



Lorraine Simpson

May 18, 1953 - January 22, 2025

Officiating Life's Journey

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

A time to be born,

Lorraine Simpson was born in Washington DC on Monday, May 18, 1953. She was the only daughter and second child of the late Samuel and Annie Simpson.

And a time to die,

She departed this life on January 22, 2025, Wednesday evening, God dispatched his angels to quietly carry Lorraine home to be with her parents.

A time to plant,

Lorraine received her education from DC public schools and she graduated with honors from

Anacostia Senior High School in 1971. She graduated from the District of Columbia Teachers

College in 1976, earning a BS degree in special education. Lorraine taught in the District of

Columbia Public School system for 30 years. She worked with students with special needs. She adored her students and enjoyed teaching them. She was an outstanding teacher and received many awards and recognitions, including the 2003 Scottish Rite Elementary Educator Excellence Award and the 2008 Kramer Middle School teacher of the year award.

And a time to uproot,
Lorraine retired in 2008 after 30 years of service. She enjoyed her retirement years. Every year she said that she was going to learn something new. She learned to swim. She took sign language classes, crocheting, Spanish, and computer classes. She was a lifelong learner.

A time to scatter stones,
Lorraine shared her life with many. She was friendly and very caring. Her sense of humor and quick wit would surely make you laugh. She could enjoy a good joke. She loved to laugh. She adored her family and truly enjoyed family gatherings, especially family reunions. She was always happy to find out anything she could about her family's rich heritage. She was a family favorite. She also enjoyed the sisterhood and friendship of the Sunday Brunch Book club members. She often spoke of the fun she had on their trips to the National Book Club conferences in Atlanta Georgia. One of her favorite activities was participating in their Rehoboth

Beach Retreats.

A third-generation member of Pilgrim Baptist Church Lorraine's Christian education began there in Sunday school. In 1958, at the age of five she joined the church under the pastorate of Rev. Charles W. Green. She was a faithful and active member for over 60 years. She served as a trustee; she served on the Child Care Development Center Advisor Board. She also served on the following ministries AMA, Pastors Partners, Vacation Bible School, Sign Language, the Sunbeams and the Charles W Green choir. Lorraine truly loved her pastor, Pastor Louis B Jones II, her church, and her church family.

and a time to gather them

Those who celebrate her life and legacy includes her devoted son, Mack Gaither Jr., and two loving granddaughters, Azaria L. Gaither and Zoey O. Gaither, One brother; Larry D. Simpson, one sister-law; Debra L. Simpson one nephew; Andre' D. Freeman, two nieces; Shayla S Bussie and Ciara N. Bowen (Donta), and godson, Derrick A. Robinson (Yashica), Two great nephews, three great nieces, three double first cousins Dianne Carrington, Linda Hill and Jerry Simpson, and a host of cousins and other relatives and friends. Lorraine filled many lives with love, wisdom, happiness and laughter, leaving them with moments to treasure today and forever

after.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pilgrim Baptist Church
700 I Street N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HB

“ I had the pleasure of attending DCTeachers College with Lorraine and graduating together. We ended up working together at Mamie D. Lee until we transitioned to satellite programs. She went to Kramer Jr High and I went to Petworth Elementary. We always saw each other at Special Olympics.
When you became a friend of Lorraine's you met her mother, brother and of course her sister cousin. They always made you feel like real family. Mack you were the joy of your mom's life. I always looked forward to the Family Christmas Card with you, your mom and the girls. Your mom will be truly missed she was a blessing to everyone she met.
May God's grace and mercy substation during this difficult season.
Helen Jackson-Baker

Helen Baker - February 07, 2025 at 06:52 PM

AJ

“ Ms. Simpson was a joy to work with. She loved her students and always made her coworkers laugh. She introduced me to Kem urging me to buy his CD. I've been a fan ever since!! Prayers of peace to the family. She will be missed.

Andrea Jones - February 05, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lorraine Simpson.



February 05, 2025 at 12:52 PM

CN

“ *Christophine N. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lorraine Simpson.*



Christophine N. - February 04, 2025 at 09:03 AM

CJ

“ *I first met Lorraine when at Mamie D Lee School. As we became friends we found out that we share the same birthday and year. She was a very lovely person with such a beautiful smile. Iv will truly missed our yearly birthday calls. Rest easy my friend LOVE. Mack your mom was truly one in a million.*

Christine Jarvis - February 04, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ *Family, my deepest condolences on the loss of Cousin Lorraine! May her memories live in our hearts forever*

Ethel A Stanley, Atlanta GA

Ethel Stanley - February 02, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorraine Simpson.*



January 31, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lorraine Simpson.

January 31, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ I have known Lorraine for at least 20 years She was a lovely and a fun loving person. She loved her job as a teacher, and she loved her family and friends. She will surely be missed.

Lee Folia Prince-Fletcher - January 31, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Lorraine Simpson.



Family - January 31, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ Lorraine was a loving and kind person who loved a good comedy and telling jokes. We road together to book club for many years and shared many good laughs together. While I will miss her I get comfort in knowing that she is now a flower in heavens garden. My deepest sympathy to Mack, Larry and the rest of her family and friends.



Geri Murphy - January 31, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 28, 2025 at 11:06 AM