



Rosemary Sims Freeman

June 15, 2022

Rose Mary Sims Freeman “Red Rosie” was born December 3, 1933, to the late Victory Adams Sims and Charles Sims, Sr. in New Orleans, Louisiana. She transitioned from this life on Saturday, June 15, 2022, surrounded by her family and loved ones. Rose Mary attended Walter L. Cohen High School in New Orleans Louisiana where she was a member of Cohen’s, basketball, and track teams. Rose Mary was baptized at an early age by her uncle Rev. Eugene Jackson of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana.

On August 28, 1954, Rose Mary married the love of her life, Willie Freeman. From this God’s blessed union, they were blessed with 3 amazing children Jacqueline, Carolyn, and Willie Freeman, Jr.

In 1973 Rose Mary became First Lady of Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana as her husband the late Rev. Dr. Willie Freeman, Sr., was sworn in as Pastor of Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church (GMSBC). She was a member of the GMSBC Mass Choir, Elder of the Deaconess Board, Mother of the Church and youth summer camp organizer. Rose Mary was also a member of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Mass Choir, The Godly Women Baptist Association, T. D. Jakes Potters House God’s Leading Ladies, and frequently volunteered with several organizations to feed and clothe the homeless throughout the city.

The Matriarch of our family Rose Mary was a virtuous woman, the epitome of a loving and devoted wife, a nurturing and empowering mother, grandmother,

great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Her spirit-filled love for life was evident in her loving and caring personality, her bright smile, bountiful laughter, and impeccable style! She loved reading her bible, listening to gospel music, attending her church services, and working in her Seek and Find crossword books. She embraced everyone she met with sincere love and words of kindness. She stood steadfast and unmovable on God's word. Being a virtuous woman, she reared her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren according to the Proverb 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Her love and faith in God laid the foundation for her to know that only what you do for Christ will last. Red Rosie, as she was lovingly called by her family, was always ready with words of wisdom and could be quite sassy when necessary. She loved to cook and was always willing to share her dinner table (but DO NOT leave anything in her sink). She was full of life, love, and laughter. She loved to sing God's praise and her favorite song was God Will Take Care of You, This Little Light of Mine, Amazing Grace, and Yes Jesus Loves Me. Her favorite scriptures were Psalm 23, John 3:16, Philippians 4:13, and Proverbs 31. God blessed her to see her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild who affectionately call her Gigi growing and trusting in God. She leaves to cherish her loving memories, 3 Children, Jacqueline Freeman, Carolyn Isaac (Randy), and Willie Freeman, Jr. (Verna Lisa). 5 Grandchildren: Lawrence Parker III (Jessica), Jaron Parker, Sr., Chaz Hurst, Sr., Paris Henderson (Terrell Sr.), and Dominick Williams, 10 Great Grandchildren, 1 Great-Great Grandchild. 1 sister: Mary Louise Jackson (Otis Jackson, Sr.), 2 brothers: Lionel Sims, Sr., and Milton Sims, Sr., 3 Godchildren: Mariette Simmons, Nicole Wiltz, Clarence Eugene Smith, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Rose Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Dr. Willie Freeman, Sr., parents: Victoria Adam Sims, and Charles Sims, Sr., brothers: Charles, Arthur, Walter, Herbert, and Raymond Sims, sisters: Odessa Sims, Laura Picquet, and Lillie Mae Searls.

The Freeman Family is forever grateful to God for choosing you Rose Mary Sims Freeman "Red Rosie" for our family ancestor and we will be loving you, Always!

Relatives, friends of the family, Pastors , officers and members of Mount Hermon Baptist Church of Avondale, Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church, Little Zion Baptist Church in Avondale, The Freeman Revival, ROC Nation, Household of Faith Family Worship Church International, EPIC Outreach Ministries, The City of Love Ministries, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, graduates and alumni of Booker T. Washington High School, Southern University at New Orleans, St. Augustine High School, Walter L. Cohen High School, and also employees of Ochsner Hospital, Tulane Hospital, Walmart, Sexton Airbnb, The Oldies but Goodies (OG's) City Park Walkers, Chess Set International and Creative Elementz are all invited to attend her Homegoing Service at Mount Hermon Baptist Church, 3512 US-90 Avondale, Louisiana 70094 on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 10:00 am with Pastor Darryl Ingram, Jr., Officiant. Visitation will begin at 8:00 am. Interment: Rest Lawn Park Cemetery & Mausoleum, 3540 US-90 Avondale, Louisiana 70094. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Park

4004 US hwy 90 W.
Avondale, LA 70094

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church
3512 US Hwy 90
Avondale, LA 70094

Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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