

Until We Meet Again

*Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
if only I could have you back
just for a while.
Then we could sit and talk again,
just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much,
and always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here,
will always cause me pain,
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again.*



Pallbearers

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Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Mrs. Thomasena Mitchell Simmons, wishes to express their sincere appreciation for every act of kindness that has been given through prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, thoughtful gestures, and flowers, at this time of bereavement. Your love and heartfelt acts of sympathy have been strengthening. The love that you have expressed will be a continuing source of comfort to all of us. May God bless each of you.

-The Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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A Celebration of Life for

Thomasena M. Simmons

ALPHA: FEBRUARY 16, 1962 OMEGA: OCTOBER 24, 2023



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M.

William Chapel AME Church

1198 Glover Street

Orangeburg, SC 29115

REV. DR. STANLEY, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

Prelude Dr. Rosemary Griffin

Processional/Final Viewing Clergy & Family

Hymn of Praise WCAME Choir
“When Peace, Like a River”

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Dr. Ceasar Richburg

Liturgy of The Word

Old Testament: Psalm 24 Rev. Dr. Dante’ Kenly

New Testament: 1 Cor. 15:50-58..... Rev. Dr. James B. Stukes

Epistle: 2 Timothy 5:1-4 Rev. Fedrick A. Wilson

Solo Dr. Rosemary Griffin

Reflections

Class Leader..... Sis. Anna Mack

Church/Neighbor Bro. Moses E. Brown

School..... Dr. Melissa Peeples

Friend/ Cousin Mrs. Jackie Conner-Gordon

Friend..... Ms. Mary H. Brown

Acknowledgements..... Sis. Thomasena B. Adams

Solo Mr. Willie Bradley, Classmate

Words of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. Stanley Rivers

Songs of Celebration..... William Chapel Combined Choir

Committal, Prayer & Benediction

Recessional..... “Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Crestlawn Memorial Gardens
Orangeburg, SC



Reflection of Life

Mrs. Thomasena Mitchell Simmons departed this earthly life on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the age of sixty- one. She was born February 16, 1962 in Orangeburg South Carolina to Sylvia J. Mitchell and Thomas Boyd.

Thomasena who was affectionately known as “Tea” to family and friends, was educated in the public schools of Orangeburg, South Carolina and graduated from Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School in 1980. Thomasena received her B.S. degree in 1984 from Columbia College in Columbia, South Carolina and later received her M.Ed. and Ed. S from South Carolina State University.

Thomasena worked at a local bank for a brief period. After which, she began a career as a social worker at the Orangeburg Department of Social Services in 1985 until 1998. After giving birth to her second son Christopher, Thomasena changed careers and began a career in public education. She served as an elementary school counselor at Bethlehem and St. John elementary schools in Calhoun County. She was transferred to Calhoun County High where she taught business education/keyboarding for several years. After which, she returned to her role as an Elementary Guidance Counselor until her passing. Thomasena was passionate about helping to meet the social and emotional needs of her students, as well as, building relationships with the faculty and staff of her beloved St. Matthews K-8 elementary school.

Thomasena was an exceptional and caring wife, mother, daughter, co-worker, and friend. She loved her family and was quietly devoted to her close friends and her sorority.

Thomasena became a member of Williams Chapel AME Church at an early age. At various times during her membership at Williams Chapel, she served as Vacation Bible School Director, Church School Teacher (Youth), Women’s Missionary Society, Young Peoples Division (YPD) and the Greeter’s Ministry.

Thomasena enjoyed watching her sons play sports from Recreation to High School and at the College level. She was extremely proud of her “boys” and their accomplishments. Thomasena was at one time an avid bowler. She also loved to watch college football, major league baseball, and NBA basketball on television.

As we begin to transition from Thomasena’s sudden departure, we hope to find strength and refuge in the fond memories we have of her. Thomasena will always be alive in our hearts and minds.

Thomasena leaves to cherish her loving memory: husband, Curtis C. Simmons, sons, Curtis Mitchell and Christopher Michael Simmons; mother, Sylvia J. Fogle; father, Thomas Boyd; brother, Darrell L. Mitchell; a “special” daughter, Bria S. Brown; several sisters-in-law, an uncle, aunts, brother-in-law, nieces, cousins, other relatives, friends, sorority sisters, and the many students whose life she impacted over her twenty-six years as a teacher and counselor.