and rejoice in his memory, "The Predators" entire basketball team, wish you a fair journey to the next life. Ernie M

Ernie Middleton - August 19, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .



August 19, 2016 at 12:12 PM

SO

“ *Deepest Sympathies to all of Chip's family and friends. He will be missed greatly by his Seaside Family.*

Seaside Corporate Office - August 19, 2016 at 11:28 AM

SP

“ *Sally & Johnny Patout purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .*



Sally & Johnny Patout - August 19, 2016 at 11:22 AM

GP

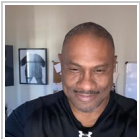
“ *To the Haynes and Simms families, our prayers are with you during these difficult times.*  
*Roseanna Frilot Pappion and Gregory Pappion*

Gregory and Roseanna Frilot Pappion - August 19, 2016 at 11:08 AM

AP

“ *To Brandon, his son, & the Simms family you have our deepest sympathy.*  
*Alma & Alaina Payne (Brandon's Godmother).*

Alaina Payne - August 19, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *Condolences to the Simms Family. I had the honor of meeting Chip at Georgetown University. My family prays for you.*

*Brett Hyman GU 89*

Brett Hyman - August 19, 2016 at 09:27 AM

GL

“ How sad I am to hear about the passing of one of my best students "Chip" Simms. I knew this extremely gifted student from McDonogh 39, was destined for great things, as I know he accomplished during his short life. My prayer for the family is that our wonderful God wraps all of you in his arms and holds you close to him. His light will certainly shine forever!



Grace Lemieux  
Chips 4th Grade Teacher

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**Grace Lemieux** - August 19, 2016 at 08:39 AM

CC

“ Condolences to the Simms family. Chip and I met during his time spent in Memphis. He was a great friend and brother. He will be truly missed. Rest well, my friend.  
Carol "Cookie" Champion, Memphis, Tn.



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**Carol Champion** - August 19, 2016 at 08:03 AM

SG

“ The Gibson family is so sorry for the loss of Chip. I met Chip when he was 8 years old. My impression of him was his intelligence and love of board games and how he loved to beat his aunt Mary. We pray for the family.

Sandra, Kermit, Deidre and Kerick Gibson

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**Sandra Gibson** - August 19, 2016 at 07:39 AM

SS

“ *Forever a classmate, a friend, a Hoya.*

*My thoughts are with his family and friends.*

*Sab Singh  
GU 1992*

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**Sab Singh** - August 18, 2016 at 10:13 PM

MF

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Jarmaine T. Singleton and Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .*



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**Mr. & Mrs. Jarmaine T. Singleton and Family** - August 18, 2016 at 07:27 PM

JT

“ *With deepest Sympathy to Chips' parents and his fiancée, Charlene. As a neighbor, it was always a pleasure to greet him (usually in the parking lot) and always with a smile on his face! He will be missed! RIP Chip! Blessings and Prayers to his Family and Friends during this difficult time! Judy and Brad Theall, PVSJ*


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**judy theall** - August 18, 2016 at 04:07 PM

IB

“ My prayers go out to the Simms family. I met Chip in Junior High School at Gregory and we had alot of the same friends. What I always remember about Chip was his great personality and smile. I had not seen him since college days however would ask his friends about him. Great person will trully be missed. Rest in peace I know you got your wings

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**Inga Blazio** - August 18, 2016 at 04:06 PM

  
Demetris  
Price

“ My condolence to the family, he was more than a team mate, he was our brother, a family member to the team " The Rule", Chip will be missed, gone to soon, but never will be forgotten, with much love Psycho.

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**Demetris Price** - August 18, 2016 at 02:33 PM

CM

“ ChrisO, Gabby, & Marieli purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .



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**ChrisO, Gabby, & Marieli** - August 18, 2016 at 02:15 PM

VP

“ Veranna Phillips purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .



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**Veranna Phillips** - August 18, 2016 at 01:51 PM

RW

“ *My heart is truly heavy after hearing of Chip's passing. Please know that my prayers and love are being sent to Kelly and Mrs. Simms. May the love of family and friends and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you. Rhea White*

Rhea White - August 18, 2016 at 01:42 PM

JM

“ *Jorgii Mullen lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr.*



Jorgii Mullen - August 18, 2016 at 01:13 PM

SH

“ *My deepest condolences to Chip's family. It was such a shock to hear of his passing. While I didn't know him well, he was my neighbor at Parkview St. John and was always so polite whenever I saw him. Keeping his family in prayer.*

*Sabrina Harris  
PVSJ*

Sabrina Harris - August 18, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .*



August 18, 2016 at 11:21 AM

LB

“ Bro, we're gonna miss you soooooooooo much!!! We love you Chip! Rest in heaven.  
#McD35c/o88

- Lakita Cordova Brooks



Lakita Brooks - August 18, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .



August 18, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of  
Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr. .



August 18, 2016 at 08:04 AM

HH

“ Hazel HeeChung lit a candle in memory of  
Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr.



Hazel HeeChung - August 17, 2016 at 09:52 PM

CB

“ You will be greatly missed my friend and brother.  
I will see you again on the other side.  
May you rest in peace.  
God bless!



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**Clinton Barnhill** - August 17, 2016 at 09:44 PM

SG

“ Sarah G lit a candle in memory of Clarence  
"Chip" Simms Jr.



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**Sarah G** - August 17, 2016 at 09:29 PM

JC

“ Rest on, My Brother!!! #ForeverCHIP



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**Jared Chenevert** - August 17, 2016 at 09:21 PM

CR

“ I don't have a single memory of Chip where I am not left smiling or laughing out loud. That's the gift he gave to me. I will miss him, always.



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**catherine reed** - August 17, 2016 at 09:01 PM

DC

“ Chip, it'll never be the same. It'll never be the same and you will never be forgotten. I love you man. Rest in peace.

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**Darren Cousin** - August 17, 2016 at 08:30 PM

DC

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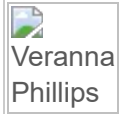
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**Darren Cousin** - August 17, 2016 at 08:24 PM

 Veranna Phillips

“ Veranna Phillips lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Chip" Simms Jr.



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**Veranna Phillips** - August 17, 2016 at 08:13 PM



*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 My dear brother you have many.... Rest In Eternal Peace AMEN*

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**Veranna Phillips** - August 17, 2016 at 08:25 PM

JP

*“ I had the privilege of working with Chip over the past several years, but more importantly, the honor of getting to know this wonderful man. His kindness and respect towards others is truly an example for all to follow. Chip became much more than a co-worker to me. I consider him a cherished friend, one I will miss each and every day. I am saddened beyond description. God speed, Chip. Not only will I never forget you, but will think of you often. You have made a positive and lasting impact on me, and many others who have crossed your path.*

*Johnny Patout*

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**Johnny Patout** - August 17, 2016 at 05:27 PM