

IN LOVING
Memory



Salim Kobé Simpkins

April 28, 1999 - August 23, 2025

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Metropolitan Community Church
4610 S Prairie Avenue | Chicago, IL 60653
Reverend Leon R. Perry III, Officiating

Order of Service

Family Processional

Call to Worship

Congregational Song

Scripture Reading

Opening Prayer

Music Selection

Jamonte Ford

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Remarks

Rev. Marcus Tabb Sr. | Gabe Wilson | Timothy Miller

Family Tribute

Mrs. Ruth Simpkins

Reading of the Obituary

Music Selection

Jamonte Ford

Words of Assurance

Reverend Leon R. Perry III

Final Committal

Benediction

Recessional

"Let the Church Say Amen"



Obituary

Salim Kobé Simpkins was born on April 28, 1999, in Chicago, IL. He was truly a peaceful warrior, just as his name signifies.

Salim was raised in a home filled with love by his mother, Seyé Simpkins, and his father, Mason R. Simpkins, alongside his siblings Khari and Mason Z., and his cousin-siblings Jabari, Kisha, and Akilah.

Grandpa Mason and grandma Ruth were Salim's babysitters until he entered Pre-K. They along with grandma Pat, grandpa Jim, grandma Celia and uncle Derrick enjoyed loving holidays, weekend movies, snacks, birthday parties and fun.

On Sunday, October 31, 1999, Salim was christened at Metropolitan Community Church in Chicago, surrounded by faith and family, marking the beginning of his spiritual journey.

Education was a guiding thread throughout Salim's life. He began his studies at Ariel Community Academy and went on to Kenwood Academy High School, where he formed lifelong bonds with his Bronco Posse. After graduating, he continued his journey at Grambling State University, where he earned a place on the Dean's List, a reflection of his dedication and drive. When he returned home, Salim poured his energy into growth and new opportunities, graduating from the Year Up United Job Training Internship and then graduating from McCoy Barber College. He later built a meaningful career as a CDL truck driver with Lily Logistics, carrying forward his determination and work ethic in every mile of the road.



Salim's devotion to family was unwavering and his spirit was truly infectious. With his boundless energy, charm, and deep love for people, he had a way of lighting up every room he entered. Whether he was learning tennis with Tyrone, playing soccer with AYSO, participating in park district programs, hitting T-ball with the Hyde Park Legends, golfing with the Bobolinks, exploring art at Marwen, playing squash with MetroSquash, playing football with the Hyde Park Junior Spartans, or engaging with Psi Sigma Beta and the Rainbow Push mentoring program, Salim brought joy, laughter, and connection wherever he went.

Salim's melodic voice was another gift that reflected his soul. Friends and family can still hear him through recordings on his social media and in the rap songs he released under the name 'LLeamm'. Music was more than just a pastime for Salim, it was an extension of his spirit, a way of expressing the depth of his feelings, and a bridge to connect with others. His tone carried warmth, and his rhythm carried the same energy and charisma that made him unforgettable in life.

Salim leaves a legacy of love and care to his parents, Mason R. and Seyé; his brothers, Khari and Mason Z.; and his cousin-brother, Jabari. He is cherished by his cousin-sisters, Akilah and Kisha; his grandmothers, Ruth and Celia; his grandaunts, Carole Hobson and Jacqueline (Martin); his granduncle, Marion C.; his aunt, Estefanita (Steffie); and his uncle, Akinyele (Nicole). He is also lovingly remembered by his cousins Louis Hobson and Ajene Pettis, along with a large family of cousins too many to name who each held a special place in his heart. Beyond his family, Salim's memory lives on in a wide circle of friends including Gabe, Julian, Derek, Evan, Marcus, Josh, and many others whose lives he brightened in countless ways.



Salim now joins a host of beloved ancestors welcoming him home, including his grandfather Mason N. Simpkins, grandmother Patricia Simpson-Turner, grandfather James Simpson, grand-uncle Derrick Pettis, grand-uncle Michael Simpson, grand-aunt Norma Jan Simpson, and great-grandmother Alice Simpson. Some he knew and loved deeply, and a host of others he will now meet for the first time, embraced in their eternal care.

Salim's legacy is one of love, creativity, connection, and an open-hearted kindness that will continue to inspire everyone who knows him.





My Sweet Leami,

Not a day goes by that I don't miss you. You never shared your Google location with me and, though it pains me, I finally know where you are. Still, if I could, I would give anything to hold you close once more.

You are my peaceful warrior, my joy, my baby. I'll carry your love with me always, and I will keep living in a way that honors your spirit. You are forever in my heart.

Love always,
Ma

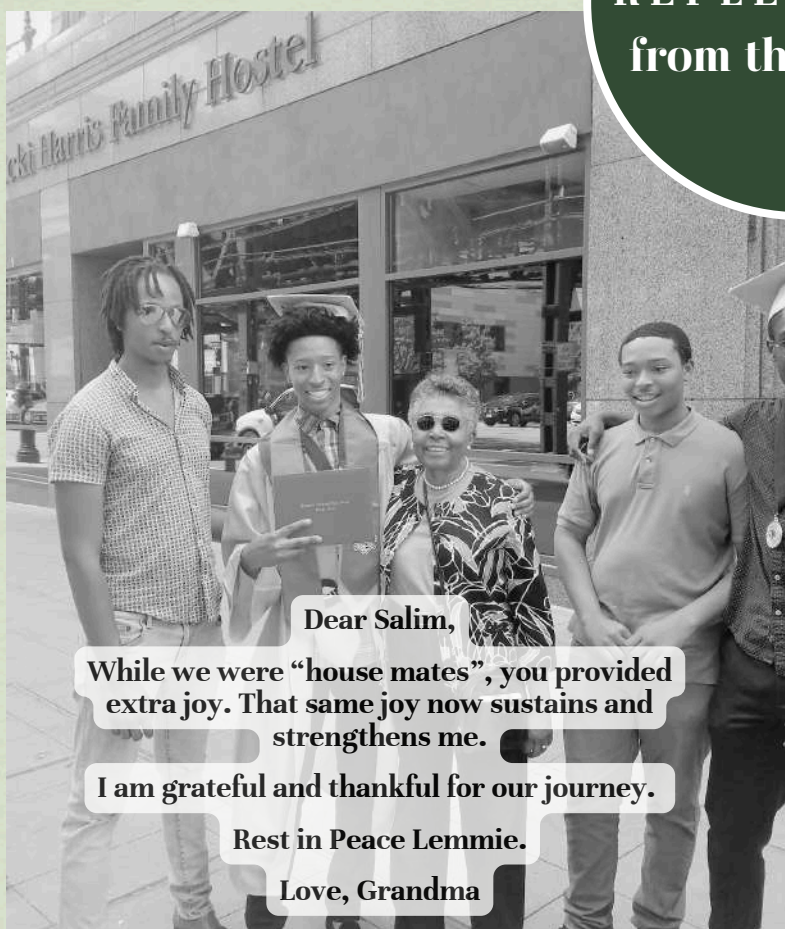


I keep expecting you to call and hit me with the usual, "You Good"?

Your presence will never outweigh the impression your presence made.

Love,
Yo' Daddy

REFLECTIONS from the Family



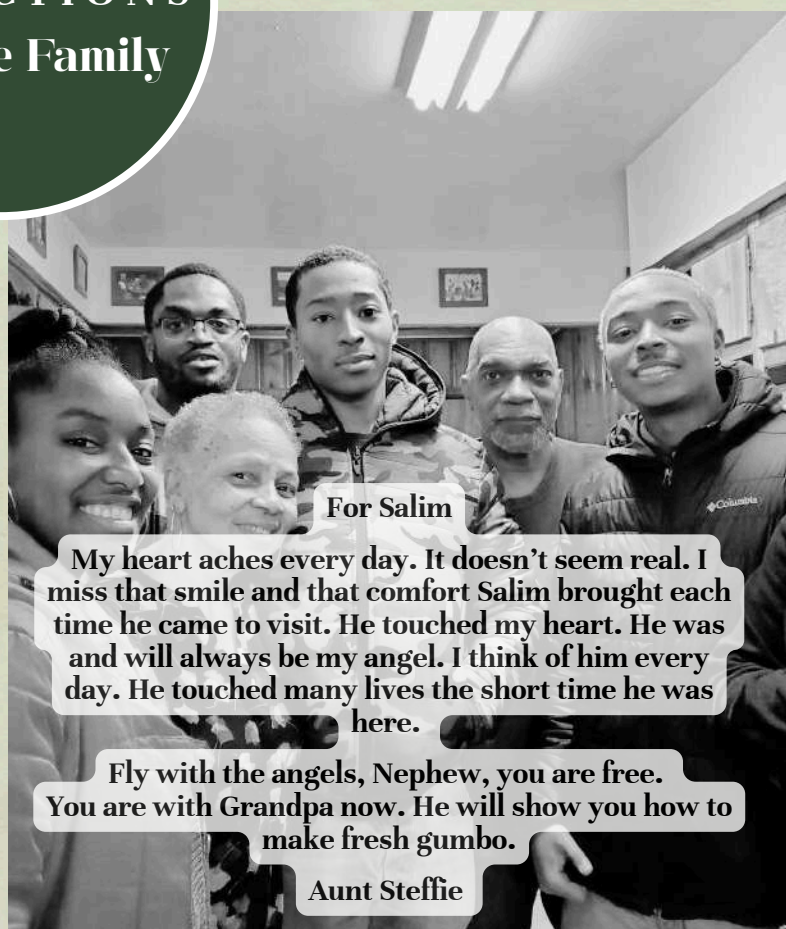
Dear Salim,

While we were "house mates", you provided extra joy. That same joy now sustains and strengthens me.

I am grateful and thankful for our journey.

Rest in Peace Lemmie.

Love, Grandma

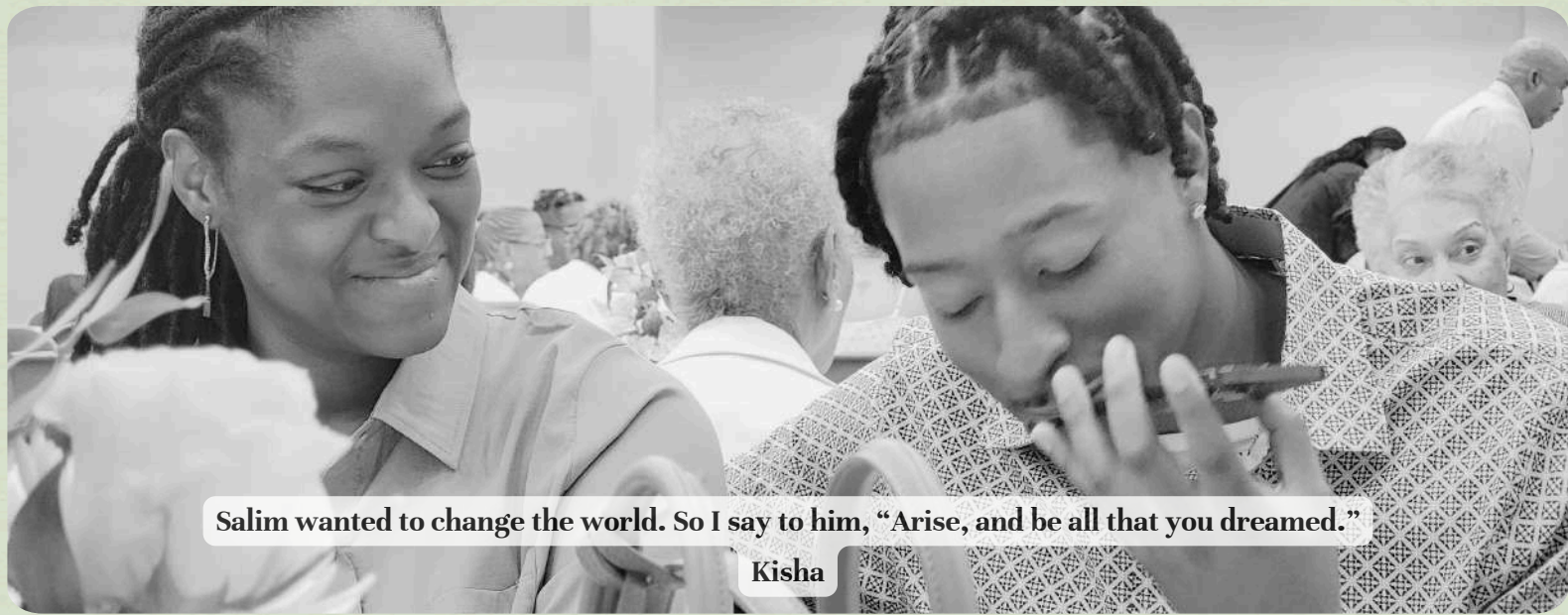


For Salim

My heart aches every day. It doesn't seem real. I miss that smile and that comfort Salim brought each time he came to visit. He touched my heart. He was and will always be my angel. I think of him every day. He touched many lives the short time he was here.

Fly with the angels, Nephew, you are free. You are with Grandpa now. He will show you how to make fresh gumbo.

Aunt Steffie



Salim wanted to change the world. So I say to him, "Arise, and be all that you dreamed."

Kisha



Salim, Salim, Salim. We've got so many memories.

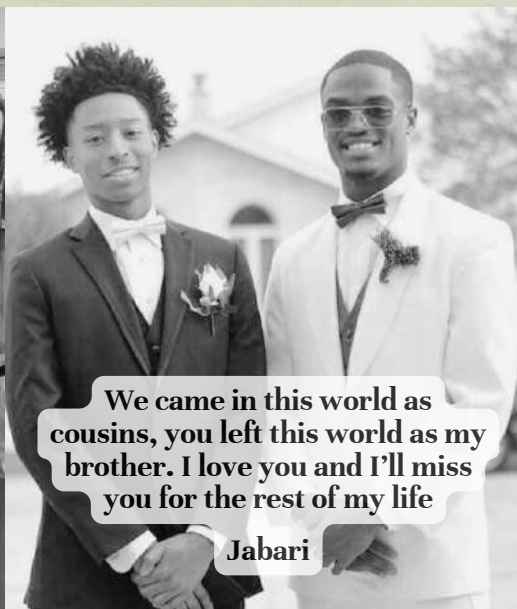
My favorite thing about you has always been your creativity. You remember the songs we used to come up with as kids? Or seeing 50 Cent (lol!). I think about that now listening to your music. You always knew yourself and weren't afraid to stand on that. I am truly proud of you and the life you lived as a man. I love you always and pray that you are well and at peace.

Khari



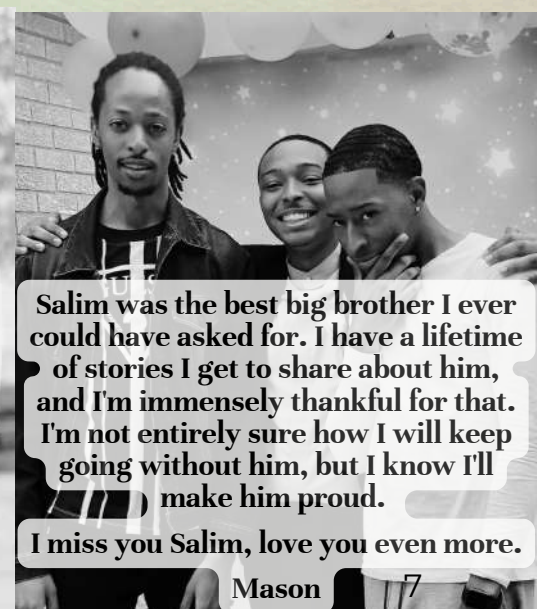
Salim was the most genuine and supportive person you would ever meet. He could always put a positive spin on anything.

Akilah



We came in this world as cousins, you left this world as my brother. I love you and I'll miss you for the rest of my life

Jabari



Salim was the best big brother I ever could have asked for. I have a lifetime of stories I get to share about him, and I'm immensely thankful for that. I'm not entirely sure how I will keep going without him, but I know I'll make him proud.

I miss you Salim, love you even more.

Mason

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The Family has been uplifted and deeply touched by your many
acts of kindness. Your prayers have helped to ease our pain.
God Bless You.

Repast at Hatch 41 located at 4131 S State Street, Chicago, IL
12:30pm - 2:30pm

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