

Bramlett Wendell Hamilton, son of James Beclone (1933-1994) and

Ruth P. (Simms) (1937-2003) Hamilton, was born 28 November 1967, Ames, Story County, Iowa. He graduated in 1985 from Okemos High School.



Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were well known, and highly respected educators connected with Michigan State University. Mr. Hamilton served honorably in the US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict with the rank of Sergeant.

Bramlett graduated from the James Madison College Michigan State University in 1989 and furthered his education with graduation in 1992 from Stanford University Law School. In 1994 he was admitted to the California State Bar and from March 1994 until September 1999 he was employed by the Santa Clara County, California Public Defender's Office.

■ **Bramlett W. Hamilton** of Okemos recently won a college-sponsored four-year achievement scholarship funded by the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students in Evanston, Ill. Hamilton is an Okemos High School student and plans to attend Michigan State University.

Ruth Priscilla Simms, daughter of Wendell Phillip (1891-1965) and Ella R. (Jacison) (1910-1982) Simms, was born 21 June 1937, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. Ruth married James Beclone Hamilton, son of Howard and Maude P. (Jones) Hamilton. J.B. was born 22 October 1922, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois and honorably served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. J.B. held a PhD in chemistry and was for many years a well-known professor at Michigan State University.



Ruth too was well known for 30 years as a Professor of Sociology and

**Hamilton, Dr. Ruth Priscilla
Simms
Okemos, MI**



Age 66, Born June 21, 1937 in Savannah, Georgia. Dr. Hamilton received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, Master's and Doctoral degrees

in Sociology from Northwestern University. She was appointed to Michigan State University in 1968 and was a MSU Professor of Sociology and Urban Affairs Program. She was a Core faculty member of the African Studies Center and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. James B. Hamilton (1994) and parents, Wendell P. and Ella R. Simms. Surviving are her daughter, Priscilla Simms Hamilton Taylor of Mountain View, CA; son, Bramlett Wendell Hamilton of Okemos; 4 brothers, Robert Simms of El Paso, TX, Merilus Simms of Savannah, GA, Louis Simms of Lansing and Richard Simms of Oakland, CA; numerous nieces and nephews. **A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.** The family will receive friends at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. East Chapel, 1730 E. Grand River Avenue, East Lansing Sunday from 4-6 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the James B. Hamilton Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o MSU Development Fund, 4700 Hagadorn Road, Suite 220, East Lansing, MI 48823-9982 in memory of Dr. Hamilton.

Urban Affairs at Michigan State. She was also director of the African Diaspora Research Project, which studied African migration around the world. Ruth served as an Okemos Educational Foundation Trustee in 1986. The Hamilton's had 2 children who graduated from Okemos High School.

James Hamilton succumbed to ALS 18 May 1994. Ruth was killed 11 November 2003. They were interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos, Ingham County.

In his last years of life, Bramlett faced many personal challenges. Newspaper articles about his mental breakdown and tragic events that unfolded earlier are available online and beyond our purpose to republish. He died 15 November 2018, Michigan.

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50, 15 November, Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes Lansing Chapel.