



Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.

November 3, 1944 - November 6, 2023

Brother Simon McGraw Jr. was born to the late Simon Sr. and Cassie McGraw on November 3, 1944, in Magnolia, Arkansas. Simon or “Bug” as he was often known, was one of two children born to this union. His seventy-nine year journey ended peacefully when he gained the keys to his heavenly home on November 6, 2023, at the Hedden House of Wentworth Place in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Brother McGraw was preceded in death by his parents Simon McGraw Sr. and Cassie McGraw-Taylor, daughter, Cassandra Matthews, three sisters, Lucille Reed, Lillie Mae Rogers, Mary Lee Henry, and stepbrother, Orell Taylor.

Brother Simon accepted Christ at an early age in Village, Arkansas and was a member of Greater Damascus Baptist Church. Later the church became Hosanna Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, choir member, Sunday School teacher, usher, and a member of Brotherhood.

Simon attended Columbia High School and graduated in 1963. He played basketball and ran track. He was one of the fastest men to come through according to another Columbia graduate. Simon also played baseball for a number of years.

Simon was a member of the Arkansas Officials Association. He was an avid and well-known basketball fan. He attended many games all over Arkansas until his health began to decline. He loved and attended other sporting events as well. Simon was also a hunter, fisherman, and jokester.

During his working years, he was employed at Baroid Firestone, Spencer-Harris, Schlumberger, and the Magnolia School District. Simon retired as an Assistant Foreman from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department on February 10, 2007.

Simon met and married Maxine Haywood on January 5, 1968. Simon and Maxine raised three beautiful daughters.

Simon leaves to cherish his memories with his wife of fifty-five years, Maxine McGraw; daughters, Sonia McGraw-Moore, Monica McGraw, and Lorian McGraw-Jones (Lavert); grandchildren, Brodrick Curry, Meagan Moore-Murphy (Winston), Simone Davis (Marcus), Jessica Matthews, and Landen Jones; great grandchildren, Winston Murphy III, Riyah Murphy, and Skylar Rae Davis; nephews, David Rogers, Terry Rogers, and Michael Henry; stepsisters, Darnell Morgan, Liz Parker, Annie Faye Cornelious, and Betty Johnson, and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cremation Ceremonial services will be held Saturday, November 18th, 2023, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas, at 2:00 p.m., under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Rev. Jerry L. Ross, Pastor/Eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday, {Nov. 17th} from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not

Required While Attending the Services or During Visitation Hours.” However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

VM

“ Vontisha Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Vontisha Murphy - December 02, 2023 at 12:13 AM

SE

“ Shelly Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Shelly Easter - November 18, 2023 at 12:13 AM

PA

“ Pat lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Pat - November 17, 2023 at 10:46 PM

MP

He was humorous and fun to be around. RIP Bug. ❤️🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️

Mrs. P - November 17, 2023 at 10:51 PM

SK

“*Ira and Samella are believing GOD for everything you need spiritually, physically, financially, and emotionally. Philippians 4:19 GOD will keep you.*

Samella Kendrick - November 16, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr..*



November 15, 2023 at 10:51 PM

DK

“*Darrell, Felicia and Kamiyah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr..*

Darrell, Felicia and Kamiyah - November 15, 2023 at 10:51 PM

DR

“*Family, Be of good cheer in this moment, God has reclaimed his Spirit. Rest in power Simon Jr., My uncle and my friend.*



David Rogers - November 15, 2023 at 07:34 PM

MM

“ *Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Melvin Madison - November 15, 2023 at 06:58 PM

RH

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Regina Y Henderson - November 15, 2023 at 05:29 PM

LT

“ *Linda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Linda Taylor - November 14, 2023 at 11:34 PM

AS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and strength 🙏❤️*



Angie Jones and Jordan Scott - November 13, 2023 at 06:13 PM

DM

“ *Dennis McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.* ”



Dennis McIntyre - November 13, 2023 at 09:50 AM

EE

“ *Ester Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.* ”



Ester Easter - November 12, 2023 at 04:01 PM

EE

Praying for the family of Simon!

Ester Easter - November 12, 2023 at 04:03 PM

DI

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family!!!* ”



Dwaine and Velma Irby - November 11, 2023 at 08:27 PM

SF

“ *We were so saddened to hear about the passing of our dear cousin and friend, Simon. We will miss his laughter, great humor, and his being part of our “Basketball Family.” Praying 🙏❤️* ”

Sharon & Bobby Ford - November 11, 2023 at 05:49 PM

WG

“ *Wanda Lambert Goodner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Wanda Lambert Goodner - November 11, 2023 at 12:51 PM

WG

We have shared some wonderful times together!! He was a good man!!!

Wanda Lambert Goodner - November 11, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SG

“ *Sandra Gantt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Sandra Gantt - November 10, 2023 at 06:46 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Linda Jones - November 10, 2023 at 06:45 PM

BW

“ We are praying for Sister Maxine and family. Please continue to look to the Hills for strength. We are praying to God to give you strength. God will take care of His own. Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - November 10, 2023 at 02:56 PM

FW

“ Frank Snd Tonitte White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Frank snd Tonitte White - November 10, 2023 at 10:27 AM

PS

“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Pamela Shaw - November 10, 2023 at 08:24 AM

LH

“ Praying for the family. May the Lord strengthen you and may you keep pushing on.



Louise Harden - November 09, 2023 at 01:52 PM

MP

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Mary S. Pickings - November 09, 2023 at 01:15 PM

KG

“ *Sending my Condolences to the Family, I'm So sorry for your loss, I will Keep you all in my Prayers* 🙏🙏🙏



kelly Gentry - November 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM

GC

“ *Condolences and prayers to family of Mr Simon McGraw. May GOD guide you through this difficult time and hereafter* †❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️†



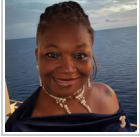
Gwen Carter - November 08, 2023 at 10:17 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Hanson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Brenda Hanson - November 08, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Angela Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Angela Wesley - November 08, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ Fred Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



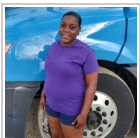
Fred Johnson - November 08, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Jennie Martin - November 08, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ Shavone Aubrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Shavone Aubrey - November 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM

HT

“ *Helen Traylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Helen Traylor - November 07, 2023 at 09:56 PM

SH

“ *Sheila lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Sheila - November 07, 2023 at 05:48 PM

MM

“ *Margie Warren Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Margie Warren Moore - November 07, 2023 at 04:22 PM

WJ

“ *Classmate you will be missed....*

Jean Brown Lambouths

Walter T Johnson - November 07, 2023 at 03:37 PM

WJ

“ He was Uncle Simone to me, I will always be grateful for the knowledge you gave me.... My condolences to the family, he will be missed.... I will keep collecting our shinny pennies ❤️❤️

Walter T Johnson - November 07, 2023 at 03:31 PM

EW

“ Eunice Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Eunice Walker - November 07, 2023 at 01:09 PM

NH

“ Nina Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Nina Hamilton - November 07, 2023 at 11:31 AM

VJ

“ Vevelyn Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Vevelyn Jackson - November 07, 2023 at 11:20 AM

TP

“ Tonya S Porchia sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Tonya S Porchia - November 07, 2023 at 10:29 AM

TW

“ Tonitte White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Tonitte White - November 07, 2023 at 10:20 AM

FW

“ Frank .Tonitte White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Frank .Tonitte White - November 07, 2023 at 10:19 AM

GO

“ Gwen O'Guinn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Gwen O'Guinn - November 07, 2023 at 09:48 AM

GJ

“ George Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



George Jenkins - November 07, 2023 at 07:32 AM

SD

“ Sandra Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Sandra Daniels - November 07, 2023 at 06:08 AM

LJ

“ Lesa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Lesla Johnson - November 07, 2023 at 02:17 AM

LJ

“ Lesa Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Lesla Johnson - November 07, 2023 at 02:16 AM

CE

“ *Caldwell Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Caldwell Easter - November 06, 2023 at 10:36 PM

CM

“ *Mrs Maxine you and your family have my sincere condolences during this time!! Praying for you all strength!!*



Cassandra Moss - November 06, 2023 at 10:24 PM

LF

“ *Lyndell Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Lyndell Franklin - November 06, 2023 at 10:02 PM

GH

“ *Gwendolyn Hardwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Gwendolyn Hardwell - November 06, 2023 at 09:35 PM

GT

“ Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Gracie W Tucker - November 06, 2023 at 08:20 PM

GT

, we will see John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." On Monday morning, Simon was given that peace. No more confusion, sickness or pain. He now rests in the arms of Jesus. His jovial personality will solely be missed by us all. Simon was the life of any kind of gathering. When he would be present, there was never a dull moment. What a man he was. His family and those who knew him will have lots of memories to share that will keep him close to our hearts. Prayers and our love are extended to Maxine and all of his family. Sleep and get your rest. We will see you again. A product of Calhoun Heights.

Gracie W Tucker - November 06, 2023 at 08:30 PM

MM

“ Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Melvin Madison - November 06, 2023 at 07:41 PM

ER

“ Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Edna Rowden - November 06, 2023 at 07:19 PM

ER

“ Edna Rowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Edna Rowden - November 06, 2023 at 07:19 PM

SC

“ Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Sharon Cole - November 06, 2023 at 05:39 PM

MS

“ Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Maurice strong - November 06, 2023 at 05:27 PM

AS

“ Alexis Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Alexis Smith - November 06, 2023 at 03:42 PM

JE

“ Jackie Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Jackie Easter - November 06, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Dianne Williamson - November 06, 2023 at 01:03 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Dearlean Hughes - November 06, 2023 at 12:54 PM

MA

“ Mike Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Mike Abbott - November 06, 2023 at 12:45 PM

SB

“ Sylvia Briggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Sylvia Briggs - November 06, 2023 at 12:38 PM

SB

“ Sylvia Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Sylvia Briggs - November 06, 2023 at 12:38 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.



Cynthia Harris - November 06, 2023 at 12:06 PM

TG

“ *Trudy Glover lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Trudy Glover - November 06, 2023 at 12:00 PM

LS

“ *Little Joe Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Little Joe Scott - November 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Jacqueline Smith - November 06, 2023 at 11:41 AM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Simon McGraw Jr.*



Jacqueline Smith - November 06, 2023 at 11:41 AM

HJ

*Hamp Mcgraw jr
Lit a candle in memory of Mr Simon McGraw jr*

Hamp Mcgraw jr - November 06, 2023 at 09:41 PM

TC

*Love-filled condolences to Maxine and the dearly beloved daughters.
Simon was my friend, classmate and an extension of the Russ family!
Memories of fantastic times, humorous statements and jokes, and his
random acts of kindness will forever remain dear in our hearts.
Theodoris Russ Canada*

Theodoris Russ Canada - November 08, 2023 at 09:31 AM

CG

Condolences to the family.

cal Grigsby - November 10, 2023 at 09:19 AM