



## Sim S. Byrd Sr.

May 15, 1931 - November 29, 2020

In Loving Memory of Sim Strong Byrd, Sr.

Sim S. Byrd was born May 15, 1931 in Demopolis, Alabama to the union of Frank Byrd, Sr. and Mattie (Wiggins) Byrd Bonner. He departed this life on Sunday, November 29, 2020 in his home in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 89. He accepted Christ at an early age in Demopolis, Alabama.

Sim graduated from U.S. Jones High School, class of 1948-1949. Shortly after, he joined the United States Army. His service included the Korean War Campaign. During that time in the Korean War, while retreating from enemy fire, he received scrap metal injuries to his back and tear gas in his eyes. Sim later fully recovered from his injuries. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he relocated with his family to Toledo, Ohio.

He began working several years at a company in Rossford, Ohio before beginning his long career at the U.S. Post office in Toledo, Ohio. While at the post office, Sim served as 010 machine operator, handler, and president of the union.

He united in Holy matrimony to Rosie Marie Campbell on Sept. 10, 1955. To this union four children were born. Sim was an active member in several community organizations and singing groups around the city. Some of the groups included "The Glory Bound Harmonizers", "The Northern Travelers", "Toledo City Wide Male Chorus", and several others. He was a faithful lifetime member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

Sim was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years Rosie Marie (Campbell)

Byrd and daughter Toni Marie (Byrd) Easterly. He was also preceded in death by parents: Frank Byrd, Sr. Mattie (Wiggins) Byrd Bonner, stepfather Isom Bonner, sisters: Louisa Parker, Charlotte Lawson, Rose Byrd, Helen Phillips; and brothers: Frank Jr., Thomas Byrd, and Willie Byrd.

He leaves to cherish his memories to daughters: Wanda Ambeau (Bruce), Janet McIntosh, Jackie Springs (Dennis) Paulette (Byrd) Rasheed, sons: Sims Smith Sr. (Lavondia), Sim Byrd Jr., Tyrone L. Byrd Sr. (Pamela Lynn) sisters: Corine Davis of Toledo, Ohio and Roberta Daniels of Providence, Rhode Island, special friend Betty Watson, 20 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and other friends.

Please view a memorial tribute for Mr. Byrd below:

<https://youtu.be/20O5LkpTFJE>

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Park

3665 Genoa Road  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church  
831 N Detroit Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Tribute Wall

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“ When I was young in the faith, I got to see Sim Byrd sing at Mt. Nebo. I enjoyed hearing the Gospel Choir sing under Sim Byrd direction. I was blessed by his praise onto the Lord. A little Later on, I joined the Male Chorus for about 2 years. I got to practice and sing with Sim. It was rough for a few months with Sim trying to get me on key. We had practice if only 2 people showed up, Sim loved singing. Along with brother Taylor, Haskins, Glover and Sim we had a good time in the Male Chorus. Sim was always ready to sing in church. Sim song every song like it was his last song. I miss those days! I can honestly say, Sim never guided me wrong. God bless you brother Sim for being a blessing in my life.

*May the Lord Bless Brother Sim Byrd family with his comfort and Peace!!!!*

*Pastor Ken Rupert & family*

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**Rev. Ken Rupert** - December 04, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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“ To my singing brother in the Toledo Gospel Quartet Group in Toledo Ohio and his family RIP I Rev. Dan McLemore PRESIDENT will miss your voice down here but we will meet again and sing in glory heaven God's Blessings Be Upon All Sim Byrd and family Rev. Dan McLemore President Toledo Men's Gospel Quartet Group

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**Rev. Dan McLemore** - December 04, 2020 at 11:02 AM

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“ To the Byrd Family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Byrd was one of the first person that I heard singing Amazing Grace when I was younger. I even enjoyed him when he sang with the male groups. God definitely has another singing angel. Praying for you all.

Twania Harbour - December 04, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sim S. Byrd Sr..



December 03, 2020 at 09:50 PM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord  
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones & Family

Gwendolyn E.March Jones - December 02, 2020 at 05:42 PM

RG

Sending prayers and condolences to the family. Sincerely Regina Grace 🙏❤️

Regina grace - December 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM

RM

Sending prayers from Regina Mcbrayer and PES scheduling family. Miss you Paulette, I know “daddy” is resting in peace 🙏

Regina McBrayer - December 07, 2020 at 08:59 PM