



Alice Simpson

July 27, 2023

Alice Simpson was born in 1927. Her life began in humble circumstances as an orphaned child. Alice spent many years at “Little Flower House of Providence” which laid the spiritual foundation that would guide her throughout her remarkable life of 96 years. When Alice left Little Flower, she resided with Ms. Hunt in the Bronx, New York on Jennings Street. Here she met her husband, Milton Simpson. Their union produced 3 children Mitchell S. Simpson (deceased), Melanie S. Thwaites, and Jeanne S. Gule’. Alice was a fun loving and ambitious woman despite her difficult early life. Alice later met Ronald C. Douglas and the two of them had three children, Gloria Douglas, Veronica Douglas Torres (deceased) and Evelyn Douglas (deceased).

Alice worked for the City of New York many years. She valued family and education and encouraged her children to do well in school. She believed that work built character, strength, and resilience. This was reflected in her as well as her children and grandchildren. While raising her children, Alice worked fulltime and after work attended college. She graduated in 1974 from Fairleigh Dickerson University in New Jersey. Alice obtained her BA in social work, proving that determination and education know no age limit.

Alice made life-long friends and spoke her mind everywhere she traveled. She was a voracious reader and loved putting puzzles together and mounting them on the walls. Alice also was a member of the Lancaster YMCA and

swam regularly, her pool friends called her “the mayor of the pool.” She also loved to frequent Alice’s Diner, her favorite eatery. The owner -Mr. Terry- was always excited to see her. Alice strengthened her faith in her later years by being very active as a member of ACTS Covenant Fellowship Church. She hosted house church and provided good food during their discussions. Everyone who crossed her path benefitted from her positive energy.

Alice accomplished a lot in her life. However, her most significant accomplishments are her sacrificial acts for her children and grandchildren. At 60 years of age, Alice retired early and moved from Brooklyn, New York to Lancaster, PA to selflessly take on the role of caregiver of her youngest daughter Evelyn who was very ill. Alice cared for Evelyn’s children (Oscar, Edwin (deceased) and Christina) briefly. She also raised Veronica’s 3 youngest children (Ashley, Tiffany, and Danielle) for many years, lovingly nurturing them as her own.

Alice lived a rich life. Her positive energy and generous spirit touched all who crossed her path, making everyone feel like family. She loved her favorite drink “Fire Ball”, loved good music and playing board and card games with friends and family. Card game days and nights were filled with fun, laughter, and food. As a fierce competitor during games, she often said “I play to win.” Alice’s culinary skills were unmatched, turning leftovers into gourmet delights, a true testament to her love for her family and friends! Alice was the heart and soul of the family, a true matriarch who leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion.

Those who went before her in glory are Milton Simpson, Ronald Douglas, Mitchell Simpson, Veronica Douglas Torres, Evelyn Douglas, Edwin Douglas, Jon Thwaites, Sr (son-in-law), Brian Gule’ (son-in-law) and Elvin Torres (son-in-law). She leaves behind 3 children Melanie Thwaites, Jeanne Gule’ and Gloria Douglas, 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-

grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family expresses its sincere appreciation for your prayers and support and wants to thank those who cared for Alice in her later years. We give special thanks to her devoted grandson, Oscar Villafane, whose unwavering love, and care brought comfort and joy to Alice's final years.

Those who knew Alice as Mom, Grandma, Granny, Auntie, and friend and shared her faith, understand she is in a better place. However, she will be missed.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

ACTS Covenant Fellowship
1927 Wheatland Avenue
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Simpson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Melanie and Family, Roberto and I shared Alice's memorial service today, September 15, 2023. It was a beautiful service. We continue to think of Alice and of you as family and the time we spent with both of you brought us comfort, joy, and cherished memories, and will always keep you both in our hearts and in our prayers.*

Roberto and Bettye Andreos

Bettye Andreos - September 15, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alice Simpson.*



August 14, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *My condolences to Alice's family. Words are little comfort at a time like this. Alice is my friend and like you I miss her. You'll know that she loved to travel. I was fortunate that over several years her travels included many visits to spend time with me in Virginia, California, New Jersey and Florida. Alice's visits brought lots of interesting conversations and laughter. I am very grateful that she left us with many cherished memories and great words of wisdom.*

Bettye and Roberto Andreos

Bettye Andreos - August 10, 2023 at 04:06 PM

TL

“ Alice will be missed and our memory of her will be cherished forever! with love and sympathy Terry and your friends at Alice's Diner



Terry Lountzis - August 10, 2023 at 11:48 AM

GF

“ Gary D Flood lit a candle in memory of Alice Simpson



Gary D Flood - August 07, 2023 at 09:42 AM

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“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved mother. The news of her departure has left a profound void in my heart and mind. During my formative years, your mother played an instrumental role in shaping my character and guiding me through my teenage challenges. Her wisdom, kindness, advice, and unwavering support were a constant source of inspiration and encouragement.



As a mentor, she imparted knowledge and instilled valuable life lessons that I carry with me to this day. Her dedication and passion for teaching were evident in every interaction I experienced. I will forever cherish the memories of our time together, the lessons learned, and the laughter we shared, particularly her role in influencing me to play the leading role of Walter (Sidney Poitier) in the play, "A Raisin in the Sun" at the Thompkins community center.

Ms. Simpson's impact exceeded the community center or mentorship sessions. She was able to connect with each of her mentees on a personal level, making us feel valued and heard. Her presence was a beacon of light that guided us through the challenging times, and her words of wisdom continue to resonate with me as I navigate through life.

Losing someone as special as your mother is an immense loss. I sincerely sympathize with your family and loved ones during this difficult time. May you find solace in knowing that your mother's legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched and inspired.

As I mourn the passing of your mother, I will also celebrate her profound impact on my life. Ms. Simpson's memory will forever be etched in my heart, and her teachings will continue to guide me as I move forward. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

LaMont W. Flanagan, Esq.

Dr.laMont Flanagan - August 06, 2023 at 04:09 PM

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“ *I knew Miss Alice many years from the Lancaster Y. While she was driving, she was an early bird. Her smile would like up the room. Yes Miss Alice was the mayor. She loved to keep moving in the pool, and the hot tub. Loved her family and sharing her memories of them. Miss Alice has been missed.*

Dawn Donough - August 04, 2023 at 04:40 PM