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***God Called You Home***

*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty space;  
He then looked down upon this earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest;  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He only takes the best.  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew you might never  
Get well upon this earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
so He closed your weary eyelids  
and whispered 'Peace be thine.'  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you never went alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

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**Celebration of Life  
for**

*Mrs. Shirley Ann  
Simpson Austin*



October 17, 1948 - September 13, 2024

*~ Service ~*

Saturday September 21, 2024  
1:00 P.M.

Mountain Ridge Baptist Church  
1401 Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.  
Dalton, Georgia

Dr. Jerry D. Jones, Sr., Eulogist



# The Order of Homegoing Celebration

PRELUDE.....Ms. MORIAH THOMAS, MUSICIAN  
PROCESSIONAL .  
SONG.....“GOODNESS OF GOD”.....MOUNTAIN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR  
OLD TESTAMENT.....DEACON TREMAYNE PENDER  
NEW TESTAMENT.....DEACON CHRIS PENDER  
PRAYER OF CONSOLATION.....REV. TIMOTHY SIMPSON  
SPECIAL TRIBUTE .....DEACON LARRY & JACQUELINE AUSTIN  
DEACON STEVE AUSTIN  
MRS. ANTOINETTE RHODES  
RESOLUTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS  
SELECTION.....“IF YOU COULD SEE ME NOW”.....Ms. CATHY WRIGHT  
EULOGY.....DR. JERRY JONES, SR.  
MOUNTAIN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, DALTON, GEORGIA  
RECESSIONAL..“GOING UP YONDER”..MOUNTAIN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR  
POSTLUDE

*Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction, & Interment*

CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL CEMETERY ~ CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
Monday September 23, 2024 11:00 A.M.

## Acknowledgement

*The Family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simpson Austin gratefully and graciously acknowledges all expressions of kindness and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Your phone calls, cards, visits and most importantly, your prayers have given us strength, comfort and peace.*

*We will always be appreciative of the support, concern and care you have expressed to our family.*







## Reflections of Life For

# Mrs. Shirley Ann Simpson Austin

***"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord " 2 Corinthians 5:8***

Mrs. Shirley Ann Simpson Austin, a devoted servant of the Lord, claimed her victory as God's faithful servant on Friday, September 13, 2024.

Born on October 17, 1943, to the late Walter Eugene Simpson and Gladys Rooker Simpson, Mrs. Austin graduated from Emery Street High School in 1961 and retired from Hamilton Medical Center. She was a member of Mountain Ridge Baptist Church. She was preceded by her husband, William Lavern Austin, Sr., brothers, Richard ("Dickie") Simpson, Steve Simpson, and sister, Norma Jean Simpson Washington.

Mrs. Austin was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She found joy in watching court shows, classic movies, solving puzzles, shopping, getting her nails and hair done, and spending time with her grandson.

Those who remain to cherish her memory are her loving, caring, and devoted children, daughter, Mary Kendra (Armah) Carter; sons, William (Carol Brito) Austin, Jr., Eric (Dee) Curtis; grandchildren, Myles Austin Curtis, Desmond Austin-Brito; two brothers-in-law, James Howard Austin, Sr., Larry (Jacqueline) Austin; two sisters-in-law, Mary Ruth Austin, Alice Simpson; special niece, Shonda Simpson Tinson, dear friend, Geraldine Hill of Columbus, Ohio, other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and her church family.





