



## James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III

June 25, 2002 - March 8, 2020

James "Drew" Andrew Simmons, III, 17, of Hanahan, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at his residence.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 2 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485.

Flowers will be accepted.

Drew was born on June 25, 2002, in Charleston, SC, son of Maria Lynn Simmons of Hanahan and James Andrew Simmons, Jr. of Charleston. He attended Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School, Marrington School of the Arts, and Berkeley Center of the Arts at Goose Creek High School. He was active in the Chamber Choir. He was a 2018-2020 baritone solo vocalist NATs winner at state and regional levels.

Survivors in addition to his parents are: sister, Hannah Simmons of Hanahan; grandparents; Donald & Yvonne Mullins of Summerville; aunt and uncle, Dawn & Ricky Pearce of Dalton, GA; cousins: Robert Akins of Dalton, GA, Briana Yantorn of MO, and William Simmons of Charleston. He was

predeceased by grandmother, Louise Veronee.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH  
MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Cemetery Details

## Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485  
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Service

**MAR 14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Christy Acosta lit a candle in memory of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III*



**Christy Acosta** - March 02, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Maria Simmons and family, I am so deeply sorry to hear about Drew's passing, my heart is sad but I feel honored to have the blessing to get to know Sweet, talented, kind, and the beautiful human being that Drew is. I worked as a nurse at Marrington School of the Arts and enjoyed talking to Drew and listening to his beautiful voice. Rest in piece angel Drew. This world needs more humans like you.*

**Teresa Posly** - March 19, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ *Maria, I am so sorry to hear of your loss ! Hugs and lots of prayers for you and your family !*

**Gail Hill** - March 15, 2020 at 12:42 AM

AH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time!!  
Words can't express how very sad I am for your family!!*

allison platt hunter - March 14, 2020 at 12:15 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of  
James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.*



March 13, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the  
family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.*



March 13, 2020 at 05:45 PM

JB

“ *Dear Maria and Hannah, My deepest sympathy to you and all the  
family. Drew was such a sweet boy. I was so happy to see him at  
Piccolo Spoleto last year.  
With prayers and much love,  
Jean Breza*

Jean Breza - March 13, 2020 at 05:25 PM

UG

“ *United Weavers of America, Dalton, GA purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.*



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**United Weavers of America, Dalton, GA** - March 13, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.*



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March 13, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.*



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March 12, 2020 at 11:41 PM

KY

“ *Kaitlyn Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III*



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**Kaitlyn Yarbrough** - March 12, 2020 at 10:46 PM

CH

“ He was the first person from Marrington I had actually spoken to in STEP when I was first entering middle school. He was in 8th grade and I was going into 6th, but that didn't stop him from talking to me and making me feel like I was going to be an important part of that school. Seeing his kindness and beautiful light through his voice is the most amazing thing I will ever know.

Chesney - March 12, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JB

“ Jordan and Sara Boyd purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



Jordan and Sara Boyd - March 12, 2020 at 04:43 PM

FC

“ From the Goose Creek Choirs purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



From the Goose Creek Choirs - March 12, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



March 12, 2020 at 09:58 AM

TI

“ It never seems long enough to hold someone with an especially beautiful spirit and savor the happy radiance of loving kindness they bring to our lives. What a gift and a remarkable young man. Drew will be missed so very, very much.

Tina - March 12, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



March 12, 2020 at 07:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



March 12, 2020 at 07:02 AM

MD

“ Mary Doxsie lit a candle in memory of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III



Mary Doxsie - March 12, 2020 at 05:25 AM

HS

“ *Maria you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss. Drew was a wonderful boy.*

Heather Sturtevant - March 11, 2020 at 09:55 PM

MC

“ *I remember he was the very first person I met when i came to the school for my audition. That was the first time I heard his beautiful voice. He was singing in the Voice room, practising for Les Miz, and he came out and saw me sitting there, really just in awe of how good he was. I was so intimidated, but he was so sweet and wished me luck, and he was the first person to hear me sing at school. I had just said goodbye to so many people and moved to this new area, and it meant so much to me that he was kind. It gave me so much hope that I would meet others just as kind as him, and sure enough, I did. I miss him so so much.*

Mic Cruz - March 11, 2020 at 08:18 PM

DS

“ *Donald Singletary lit a candle in memory of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III*



Donald Singletary - March 11, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DS

“ *May God bless his family through this difficult time.*

Donald Singletary - March 11, 2020 at 08:10 PM

MA

“ i will miss seeing your smiling face. we had most all of our elementary school classes together but drifted apart in middle school once i moved to hanahan. we ended up reconnecting my freshman year of high school through all county choir. his voice was amazing and would fill a room with joy. usually at all county i would not really know anyone because no one from hanahan attends but i loved being able to see his face every year. i'm praying for his family, friends, and especially the choir over at goose creek who i know is hurting deeply

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**marley** - March 11, 2020 at 07:20 PM

AB

“ I known Drew since my freshman year of high school. He was in BCA Voice, the GCHS Chamber Choir, and the musical Les Miserables with me. Drew is one of the kindest people I ever met in my music career. He was such a sweet and gentle boy and a very easy guy to talk to. He always put a smile on peoples faces and has a phenomenal singing voice. I will deeply miss Drew's presence and forever love him not only as a choir member, but a really good friend too.

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**Ashley Beal** - March 11, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ His light and voice will be missed. May his memories comfort you and know that we surround you in prayers...

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**Regina Hunter** - March 11, 2020 at 01:08 PM

TK

*It breaks our hearts - Drew will always be remembered as that sweet cherub with a kind heart. Thinking of you, Maria and family.*

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**Tricy and Michaela Kosobud** - March 11, 2020 at 03:43 PM

GR

“ *May light perpetual shine upon Drew. My daughter attends BCA and was in the Chamber Choir and Les Mis with him. Although she is a freshman, she shared that Drew was always very sweet to her. Drew had a gorgeous singing voice, and the two brief times I interacted with him, he was very polite and humble. I know the BCA family are all filled with sorrow and our prayers are being lifted for Drew and his entire family.*

Glenn Raus - March 11, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.*



March 11, 2020 at 10:35 AM

ES

“ *Started kindergarten together, you were always so sweet. Your are so missed already*

elizabeth sivertsen - March 11, 2020 at 09:29 AM

WS

“ *Winter Swinton lit a candle in memory of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III*



Winter Swinton - March 11, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JC

“ I remember Drew from my 6th grade science class. It was my honor to teach this young man. My heart goes out to family and the many friends of Drew. He now has his angels wings ....soar high dear one. Watch over all of us now. ❤️❤️❤️

Jane Cross - March 11, 2020 at 12:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



March 10, 2020 at 10:49 PM

MF

“ I remember Drew running into momma's office after school at HHA- ready for a hug and a smile. He could fill the office with his loving energy. My heart hurts for you Maria, I know the love you hold for him. Prayers for strength for you and Hannah.

Marty French - March 10, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



March 10, 2020 at 10:38 PM

SF

“ I went to elementary school and middle school with Drew. After not seeing him for four years, I went to his Les Mis performance. He had the voice of an angel, and when I went up to him after the show, he gave me a huge hug and told me how great it was to see me. His smile and warmth made my day. He was such a kind person. --  
Sydney

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**Sydney Fry** - March 10, 2020 at 10:36 PM

KM

“ Maria & family-- I am so incredibly sorry to hear this news. It's been a long time since I taught Spanish to Drew, but I remember him being such a kind and thoughtful kid. Sending love and light to you all! --"Señorita" McFarland

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**Katie McFarland** - March 10, 2020 at 09:53 PM

CO

“ Maria and family, I am so very, very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Chris Odgers** - March 10, 2020 at 09:29 PM

RF

“ Yvonne and family...I am so sorry to hear about Drew. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Runette Ford** - March 10, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



March 10, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ I was privileged to teach Drew in English 2 at GCHS. There wasn't a day that went by where Drew came to class without a huge smile on his face. He was thoughtful, curious, kind, and insightful. I will forever remember the joy he brought to class, and his wonderful spirit.



Jenna Conner - March 10, 2020 at 08:41 PM



Maria and family, my prayers are with you during this time. May God give you peace and understanding.

Sheran Kelly - March 10, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ The sweetest student ever❤️❤️❤️

Peggy Bennett - March 10, 2020 at 08:35 PM

EB

“ Drew and I first met 5 years ago at the STEP music program. We were in the Jazz, Improve, and Composition “classes”. We always joked around and had a great time.



We weren't super super close, but when we did talk he was an amazing listener and advice giver.

We were a part of the first Tri-M music honors society officer staff, and he was a great leader. ❤️

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Erica B. - March 10, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



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March 10, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Drew" Andrew Simmons III.



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March 10, 2020 at 06:23 PM