



## Gloria Dianne Simmons

October 2, 1933 - May 5, 2024

Gloria Dianne Simmons, 90, went to be with the Lord on May 5th, 2024, in Big Bend Hospice Compassionate Care Center at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 18th at 2:00 at Tallahassee Memory Gardens, next to Abbey Funeral Home. A short visitation will be held beforehand at 1:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the services will be moved to the Chapel in Abbey Funeral Home with the burial following.

Gloria was preceded in death by parents, Theodore Brady Parrish and Mary Virginia Wooten Parrish; husband of 52 years Curtis Lee Simmons Sr.; and son, Curtis Lee Simmons Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Fletcher Frye (Charlie); son, Lane Simmons (Donna); daughter-in-law, Marcia Simmons; grandchildren: Brady Simmons (Maddy), Cass Simmons, Bert Fletcher (Kara), Drew Barefoot (Faith) and two great grandchildren, Christian and Samantha Barefoot.

Gloria was born October 2nd, 1933, in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Gloria attended Walton County High School and graduated from Leon High School. She received a B.S. and master's degree in Elementary Education from Florida State University. Gloria was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she crocheted mats and hats for the homeless and beanies for babies. She was also a member of the local Alpha Delta Kappa chapter, Leon County Retired Teachers Association, and a Lifetime Member of

the National Parks Association. Gloria retired from teaching school at Sabal Palm Elementary after 34 years of teaching 3rd and 4th grade students. She loved to play the piano and sing, spend time at Seagrove beach, she enjoyed reading books, writing notes and cards to family and friends, traveling, tatting, and participating in Tai Chi exercise.

Gloria's family would also like to thank her caregivers from Home Instead who were faithful and caring over the past few years. Especially, her main caregiver "Gigi," who went above and beyond to care for their mother.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Blind Services Foundation of Florida by going online to <https://blindservicesfoundation.org/donation/> or to Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee, FL call 800-772-58622 or donate online to <https://bigbendhospice.charityproud.org/Donate>

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

**MAY 18.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Simmons,*

*Thank you for being so sweet and allowing me to care for you. I miss you.*

*Rest in heaven.*

*-Jamicia "Angel"*

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**Jamicia** - June 09, 2024 at 11:45 PM

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“ *Gloria, Kay, and I worked together for 21 years as members of the 4th Grade Team at Sabal Palm Elementary. After her retirement we talked and visited often and shared memories about our families and various classroom events. She had a great sense of humor and a beautiful smile. I miss her and Kay so much but they both are free of pain and enjoying one another, their spouses, and their loved ones in Heaven.*

*Rest on Gloria. Love You!*

*Olivia Hogans Carter*

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**Olivia Hogans Carter** - May 16, 2024 at 12:11 PM