



Shirley A Simmons

February 5, 1937 - March 19, 2023

Shirley A. Simmons

Shirley (Mae) A. Simmons first opened her eyes on February 5th, 1937 where she was born in Halifax, North Carolina to mother Addie Lee and father Henry Theodore Armston Sr.

Shirley was raised in Williamston, North Carolina and attended school at E.J. Hayes High School. There, she graduated in 1955 with honors and stayed active through her entire school career, from being a part of the band, basketball team, the speech club, to cheerleading.

She began her journey in Christ at an early age by joining the Mt Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, and grew to continue her journey at the Union Baptist Church in Stamford, Connecticut as a member since 1970. Outside of religion, Shirley traveled from place to place searching for work and a place to call home for her, and her only son, Derrick Piccard Simmons Sr. She resided in an apartment building called the Friendship House, in Stamford, and began work at a company called Pitney Bowes. Her job was to be a Lease Administrator for 25 years until she retired in 1997.

Shirley's love, kindness, and grace knew no bounds. She was a pillar in her community. Shirley was an active member of the Ferguson Library Book Club, the Friendship House Tenant Association, the Yerwood Seniors AARP Chapter of 2002, a Travel Club Trustee of 12 years, and a member of the NAACP.

She lived her life the way she wanted: with no regrets. She loved to travel,

shop, read, and play quiz games. Shirley was sole captain of her SAS bus trips for years and loved a good bargain. She was a fighter. Shirley spoke up against wrongdoings and praised those who did what was right. And while she continued to “fight the good fight,” the towel was eventually thrown in, and Shirley finally closed her eyes Sunday morning on March 19, 2023 in Stamford, Connecticut. She was 86.

Shirley A. Simmons will truly be missed, but never forgotten by all that loved and knew her. She is survived by her favorite (and only) grandchildren, Jasmine, Jessica, Derrick Jr, and Jordin Simmons. As well as her daughter-in-law, Nedra Simmons, her nephews: Gregory Armston, Kyle and Kendell Edmonds, her niece, Elaine Carrinton; her niece-in-law Marcia Edmonds, her grandnephew and grandniece: Elise and Elijah Edmonds, and a surplus of family members, friends, and godchildren. Shirley always praised the Lord first and lived by her favorite Biblical scripture Philippians 4:13 (KJV). Heaven is her home now. She will be reunited with her son, Derrick Piccard Simmons Sr, her best friend and sister, Senora Edmonds, her two brothers Henry Jr and Kenneth Armston, and her parents.

The Simmons family would like to take this time to thank you all for your prayers and condolences. A special thank you to Pastor Andre Bradley, Pastor Leroy Parker, Brenda Sanderson, Lillie “Queenie” Williams, and Verdell Johnson for showing remarkable love and support to Shirley until the very end. Thank you to the Union Baptist Church, Karen Graves Medley at Graves Medley Funeral Homes, and Fairfield Memorial Park. May God bless and keep you all the days of your lives.

Visitation will be held on Thursday March 23, 2023 from 10:00AM - 11:00AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Union Baptist Church 805 Newfield Ave. Stamford, CT., Interment will follow at Fairfield Memorial Park.

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Ave.
Stamford, CT

Tribute Wall

SH

“ To the Simmons Family. Please accept my deepest condolences. Wishing you Peace during this difficult time.

Sarah P Herring - March 23, 2023 at 11:28 PM

KW

“ To the Simmons Family We the Thompsons ,Burroughs Wood, Scott ,Watts Patterson's ,Preston's Are so Sorry for your Loss Shirley will be truly Missed by All of us she was such a wonderful person may she Rip Amen

Karen Wood - March 23, 2023 at 10:12 PM

MM

“ Marion McPherson lit a candle in memory of Shirley A Simmons



Marion McPherson - March 23, 2023 at 12:23 PM

LG

“ My heartfelt Condolence for the loss of your love one. She will be solely be missed by all who knew and loved her. I pray your faith will give you strength as you continue your life with your precious memories..

Linda Underhill Graves - March 23, 2023 at 09:17 AM

ED

“ My condolences to the family. Ms. Simmons was a true Warrior. She was an light in the Friendship building, and she will be missed for the trips to Dutch Country she always headed up. SIP

from Elizabeth Dukes and family

Elizabeth Dukes - March 23, 2023 at 08:11 AM

BU

“ Miss Simons is is a very special person to me. There’s a lot of things I can say about this lady. She been there for a lot of special events for me. My twin and I always felt like she was a second mother to us. I’m going to miss you, tell Linda and mom I said what’s up. ❤️ you SIP 🙏

brenda Underhill - March 23, 2023 at 01:45 AM

SB

Praying for the family during your hours of bereavement

Shirley Bell - March 23, 2023 at 10:59 AM

KF

“ My condolences to the Simmons family. Miss Shirley was a beautiful and wise woman. I have known her for many years, we would go on her bus trips to PA; we always had a wonderful time. May she rest in the Masters arms. RIP Miss Shirley! 🙏❤️

Kokuma Family - March 22, 2023 at 11:02 PM

JD

“ Shirley was a person I truly admired and loved. She will always have a special place in my memories and heart. She fought the good fight and finished the course. I will surely miss her.

Judith Drew - March 22, 2023 at 10:30 PM

JP

“ I give my condolences to the family. Shirley was a very nice person. I remember years ago she gave a nice valentine party at yerwood. And I saw her recently at the autumn gold on valentine's day at the church. May she rest in God Heavenly Gates. God Bless. Love Joy Poteau.

Joy Poteau - March 22, 2023 at 08:50 PM

MB

“ Deepest sympathy to the Simmons family. I remember Shirley quiet well. I'm a forme R member of Union. Mary Bell, Fayetteville NC

Mary C. Bell - March 22, 2023 at 06:31 PM

WD

“ To the family please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss.

William and Elaine Dupree - March 22, 2023 at 06:15 PM

JD

John & Cecelia DaRosa will truly miss Shirley a person that always showed Love, our sincerest sympathy to the family and a very dear friend of ours.

John & Cecelia DaRosa - March 22, 2023 at 09:53 PM

G(

“ *To The Simmons Family:*

So sorry for your lost.

Ms. Simmons was apart of our family. My mom, Eddie Mae(Latta) & Ms. Simmons were friends for a very long time. Ms. Simmons was a true fighter for all the right reasons. Ms. Simmons you have earned your wings & have fought the "good" fight. Rest In Peace.

Gale Houser (E.J.) DuBois

Chesterfield, VA

Gale Houser DuBois (E.J.) - March 22, 2023 at 05:09 PM

CC

To The Family of Shirley Simmons

Our Church Family will truly miss Sister Shirley for her dedication and faithfulness. She would give rides to member to and from the Church. I was blessed to travel with her to PA to see a play and dine with those on the bus to a wonderful restaurant. She served her Church and Community and gave words of wisdom. I saw her last Sunday after Church. She also worked at the polls for many years and I sang on the Vision Choir with her. Our favorite song was "Lord I will lift mine eyes to Calvary." We also worked on the Planning Committee together. In our pictorial directory she is in a photo with The Trustee Ministry. Our prayers and love go out to you. She has made her journey home and is at rest. We thank God that she was a part of our Church and Community. 🙏💙🎵

C. F. Cropper - March 22, 2023 at 05:48 PM