

## Simms, Wessie 'Wesley' Louise Gransberry

A retired social worker and resident of Baton Rouge, she died at 9:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. She was 73 and a native of Norwood. Vis-



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iting at Bethany World Prayer Center on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Religious service at Bethany World Prayer center at 11 a.m. Thursday, conducted by Al Moore. Survived by her two daughters, Deborah Underwood and Barbara Escalante; son, Clyde A. Lynch; sister, Lillie Bea Gransberry; two brothers, Albert and Claude Gransberry; five grandchildren, Michael Lynch, Derrick Lynch, Michelle J. Joubert, whom she reared, and husband Steven, Samantha Lynch, and Porsche Lynch; three step children, Linda Simms Daniel, Wanda Faye Simms and Kenneth Wayne Simms; four devoted friends, Elma Nola Butler, Frank and Veronica Croney and Patricia Harris; seven great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Sister Wesley was preceded in death by her parents, Elvia and Loucrita Hurst Gransberry Sr.; husband, Leroy Simms Sr.; son, Anthony Lynch; and daughter, Annette Lynch. Sister Wesley worked 27 years in the nursing field, including service with the Louisiana Training Institute and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Later, she obtained a bachelor's degree in social work, which she earned from Southern University in 1989. In 1992, she earned a masters of social work from LSU. Sister Wesley worked as a social worker for 13 years at Dixon Correctional Institute, where she ultimately retired. She continued to volunteer after her retirement as a social worker at North Baton Rouge Women's Help Center and

Baker Mental Health. She was an active member of Bethany World Prayer Center, under the spiritual guidance of Larry Stockstill, pastor, where she served faithfully as an intercessor and cell group leader until her health began to fail. Pallbearers are Michael Lynch, Derrick Lynch, Bryant Woodridge, Darell Letherman Jr., Claude Gransberry and Shelton Robinson. Honorary Pallbearers are Albert Gransberry, Clyde Lynch, John Earl "Poole" Simms and Lionel Bates. Arrangements by Richardson Funeral Home, 11819 Jackson St., Clinton, LA 70722.