



Mrs. Janice Chastain Simmons

January 16, 1933 - March 28, 2020

Mrs. Janice Chastain Simmons, 87, of Albany died Saturday March 28, 2020 at The Phoenix of Albany.

The family will be having a private funeral service.

Mrs. Simmons was born in Dougherty County Jan 16, 1933 in her home on Society Ave. She attended Elementary School at Mamie Brosnan, McIntosh Jr. High School and then Albany High 1950 which only had 11 grades and which was the last year of 11 grades before it changed to 12. Mrs. Simmons attended Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro, GA where she graduated in 1954 with a BS in Elementary Education.

After she taught 3rd and 4th grade at Isabella Elementary School, She married William Bridges Simmons in 1955 at First United Methodist Church of Albany where she had been a member since the 4th grade. Mrs. Simmons taught at Magnolia Elementary. She graduated from the University of GA with her Master's Degree in Deaf Education and was a Homebound Teacher. She was in the Alpha Delta Kappa Beta Rho Sorority. Mrs. Simmons taught for 30 plus years in Albany, Homerville and Athens. She taught the Hearing Impaired for 20 years. Mrs. Simmons was a member of First United Methodist Church where she was in the Georgia Cochran Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years William Bridges Simmons; her parents Homer Monroe Chastain and Louise Huckaby Chastain.

Survivors include her children Mark Steven Simmons and his wife Carmela of TX; Dr. Kent Chastain Simmons and his wife Susan of Albany; Jan Simmons Dahler and her husband Gary of Dallas, GA; grandchildren Bridges E. Simmons of CO; Leela L. Simmons of WA; Claire E. Simmons of TX; Emily E. Simmons of Albany; Abby Simmons of Albany; Blake G. Dahler of Marietta, GA; Wesley S. Dahler of Atlanta; Luke B. Dahler of Dallas, GA; a brother Robert (Bob) Lee Chastain of Cordele, GA; her nephews Matt Chastain of Woodstock, GA and Shane Chastain.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to First United Methodist Church meals on wheels, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701.

Cemetery

Crown Hill Cemetery

Albany

Comments



“ Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janice Chastain Simmons



Elena Taylor - November 06, 2021 at 04:42 AM



“ I miss you mom!

Mark Simmons - February 09, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ Beverly And Johnny Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janice Chastain Simmons



Beverly and Johnny Ferrell - April 09, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ Janice and I were friends for so long that she is like a member of my family. There were so many shared experiences---grammar school, junior high school, high school, riding the school bus, Sunday School, church. double-dating with her and her date, parties, sharing her friends, her wonderful parents, Bridges, phone calls, visits over the many years. I search among a multitude of favorable adjectives that describe Janice. One word includes several of them---lady. Janice was a lady---all of her life. With deep sadness and sympathy for Janice's wonderful family, Grayson Peters

Grayson Peters - April 08, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Jan, Kent, and Mark and your families- I have so many fond memories of your mother/grandmother. She certainly loved each one of you and was So proud of each of your accomplishments. She would get so excited when any of her family would come to visit and brag before you arrived, during your visit, and after your departure. She was especially proud of how nice looking her family was! Mark she was so happy when you cut your hair! Smile. She was very proud of her own looks, too! She was always dressed to the “nines”! We enjoyed complimenting one another, because I always liked to dress up, too. She was quick to tell me, too when I didn't look up to par and that wearing my hair up made me look older amongst many other suggestions. We also loved our bunnies! Not just any bunny-they had to have “that something special” about them. We had some really nice deep conversations about life, some guilty gossiping, and some really great laughs! I will really miss Janice. She was an intelligent, interesting, and amusing delightful woman. I will cherish our friendship. Sincerely, Becky Gunnels, Whit & Holton

Becky Gunnels - April 06, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Kent and family: I am so sorry to hear of your sweet Mother's death. She and Bridges were such an amazing couple. I always admired their love for each other as I watched them together for many years at First United Methodist Church. I know she is happily united with Bridges and their Lord. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Know their many, many friends are holding them dear in our hearts....

Patsy Martin

Patsy Martin - April 03, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Dear Kent and family:
I am so sorry to hear that Ms. Janice has gone home to be with the Lord and with her beloved "Britches". She will be greatly missed. I loved dealing with her and Bridges at Exchange Club and other occasions. They were a pair who truly loved each other and their family. Our prayers are with you.
Clayton & Jan Smith

Clayton Smith - April 03, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ We are sorry for your families loss but happy for Mrs. Simmons. I have enjoyed visiting with Mrs. Simmons while she was a resident of Phoenix Senior Living. She always enjoyed conversation and she had a very nice group of ladies at her table, she did always sit at the head of the table and for a period of time her life long friend sat at the other end and they would pick on each other. She will be missed but also waiting for us when our days on earth also come to an end. God Bless her family as they go through this period of mourning their loss of their Loved One. Stan Jones

Stan Jones - April 01, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ Mary Johnson Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janice Chastain Simmons



mary johnson lee - April 01, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ I remember what a sweet lady she was and I'm so sorry to hear and send my prayers to the family

mary johnson lee - April 01, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Janice's passing. She was in my late husband's high school class. We so enjoyed visiting with Bridges and Janice. You will be in my prayers.

Yoni Brewington - March 31, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Kimbrell-Stern - March 31, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ 124 files added to the album Memories Album



Mark Simmons - March 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ Mark and Family, So sorry to hear about your Mom. You can bet she is loving being with your Dad! She was such a sweet lady and I have fond memories of her and your Dad. She and my mother were friends as well as your Grandmother, Louise. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers! Debbie TenHagen Sutton



debbie Sutton - March 30, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Our condolences to you all. Prayers that you get through this time of sorrow together, and stronger as family.

Patti Ashcraft - March 29, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Kent and Susan, thinking of you at this time.
Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - March 29, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ Take your rest dear friend. You have lived a good life and left many memories especially with my family. Our Mothers Louise Chastain and Grace Parrish were the dear friends for many years. But there did our friendship start Can it be so long ago at Statesboro at (Georgia Teacher's College) Now Georgia Southern in 1951. Then in 1954 we found ourselves in your hometown Albany as beginning teachers. Then in March you became Mrs. Bridges Simmons and. in July I became Mrs. John Paul Jones. So we struggled together to learn how to work and then be housewives. And O that weekend we shared in Jacksonville Florida what a week end. After a year or two children began to arrive in our homes. those years shared as we tried to be Mothers to our growing families , those teen age years we wondered if they would ever end. How blessed we were through the years. Then to see our children grow into Adulthood and get jobs and begin to establish homes of their own. We took a sigh of relief but then along came the grandchildren another tug at out hearts. Dear friend I could write a book of the years we shared, I will miss you so much but I am so blessed that the paths of our lives crossed. To you children Mark, Carmilla., Kent, Susan, and Jan,Gary. hold fast to the memories that you shared together and with your parents. You grandchildren what a life and what an example your Grandmother gave you to follow. As I tell my family as long as we follow those example our parents set then they will never leave. us. Paul and I wish we could be with you during this most difficult time. Please know we are thinking about you and holding you in our thoughts and prayers.

Nan Jones - March 28, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Angie Kline - March 28, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ Dr. Simmons and family, Becky and I send our condolences. Please find peace that as Christians we rejoice in knowing that "to be absent of the body is to be in the presence of our Lord". Rest assured another angel now watches over you.

Gary & Becky Dorough - March 29, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ Sending heart felt condolences. I have many good memories of Janice and Bridges,

Rosalyn - March 29, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of this dear ones passing, my heartfelt love & prayers go out to each family member. Yesterday was also the first anniversary of the passing of my youngest son, Christopher Scott Daniel..

Sue Daniel

Sue - March 29, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time! Glenda & Bill Rambo

Glenda Rambo - March 30, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Thinking back to 1959 when Betty and I married and moved to our home on S. Valencia Dr. Janice and Bridges Simmons lived across the street and became close friends. So close, especially when our new, baby daughter (Beth) came down with a high fever and convulsions. Bridges and Janice to the rescue along with Dr. Max Sweat who lived next door. Years have gone by and our friendship/love for the Simmons grew stronger. We send our deepest sympathy to Mark, Kent, Jan, and their families. Janice and Bridges will be remembered as wonderful people who served others.

Betty and Tommy Pattison & family

Betty & Tommy Pattison - March 30, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Dr Simmons, thinking of you & your family. May God's love & peace surround you. Nell Blaylock

Nell Blaylock - March 30, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Janice and I were lifelong friends. We were born on the same street 4 months apart, became close friends in our early childhood and attended the same schools from first grade through graduation from Albany High School in 1950. We had a 50th AHS Class Reunion in 2000 where we celebrated our wonderful school years with many of our classmates. Janice was a dear friend who was admired by all who knew her. She was a blessing to me. I will

miss her. My condolences and prayers go out to the family.

Lois Thompson

Vero Beach, FL

Lois Thompson - March 30, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ Dearest Family,

Your Mom and I go way back, from high school and years since. She was a dear person and will truly we missed. I lost touch since I moved to Athens but I'll always treasure her friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Carleen - March 31, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ Janice & Bridges lived across from my mother & me on Valencia Drive in Albany during the 1960s. We became friends & when she & Bridges moved to Athens, GA for Bridges to obtain his degree, I also left to attend UGA. We saw each other frequently while they lived in married housing. I have a lot of fond memories of our friendship and will miss both of them.

Tom Cook

Woodstock, GA

Tom Cook - April 09, 2020 at 06:08 PM