

PALLBEARERS

Joshua Daniely

Tyler Gibson

Jarred Jefferson

Christopher Simmons

Michael Simmons, Jr.

Shaquille Simmons

Tavarus Simmons

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Granddaughters

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Our family would like to express its sincere appreciation to each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts. Your immense generosity, so freely given in this time of loss, has been a lighthouse of warmth amid the shadows. We are incredibly moved by the flood of condolences, sincere prayers, and steadfast support that have helped us get through this trying time. **The Family**

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
11:00 AM



Shirley

ANN SIMMONS

JANUARY 21, 1949 ~ SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY CHAPEL

1011 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DRIVE

FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

REV. DR. BEATRICE SMALL, EULOGIST



OBITUARY

Shirley Ann Simmons affectionately known as “Ninny” of Fort Valley, Georgia completed her earthly journey on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at her residence.

On January 21, 1949 Shirley was born to James and Eva Simmons, Sr. in Knoxville, Georgia.

She was educated in the public schools of Crawford County and graduated from Crawford County Comprehensive High School in 1967. She earned an Associate Degree in Health Sciences. Her hobbies included crossword puzzles, cooking and serving mouthwatering food, baking delicious breads, cakes and pies.

She was married to Jessie Lee Daniels. She was a loving mother to three daughters: Tonja Lee, Janet Wade and Christie Chambers; two sons: Michael T. Simmons and Willie B. Simmons.

Shirley was a doting grandmother and great-grandmother, and she was instrumental in helping to rear them. A nurturing caregiver, with arms always open to both family and friends, Shirley leaves with her family many cherished memories of their celebrations of holidays and birthday parties.

She is preceded in death by: her husband, Jessie Lee Daniels; father, James Simmons Sr.; sister, Geneva Stallion; and brother-in-law, Elijah Alsobrooks; great grandson, Ky'Rei Gibson.

Shirley Ann is survived by daughters: Tonja Simmons (Gary) Lee, Janet (Marvin) Wade, Christie Simmons (Marquise) Chambers; sons: Michael T. Simmons and Willie B. (Detress) Simmons; mother, Eva J. Simmons; sisters: Lois (Andrew) Carter, Margaret Alsobrooks, Maxine Abernathy and Elnora Simmons; brothers: Johnny Simmons, Larry Simmons, James Simmons, Jr., Harold Simmons, Charlie Simmons, and Anthony (Deborah) Simmons; 21 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren along with a host of other family members and friends.

Our Family

Is a Circle of Strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together
forever



Family

A LINK TO THE PAST

A BRIDGE TO OUR FUTURE



A Grandmother's Love

You taught us everything
but how to live without you,
the stories you shared,
the laughter we knew.

Precious moments forever true,
your caring soul was like a haven of warmth
making us whole a feast to share.

A gift that filled the air,
your cooking warmed hearts beyond compare
a pinch of love here and a dash of care there

Though you may be gone from our sight
your legacy lives on and in our hearts
The most wonderful gift you could ever give
is the special part of you,
that now lives in each of us
and the truth your love has taught us
can only be strengthened by the gift of time
for where our roots grow deep,
memories grow forever.

Love,

Morgan & Sydney

Granddaughters



ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant, Rev. Dr. Beatrice Small

FAMILY
where life begins and
LOVE
never ends



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Minister Dexter Davis

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament.....Rev. Dr. Felton Poole
Senior Pastor, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Fort Valley, GA

New Testament.....Mayor Jeffrey Lundy
City of Fort Valley, GA

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Minister Dexter Davis

PRAYER.....Rev. Angela Woodson
Senior Pastor, St. James CME, Marshallville, GA

WORDS OF EXPRESSION.....Dr. Nikki Jackson
Granddaughter

REFLECTIONS.....As A Sister
As A Grandmother

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Minister Dexter Davis

EULOGY.....Rev. Dr. Beatrice Small
Senior Pastor, New Birth Fellowship of Praise, Griffin, GA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Edwards Small Mortuary

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POSTLUDE

INTERMENT
Willow Lake Memorial Gardens
1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030



REPAST
The Austin Theater
116 East Main Street
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030