



Rose Mary Simmons

July 23, 1958 - January 6, 2026

Rose Mary Riley-Simmons was born on July 23, 1958, to the late Lou Queen Salley-Riley of Woodford, South Carolina, and Mr. Johnny Taylor Jr.

Rose grew up in Tildenville, Florida, and was a proud graduate of West Orange High School, Class of 1976. After graduation, she relocated to Apopka, Florida, and in 1985 made Orlando her home, where she remained until her passing.

Rose was a dedicated and hardworking woman. She began her career as a room attendant and, through commitment and perseverance, was promoted to Supervisor over the Laundry Department. After many years of faithful service, she retired.

Affectionately known as "Big Rock - Play to Win," Rose was a loving mother, sister, devoted grandmother, great-grandmother, and a genuine friend to many. She had an outgoing spirit, a contagious laugh, and a way of always making others smile. Big Rock was real-she didn't play games or the radio. She was down-to-earth, always had a listening ear, and stood firm in who she was.

She loved to dance, enjoyed listening to Keith Sweat, and found joy in cooking for everyone she loved. Big Rock fought a good fight, and her nickname truly reflected who she was-stubborn at times, but solid as a rock. Her strength, love, and unforgettable spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Rose was preceded in death by her brothers, Paul Riley Sr. and Manuel Riley Sr. (Mary Jan); and her sisters, Catherine Wade, Ernestine Love, and Gladys Carter (Oscar).

Cemetery Details

Washington Park Cemetery

2700 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32805

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

Malone Memorial Church of God in Christ
401 South Ivey Lane
Orlando, FL 32811

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Merleen lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Simmons* ”



Merleen - January 24 at 10:44 PM

FC

“ *You will hurt NO more.* ”



Fabian Cook - January 23 at 11:45 AM

GP

“ *Gina Poole-Allen lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Simmons* ”



Gina Poole-Allen - January 23 at 07:59 AM

SH

“ *Sharon Holley lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Simmons* ”



Sharon Holley - January 22 at 12:40 PM

AT

“ *Angelia R. Taylor-Dean lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Simmons* ”



Angelia R. Taylor-Dean - January 22 at 09:43 AM

AH

“ ALVIN HOLLEY lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Simmons



ALVIN HOLLEY - January 22 at 09:20 AM

SS

“ Shelia Simmons lit a candle in memory of Rose Simmons



Shelia Simmons - January 22 at 12:06 AM

PG

“ Patricia A Grant And Kirby Grant lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Simmons



Patricia A Grant and Kirby Grant - January 19 at 08:49 AM

MS

“ MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Simmons



MONICA SCOTT - January 18 at 08:10 AM