

Obituary



Betty Jean Askew Simmons was born in Hopkins County, TX on March 14, 1935 to the late Meddie and Truby Nash Askew. She transitioned from her earthly home on Sunday; April 6, 2025 surrounded by her family.

Betty was a member of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC for over 30 years and in the later years, she was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC.

She loved to sing. She sang all through her illness until the last week. She also loved to shop, mainly browse, at the local thrift stores. While she was able, Mom loved to watch the Judge Shows and do Word Search puzzles. Mom had a kind, loving heart but was not afraid to speak her mind. Mom loved God, and her faith in him was unwavering till the end.

Betty retired from the Gaston County Police Department in 2000 after 17 years of employment as the secretary for the detective division.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Meddie D. Askew and Truby Nash Askew; her sisters and brothers: Nancy A. Johnson, Ervie A. Washington, Meddie Askew, Jr., Bernice A. Stallard, Robert Askew and Cecil Askew, and her husband, Theodore "Ted" W. Simmons, Sr.

Memories will be forever cherished by her sons: Theodore (Tim) W. Simmons and Stephen Simmons; daughter: Cynthia S. Gullick (Keith); five grandchildren: Kourtney S. White, Stephen Simmons, Jr., Matthew Simmons, Kayla Simmons and Loreal Davis; brother: Travis Askew; her sister: Jacqueline A. Fontno, of Texas; six great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Please make donations to Myers Memorial United Methodist Church, 301 S New Hope Rd Gastonia, NC 28054. Specify MEMORY CAFE. in the name of Betty J Simmons.

To all of our family and friends:

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for the love, support and kindness you have given us during this difficult time.

Many Blessing,
Cynthia, Tim & Steve

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
601 North York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
704-867-4364

www.gregoryfuneralservice.com



Betty Jean Askew Simmons

Sunrise March 14, 1935 - Sunset April 6, 2025

In Loving Remembrance

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 AT 2:00p.m.

Mountain Rest Cemetery
111 S. Dilling Street
Kings Mountain, North Carolina

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time
of my departure is at hand." "I have fought a
good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."
2nd Timothy 4: 6-7 KJV

Reflections

Mom,
 You taught me my first prayer:
 Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray to the Lord my soul to keep...
 and that:
 99 1/2 won't do. So always strive for 100.
 And mom, you helped me to understand God's Grace & Mercy,
 that with Him I will not fail!!
 Your son, Tim



Gone but never forgotten. I appreciate all the love that you have given me. Your smiles and hugs will always be with me. We will definitely be meeting again. Love always Loreal – Granddaughter



What a privilege and beautiful blessing it was for our lives to intertwine. She ran her race with grace, and now she's rejoicing in eternity, crowned with the reward she so faithfully lived for.

All glory and honor be to You, God! With a heart of praise, I say yes and amen, thanking You for the precious gift of her life. For Your Word tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from above (James 1:17), and she was truly a gift. Thank You, God, for creating her, for the love and wisdom she shared, and for the legacy she leaves behind. To You be all the glory forever and ever – Amen

Beverly Ann Hines – Daughter-in-law