



# **Sims Bledsoe, Sr.**

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**B**ishop Sims Bledsoe, Sr., 88, of Chattanooga, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2022, at his residence. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord & Savior, at an early age. He attended Giles County Schools in Pulaski, Tennessee. After which, he served in the United States Army from 1950-1954. He fought in the Korean War. His rank was Staff Sargent. He was also an Amateur Boxer in the Army. In 1954, he married Gertie Perkins of Pulaski, Tennessee and to this union 6 children were born Ruth Ann, Bonnie Kaye, Mary Magdalene, Sims Jr., Andre Denise, and Antonio Sereginald. Sims traveled throughout Indiana conducting Revivals, preaching Jesus, teaching Bible Studies, Evangelized, and helped plant many churches throughout Indiana. Sims later married Addie Beatrice in 1966 and to this union no children were born. He relocated to Chattanooga and was a committed member of the Church of JES-US, where he served for over 56 years as "Bishop" of the church and many fondly called him "Bishop". He was always helping others and ministering throughout Tennessee and Georgia. No one really knows how many lives that he touched in a positive way, just by sharing his time, wisdom and the love of Jesus. After the death of Addie in January 1987, he married Edith Ruth Burney on April 24, 1987. He served on the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Department Aim-Center. He was a member of The Clergy Koinonia and he was a Chaplain for the Cherokee Woods Community. "Bishop" was a very fun and loving person and he used to clown with folks. He was also a business man. Bishop had a radiant smile and infectious laugh that would bring joy to any situation. Bishop was a big tall man with a deep voice that commanded your attention, when he spoke. He had a personality larger than life itself. But when it came to the Bible, he didn't play, as he was very serious about the Word of God and indeed, he loved Jesus! Sims was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Bledsoe and Joseph Bledsoe-Muhammad; two daughters, Bonnie Kaye Bledsoe Burney and Sharon Burney, and one son,



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Antonio Bledsoe; one granddaughter, Andre Bledsoe; mother-in-law, Rosa Lee Williams; brothers-in-law, James R. Williams, George E. Williams, and Dr. AD Williams; and sister-in-law, Geneva Williams. His loving wife Edith, of nearly 35 years, joined him in glory on February 14, 2022 (4 days after he passed on). He leaves to cherish his memory, his brothers, Horace Bledsoe of Indianapolis, IN and Morris (Jean) Bledsoe of Grand Rapids, MI; two sisters-in-law, Elta Bledsoe of Murfreesboro, TN and Virginia Bledsoe Muhammad of Indianapolis, IN; children: daughters, Ruth Ann Bledsoe Carlisle, Mary Bledsoe (Alan) Bacon, Sr., Andre Bledsoe Fall, all of Indianapolis, IN, Pamela Burney Higgenbotham, Angela Burney Cuff of Georgia; sons, Sims Bledsoe, Jr., Leon (Pat) Edwards all of Indianapolis, IN, and Joshua (Francis) Burney II of Chattanooga, TN; grandsons: Joshua (Tamiko) Burney III, of Chattanooga, TN, Demond Harris, Alan Bacon, Jr., Sims Bledsoe III, S-ven Carlisle, all of Indianapolis, IN, and Jimmy Townsend of Georgia, granddaughters: Andreana Franklin, Karen Bledsoe, Dimples Bledsoe, Nyasha Bledsoe, Brianna Bledsoe, of Indianapolis, IN, Lois Burney (Harold) Moss of Lilburn, GA, Eunice Burney (Rodney) Brown of Chattanooga, TN, and Antionette Bledsoe of Las Vegas, NV; 29 great-grandkids; 28 great-great-grandkids, cousins; nieces, nephews, Godchildren and a host of dear relatives and friends. Elder Alan Bacon, Sr. will be the eulogist. A private burial will take place in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Directions to Live Stream: 1. Go to your Facebook Page 2. Type: [taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga](#)




3. Click 'Like' or Thumbs Up 4. Scroll down to view the service

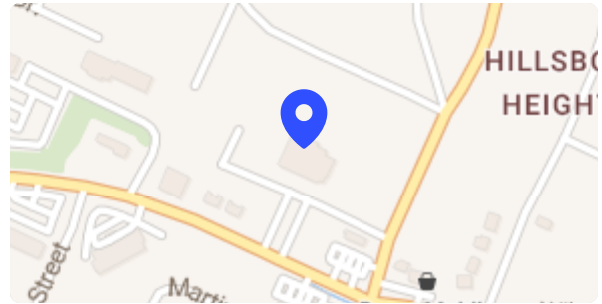


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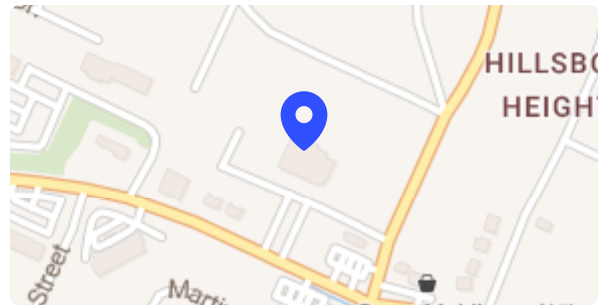
## Lie-In-State

-  **Saturday**, March 5, 2022
-  9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411




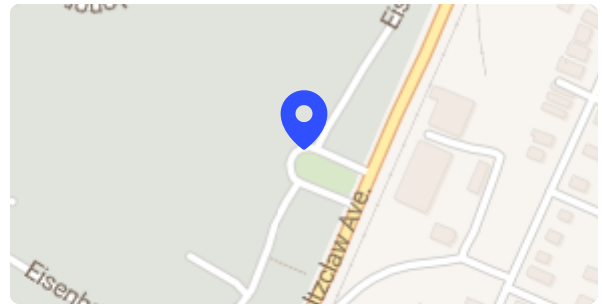
## Service

-  **Saturday**, March 5, 2022
-  11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET
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## Cemetery Details

-  **Chattanooga National Cemetery**  
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404



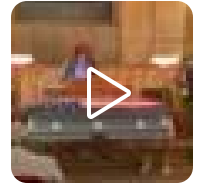


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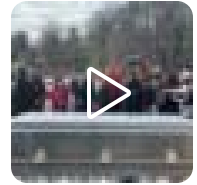
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March 9 at 5:15 PM



**Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc.** shared an album called **MilitaryService-BishopSimsBledsoeSr.**



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**Patricia Barker** posted:

We are praying for the family during this time. May God's love continue to comfort and encourage your hearts. Michael, Pat and May Barker

March 5 at 6:44 AM



**Marva Brown Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Sims.



March 4 at 2:17 AM



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DT

**Deborah Thurman** posted:

Pastor, You were the true meaning of the word "Pastor". You walk the walk and talk the talk. You made pastoring look easy because you truly cared about your people and everyone you came in contact with. You never failed to ask about someone no matter if they belong to our church. You were at every hospital visit, every child born you made it your business to pray for them. The biggest one, you never judged! That is what you call a true love for the people. Love you and will miss you! Deborah

March 3 at 11:27 AM

NS

**Nick Stamper Iv** lit a candle in honor of Sims.



March 2 at 11:20 AM

RM

**Ronald Jackson Madden** posted:

My Pastor. I will Never Forget that day in Dalton on A Street called Straight in A Little Church with One Name, when Thanks to My GodMother (Sister Heard) ,, You Introduced Me To Jes-Us! You took me under your wing. Not only did You Tell Me,, But Showed Me How To Be A Man. Always Greeting Me with 1st "Prasie Jes-Us Brother Ron" then immediately with "How Is Your Mother ?". And a Firm Handshake with Those Hugh Hands. You Showed Chattanooga and The World what God Meant when he said,, " Husbands LOVE YOUR WIFE AS CHRIST HAS LOVED THE CHURCH.! No Wonder We are Celebrating You and Aunt Edith on the Same Day. Rest In Peace My Pastor,, You Good and Faithful Servant 🙏❤️. Love You Pastor,, Sincerely, Brother Ron

February 28 at 2:44 AM

LH

**Lebron And Gloria Hawkins** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

Condolences to the family of Rev. Bledsoe, He's had Been a part of Cherokee Woods subdivision for many years, always greeted the neighbors with a smile, and should you not see him in passing, he would blow his horn and wave, just to acknowledge you. Very thoughtful! He will certainly be missed. You're in our thoughts and prayers.



February 27 at 7:10 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Bledsoe, family.

February 26 at 4:55 PM



**AI Morgan** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

February 26 at 3:26 PM



**April James And Melvia Heard** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

February 24 at 8:50 AM



**Sylvia Morgan Stamper** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

February 24 at 8:07 AM



**Mary B. Smith** posted:

Bishop, I can't help but smile with how much you let me get away with growing up. I remember eating the candy we were suppose to be selling as a fund raiser for our church. I remember going into the rich people's houses as you drove around the areas keeping protective eyes on us. lol Only for me and my group to be invited into the house and sit down, watch TV and eat the candy they had bought from us, while you looked for us. lol You were so relieved that we were safe, that we didn't get into that much trouble. I/we just got a good lecture. Thank you for all the pearls of wisdom, love and compassion you shared! Your niece, Mary B. Smith

February 23 at 1:57 PM



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JM

**Janis Mcmillon** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

February 21 at 7:49 PM



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February 21 at 7:48 PM



JM

**Janis Mcmillon** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

February 21 at 7:45 PM



HJ

**Heather Jones** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

February 19 at 5:09 PM



RB

**Rodney Billups** lit a candle in honor of Sims.

February 17 at 3:41 PM





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