



Mrs. Dorothy Simmons

October 11, 1940 - September 28, 2023

Statesboro, Georgia

Dorothy Simmons, wife of the late Donnie Simmons, a former Bulloch County School Board member and local political activist, transitioned from this life into a life of eternal peace on September 28, 2023 at her residence, following a brief illness.

To those who knew and loved her, she was affectionately Dorothy, Dot, Dottie, Mother Simmons, aunt Dorothy, granny, or simply mama. Small in stature, her heart was as big as the south Georgia landscape which she called home for nearly 83 years. Her smile welcomed everyone she met.

As a Bulloch County native, she was the fourth of eleven children born to the late Ocea and Eunice Smith of Statesboro. She was a member of William James High School's class of 1959.

Dorothy Smith Simmons and Donnie Simmons were married in 1961. Together, they were beacons of comfort, direction, and wisdom for their three children, five grandchildren, and countless others.

Her husband Donnie, departed this life in 2006, and a daughter, Glea Simmons Pruitt, in 2020.

Dorothy was a faithful follower of Christ. She joined Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and went on to make Statesboro's Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church her spiritual home in 1990.

Through the years, she touched countless lives while serving as Tabernacle's Assistant Sunday School Secretary, Secretary for the Mission Department, and Vice President of the Willing Workers Society Kitchen Ministry. She touched lives of many through her community service. For twenty-two years, she helped her neighbors in need through her work at the Statesboro Food Bank and the Mobile Food Pantry from Savannah. She was active of the Bulloch County NAACP, the Lions Club, and other local organizations.

In 2018, she received the Jefferson Medal and was chosen to be the Grand Marshall for the county's Martin Luther King Day Parade in recognition of her community service activities. When asked why helping others was so important to her, she said, "that's what the Lord wants us to do, help somebody". "And that's my mission, helping somebody."

Dorothy brought style and grace to everything she touched. For decades, she dressed countless grandmas and debutants while employed at Henry's Woman's Clothing Store, a staple in downtown Statesboro from the late 1950s to the 1980s. She was a gifted seamstress who made gowns and dresses and altered trousers and other apparel for folks throughout Bulloch County. Others will remember her as a talented decorator, a lover of the 'good ole' gospel songs, and as a master of down home southern cooking that tamed the appetites of her family, friends, church congregants, and those she just wanted to ensure were being fed.

Dorothy will be remembered, most of all, as a sweet, kind, and caring person with unshakable faith in Christ and his ministry of love, redemption, and justice

her son, Victor (Sharon) Simmons of Statesboro, GA, her daughter Startabia Williams of McDonough, GA, and five grand children, Dylan Simmons of Atlanta, GA, Matthew Simmons of Atlanta, GA, Maya Simmons of Philadelphia, PA, Doneijha Williams of Atlanta, GA, and Daryhus Williams of McDonough, GA, all will forever carry loving memories of her in their hearts; two sisters, a brother, four sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends are also left to cherish their memories of her.

A visitation will take place on Friday, October 6, 2023, from 6 pm to 7 pm in the chapel of Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

The funeral service for Mrs. Dorothy Simmons, will be held 11 am, Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Daniel Woodson, officiating. Burial will follow in the Bulloch Memorial Gardens.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **6**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Funeral Service

OCT **7**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
210 Bulloch St
Statesboro, GA 30458-0785
(912) 764-4240

Burial

OCT **7** (ET)

Bulloch Memorial Gardens
22002 US-80
Statesboro, GA 30459
(912) 764-4626

Tribute Wall

GS

“ Grace Holloway Safford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons



Grace Holloway Safford - October 08, 2023 at 01:24 PM

WI

“ To Victor Simmons and family from BillSmith you all are in my thoughts and prayers your mom meant a lot to our family especially you the picture you did will always hold a special place in our hearts your mom was a true Southern lady who will be missed

WilliamSmith - October 06, 2023 at 06:24 PM

WW

To the Simmons family!
A limb has fallen from the family tree 🌳 that says grieve not for me,
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
My soul is at rest Remembering all how I truly was blessed,
The God Life She Lived While She Was Strong 💪
Love Wynette and Morris Ward and Family...

Wynette Ward - October 07, 2023 at 09:17 AM

KS

“ Rest in peace cuz Kenny & Kim Simmons

Kenneth Simmons - October 05, 2023 at 08:16 PM

WW

Rest In peace Cousin Dot 🙏
Love Wynette and Morris Ward ❤️

Wynette Ward - October 07, 2023 at 09:28 AM

JS

“ I remember working with her at the food bank and seeing her and her husband sitting outside on the porch she will be truly missed



Jessica Scott - October 05, 2023 at 11:25 AM

DC

“ She was a wonderful person/church mother a woman of true class she will be missed very deeply so glad I had a chance to know such a wonderful person



Deacon Kenneth Cone - October 05, 2023 at 11:02 AM

AP

“ ARNOLD PERKINS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons



ARNOLD PERKINS - October 04, 2023 at 03:27 PM

GL

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Victor and family of Mrs. Dot. We love you. ❤️💜🙏



Gwen littles - October 03, 2023 at 10:32 AM

NH

“ Prayers, Condolences 🙏



Nita Huff - October 03, 2023 at 01:03 AM

BR

“ Becky Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons



Becky Robertson - October 02, 2023 at 10:04 PM

BM

“ New Mount Pleasant Primitive Baptist Association, Elder Joseph M Mosley Moderator, Elder Tommy L Mercer, Vice Moderator



Brent and Bernice Riggs " Honey ' Mosley - October 02, 2023 at 09:26 PM

CF

“ Carpenter Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons



Carpenter Family - October 02, 2023 at 04:38 PM

DF

“ *Delphia Florence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons*



Delphia Florence - October 02, 2023 at 01:48 PM

CS

“ *Condolences and prayers for the Simmon's family
From the Swan's family*



Chris Swan - October 02, 2023 at 01:43 PM

LS

“ *My heartfelt prayers and condolences to my family* 🙏



Lavern Smith - October 01, 2023 at 09:16 PM

BM

“ *BANKS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH PORTAL GEORGIA ELDER
JOSEPH MOSLEY PASTOR*



Brent and Bernice Riggs " Honey " Mosley - October 01, 2023 at 02:37 PM

BM

“ We solicit our prayers 🙏 to the Simmons family during this difficult time, We known Mrs. Dorothy (" Dottie") Simmons for many years, she was an humble woman of God and had a sweet spirit and great personality, I would meet up with her quiet often, mostly at Food World on Highway 80 and she would always asked me about the family and the church Banks Creek. Earth has no sorrow heaven can't heal 🙏 May God continue to give the family comfort, peace and strength in the days ahead 🙏 We love you Mrs. Dorothy Simmons, but God loves you Best.



Brent and Bernice Riggs " Honey ' Mosley - October 01, 2023 at 02:35 PM

MM

“ My condolences to the Simmons family.

Marcus & Debra Mincey

Marcus Mincey - September 30, 2023 at 11:17 PM

RS

“ My sincere Condolences.
May the Lord comfort her family. Rev.Morris
Stevens



Rev. Morris Stevens - September 30, 2023 at 05:44 AM

DP

“ *My sincere condolences to Mrs. Dot's family.*



Dawn Prince-Mainer - September 29, 2023 at 09:24 PM

LW

“ *Lynette Jones Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons*



Lynette Jones Wilcox - September 29, 2023 at 06:01 PM

M&

“ *Marilyn Childers &Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons*



Marilyn Childers &Family - September 29, 2023 at 01:42 PM

CC

“ *Charlene Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Simmons*



Charlene Coleman - September 29, 2023 at 01:21 PM