

Celebrating the Life Of
Allie Mae Sims



Sunrise:

April 3, 1930

Caseyville, Mississippi

Sunset:

August 27, 2013

San Pablo, California

Services Held:

Wednesday, September 4, 2013 • 11:00 A.M.

*Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
6901 Herbert Guice Way • Oakland, California*

Officiating: Pastor Frank Darby

Obituary

"Keep your eyes on Jesus"

Allie Mae Sims was born Allie Mae Coleman on April 3, 1930, in Caseyville, Mississippi to parents Henry Webb Coleman and Mattie Lee Baker-Coleman. She has three brothers; Leroy (died at birth), Dewitt (deceased), Henry, Jr., and five sisters; Edie (deceased), Brunetta (deceased), Ina (deceased), Clara, and Ethel-Lee. Allie Mae was sent to Joaquin, Illinois to live with an aunt at the age of 8, following the untimely passing of her mother. Her father remained an active influence in her life until his passing in September of 1992.

Allie Mae returned to Mississippi two years later. She lived in Brookhaven until she finished high school. In 1947, she married John Henry Sims and they moved to Flagstaff, Arizona. Four children were the product of this union; Joyce Marie, Judy Patricia, John Henry, Jr., and Alvie.

She confessed Christ at an early age, uniting with Galilee AME Church in Caseyville, Mississippi. She later joined the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California in 1978, and remained an active member until her passing. Allie Mae has lived in California since 1950. Her marriage ended in the early 1960's, but John Sr., better known as "Gramps" maintained close family contact until his passing. Allie Mae met Selwyn Thomas Brown in the 1960's, and from this relationship a son was born; Allwyn Earl Brown.

Today Allie Mae is known to most everyone as "Granny." She remained active in church until her passing. She most enjoyed her time spent with family. Her loving spirit touches four generations - with five children, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as many more informally adopted children and grandchildren.

She departed this life on August 27, 2013, and was also preceded in death by her dear granddaughter, Carla Edmonson and beloved niece, Jacqueline McKinney.

Family members left to cherish and honor her memory are Joyce Edmonson (husband Walter), Judy Bryson, John H. Sims, Jr. (wife Sherrie), Alvie Sims I, (partner Diana Lefleur), Allwyn E. Brown, (wife Pati Rodriguez); grandchildren Walter Edmonson, Jr. (wife Jennifer), Ernest Bryson II (partner Petrina Fennell), Nicole Bryson (partner Gregory Bivens), Alvie Sims II (partner Teresa), Tiffany Sims, Ashley Sims, John H. Sims III (wife Mishawn), Donavon E. Brown (partner Lauren Allison), Alexandria Sims, Erika Sims, Jonathan C. Brown (partner Tiara Brown), Emilio E. Brown, Ariel Ceja (wife Gabriella), Timothy L. Ross (partner Carla Edmonson); great grandchildren Sache and Ashanti Glass, Rajennae and Cydnee Edmonson, Timothy W. Ross, Tyus and Neiko Bryson, Jeremiah, Emma Lee and Alaijah Sims, Arieli Ceja, and Jaden C. Brown; treasured sister-in-law Beverly Coleman; beloved nephews Brian Coleman and Robert McKinney, and a many cherished extended family members.

Order Of Service

For

Allie Mae Sims

"Granny"

<i>Processional</i>	<i>Minister/Family</i>
<i>Music Prelude</i>	<i>Musician</i>
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	
<i>Old Testament - Proverbs 3:1-6</i>	<i>Minister</i>
<i>New Testament - John 14:1-6</i>	<i>Minister</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Minister</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Choir</i>
<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>Sister Annie Hall</i>
<i>Resolutions</i>	
<i>General Church</i>	<i>Sister Neola Crosby</i>
<i>Obituary</i>	<i>Sister Annie Hall</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Brother Anzo Dock</i>
<i>"I Won't Complain"</i>	
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Pastor Frank Darby, Jr.</i>
<i>Parting View</i>	<i>Fouche's Staff</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	