



Pallbearers

Brandon Russell	Lenard Russell
Elijah Marigny	Lenard Ward
Iesaiah Marigny	Kendrick Johnson
Roy Marigny	Eric Marigny
La'Tavion Johnson	

Flower Bearers

Roi'Janah Marigny	Jane Russell
Dazeria Russell	Briannia Marigny
Brandy Johnson	Tonya Johnson

Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery
5101 North Coltrane Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

Acknowledgment

The family of Simon Russell, Sr. would like to give our sincerest gratitude for the immense LOVE shown during our bereavement. Thanks for the respect given as we sought out our father/grandfather wishes as HE requested.

THERE WILL BE NO DINNER.

SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
TEMPLE AND SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.
2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
Phone: 405-427-8321
"We Care"
II Timothy 4:8

Celebrating The Life
of
Simon Lee Russell, Sr.

Sunrise
July 21, 1942

Sunset
March 28, 2023

Obituary

Simon Russell, Sr. was born in Hugo, Oklahoma on July 21, 1942 to Roosevelt Russell, Sr. and Lucille McCarty-Russell. Both his parents preceded him in death. Simon was the third oldest child of thirteen children from this union. Roger Lee of Onton, Texas, Ettia Mae of Fort Worth, Texas, Rosia Mae of Lubbock, Texas, Bobby Lee of Plainview, Testament, and Dorothy N. Arlington, Texas, all preceded him in death. Simon left seven siblings to mourn his passing: Roosevelt Russell of Lubbock, Texas, Jimmy Lee of Lubbock, Texas, Landra Russell, Gilbert Russell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Kenneth Russell of Lubbock, Texas, Sandra Owens of Lubbock, Texas, and Brenda Tillman of Lubbock, Texas.

Simon was a self-mad, hard-working man. At the young age of twelve, he left his home to become a farm worker. He worked hard on those farmlands of Plainview, Texas. During his childhood, he met who would become his wife for fifty-nine years, Verdia Walker-Russell who preceded him in death. As the two of them grew, so did the love between them. Simon and Verdia Russell married at the tender age of twenty-two and eighteen, soon thereafter moved to Oklahoma City. To this union three children were born: Jane Russell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Simon Russell, Jr. of Oklahoma City, and Lenard Russell of Oklahoma City. He has seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Simon worked for the State of Oklahoma as a heavy-duty Equipment Operator for almost twenty years, before retiring to open his own mechanic shop. He was a jack of all trades definitely a self-taught mechanic. He opened Simon and Son Auto Repair and Machine Shop in 1982. In his free time and for pure enjoyment, he raced his 67' Chevy Camaro that he built from the ground up. If you knew Simon best, you knew on any given Friday and or Saturday night you would catch him at Thunder Valley Racing Track, getting some gas off his chest as he would say. His children and grandchildren childhood were full of racetrack memories that will live with

them forever. He enjoyed his family cookouts and loved to see his great grandchildren. You couldn't miss Simon with a good home cooked meal.

Simon went home to be with his wife, one years, three months after her homegoing. It's definitely true you can die from a broken heart. Verdia went and prepared a place for them in heaven and in the early hours of April 28th, she came and got her greatest love. May peace be in your heart to know Simon and Verdia are together again and will continue on throughout eternity what began on earth, their beautiful LOVE STORY.



WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

When I must leave you
For a little while -
Please don't grieve
And shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you
Through the years,
But start out bravely
And for my sake,
And in my name Simon L. Russell, Sr.
Live on and do all the things the same,
Feed not your loneliness
On empty days,
But fill each waking hour
In useful ways,
reach out your hand
In comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near;
And never, never
Be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you
In the sky!

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Monday, April 3, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

Trice Hill Cemetery

5101 North Coltrane Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73121

Pastor David Brooks - Officiating
Trinity Baptist Church

Order of Service

OPENING PRAYER
Pastor David Brooks

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 26:3,4

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
John 14:3

SONG
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
Leshall Russell

REMARKS
Please limit to 1 minute each

WORDS OF COMFORT
Pastor David Brooks
Trinity Baptist Church

COMMITTAL

CLOSING PRAYER
Pastor David Brooks