



Joyce Marie Nokes Simmons

March 12, 1933 - September 17, 2018

Joyce Marie Nokes Simmons, 85, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, September 17, 2018 at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center.

Born March 12, 1933 in Old Hickory, TN to the late Charles Franklin Nokes and Sarah Florine Andrews Nokes, she was a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. Joyce taught at Hurley Elementary for 31 years.

Joyce was a founding member of Neel Road Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. She was active with the Rowan Helping Ministries Soup Kitchen for 20 years and a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Joyce was a Senior Member of The Riders of Faith. She loved to read to children and volunteered with Ashe Services for the aging in the Preschool Department where she was known as Nana.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Mavel Simmons, II in 1970; son, Charles Michael "Mike" Simmons in 2008 and step-mother, Ruby Board Nokes.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Edgar "Trey" Simmons, III and wife Amy of Fleetwood, NC; brother, Charles "Sonny" Nokes and wife Gereline in Tullahoma, TN; grandchildren, Emalee Marie Simmons and Charles Ryne Simmons; and nephew, Charles Bernard "Barney" Nokes of Diamond Head, Mississippi.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Friday (Sept. 21) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM Saturday (Sept 22) at Neel Road Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Jerry Wilkes.

In honor and celebration of Joyce's life and many years of education, the family requests that backpacks with school supplies be donated to help those less fortunate. Please bring items to Summersett Funeral Home or to Neel Road Baptist Church to be given to Hurley Elementary School.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Simmons family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

SEP **22.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Neel Road Baptist Church
135 Neel Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Tribute Wall

CI

“ I had Ms. Simmons as my 1st grade teacher at Hurley and she was my best teacher ever. As I grew, I would see her out and she always remembered me as her student. She was the best!



Cindy Smith Isenhour - September 23, 2018 at 08:18 AM

MR

“ Amy & Trey, so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I didn't know her but from the memories of other people it sounds like she was a very special lady. Please know that my prayers are with you & your family.

Marcia Ritchie

Marcia Ritchie - September 21, 2018 at 11:26 AM

RS

“ Rev. Howard Pless & Risa Pless Spradling purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Joyce Marie Nokes Simmons.



Rev. Howard Pless & Risa Pless Spradling - September 20, 2018 at 10:37 PM

CE

“ *What an incredible loving woman she was. So dedicated to her family and to the Scouting Family. She will always be in the hearts of many as she is not a woman who can easily be forgotten. The Lord has gained a beautiful Angel and we must wait until the Lord calls us home to hug her neck again. Love and Prayers to her beautiful family.*

Cindy Eller - September 20, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Marie Nokes Simmons.*



September 19, 2018 at 04:45 PM

MH

“ *She weathered every storm of life with God-given grace. I thank Him for the privilege of knowing her and the blessing of being her friend. Marie Howell*

Marie Howell - September 19, 2018 at 10:20 AM

AW

“ *She was the best teacher I ever had. I will always remember the kindness and love she showed me as a child.*

Adam Webb - September 19, 2018 at 06:37 AM

RS

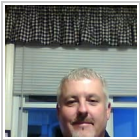
“Trey, Amy, Ryne and Emalee: Your loss truly is Heaven’s gain. Joyce is safely Home. Her life is a wonderful legacy of courage and faithfulness. We love you and pray that God’s love and comfort will engulf you as you celebrate a life well-lived.

Risa Spradling - September 19, 2018 at 12:44 AM

EK

“I remember all the times I babysat for Trey and Mike. One day I was hit in the head with a rock and blood was gushing out of my head. Mom was volunteering that day. So I ran over to the Simmon’s house. Mrs. Simmons stopped the bleeding and reassured me I would be ok. She was as always gracious and kind no matter the situation.

Eddie Kello - September 18, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“Myself (Glenn) and my two brothers Lanie, and Ryan Craven all three had Mrs. Simmons for 1st grade at Hurley school. She was an excellent teacher and an even better person. She truly had a God given talent with teaching and molding children. The entire Craven family thought the world of Joyce. I would see Joyce out at stores or restaurants for years and she would always remember me, my family, and always had a departing hug for us. Joyce was a true follower of Christ and her life showed that. She has definitely left an awesome legacy behind and will never be forgotten. She is at peace today and in the presence of the Lord without a doubt. I pray for God to lift up her family, and give them peace and blessings .

Glenn Craven - September 18, 2018 at 09:25 PM

KC

“ *Mrs. Simmons was truly a remarkable woman. She was hired by my grandmother (Margaret Myers) at Hurley where she had a positive impact on the lives of many children. She always saw the good in all students. Please accept my condolences and know that she was a special person who had an impact on my life.*

Karen Coggins

Karen Coggins - September 18, 2018 at 07:50 PM

WR

“ *One of the sweetest ladies I ever met.*

Wanda Rainey - September 18, 2018 at 07:21 PM