

## Ms. Ann Simmons Williams

January 7, 1947 - November 27, 2022

Ann Williams was born on Tuesday, January 7, 1947 in Humboldt, Tennessee to James G. Simmons and Blanche M. Simmons.

She was an active member of the Humboldt community for the majority of her life, beginning her career as a teacher and retiring as Acting Superintendent of Humboldt City Schools. She served her community for the majority of her years as well through serving on the Board for Jackson-Madison County General Hospital (Humboldt), to volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club, to helping flesh out intricately difficult situations to ensure people received whatever help that they needed. She also spent many years as an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and actively served her community through numerous activities the Theta Eta Omega chapter held.

A faithful child of God, Ann was first a member of St. James Baptist Church, later became a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church, and spent the most years of her life as a member of New Abundant Life Church where she actively taught Sunday School for many years, until she was physically unable to continue doing so.

Ann was the mother of two daughters, yet many of her students and young people she was Principal for thought of her as a second mom. Beyond the regular duties required by working in the school system, Ms. Ann, as she was

fondly called, often reached out to help those who were less fortunate or in need. Ms. Ann was a lantern of determination and an anchor of dependability. She will truly be missed by us all.

Ann leaves to cherish her memory two daughters – Krystal Ritchey (Scott) and Keli Gooch (Lewis); five granddaughters – Ashley Ritchey, Tayler Johnson, Emma Hudson, Allie Ritchey and Ella Gooch; thirteen siblings – Rose Bradford (Donnie), Peggy Perry (Eddie), Mattie Earlean Pipkin, James Grady Simmons (Peggie), Darrell Lee Simmons, Emmanuel Simmons (Retha), Jozelda Porter, Albert Simmons (Suzanne), Lisa Turner (Johnny Ray), Anthony Simmons (Carolyn), Elizabeth Siders (Errol), Brian Simmons, and Tray Simmons; two Aunts – Carolyn Pack and Alicia Brooks; one Uncle-Carey Williamson; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Ray Simmons.

# Cemetery Details

## Rosehill Cemetery

South 17th Street  
Humboldt, TN 38343

# Previous Events

## FLOWER DELIVERY CUT OFF

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
info@stephenson-shaw.com  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Morning Star Baptist Church  
612 N. 12th Avenue  
Humboldt, TN 38343

## Service

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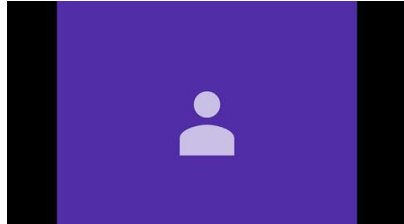
DEC 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Morning Star Baptist Church  
612 N. 12th Avenue  
Humboldt, TN 38343

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams*



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**Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc** - December 03, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Ms. Ann Simmons Williams*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Tracie Claybrook lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Tracie Claybrook** - December 03, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Some People Come Into Our Lives, Leave Foot Prints On Our Hearts, And We are Never The Same, Soror Ann Did Just That. Praying For This Family,*

*Comfort & Blessings,  
Soror Sandra SevierBoulton*

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**Sandra SevierBoulton** - December 02, 2022 at 03:40 PM

DB

“ My deepest and sincere condolences to the family for such a great loss. Ann was a wonderful person and I loved her dearly. My continued prayers for the family 🙏❤️

Deborah Bryant - December 02, 2022 at 09:13 AM

JG

“ Krystal and family: what a beautiful remembrance of your mom. She sounds like a wonderful person, loved by so many. May you hold that love and those memories tight as you navigate this difficult time. <3

Jennifer Ganley - December 02, 2022 at 07:54 AM

PO

“ Pauline Obannion lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams



Pauline Obannion - December 02, 2022 at 06:54 AM

YC

“ Family,  
My thoughts and prayers go out to you in the loss of Ann. She made a difference in the lives of many young people in our community...she represented our community well. KEEP GOD CLOSE.



Yulandis Coleman - December 02, 2022 at 06:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



December 02, 2022 at 01:11 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



December 01, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Cousin Ms. Ann's passing. I send my condolences to all the immediate family and my family as a whole. My heart is shattered because when I first made it to high school she told me in front of my mom how proud she was of me and how God made me to stand out as a natural born leader and not a follower. Auntie I will continue to make you proud. I loved her dearly and I love all of my family!!!!*



**Allison Brown** - December 01, 2022 at 10:01 PM



*Some people are born to lead. Ann was one of those people. She will live on the the hearts and minds of the thousands of students who were blessed to be loved by her. Rest well, Ann. You've earned your reward! Arlene Augusta*

**Arlene Augusta** - December 02, 2022 at 10:59 PM

SY

“ *Sandra Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Sandra Yarbrough** - December 01, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



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December 01, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



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December 01, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



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December 01, 2022 at 08:34 AM

VR

“ *Vernon Rupinta lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Vernon Rupinta** - December 01, 2022 at 07:06 AM

BV

“ *Bart Vernace lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Bart Vernace** - December 01, 2022 at 06:53 AM

DD

“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.*  
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*Cousin Dee Dee Booth-Floyd*



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**Dee DeeBooth-Floyd** - December 01, 2022 at 02:18 AM

BC

“ *Brandie Claybrook lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Brandie Claybrook** - November 30, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



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November 30, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Pedro Blanco lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Pedro Blanco** - November 30, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ *Rita Steward lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Rita Steward** - November 30, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



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November 30, 2022 at 05:01 PM

KA

“ I am incredibly sad to hear the news of Ms. Ann’s passing, but so incredibly thankful I was on the receiving end of her love, encouragement, and guidance. The Humboldt City School System has had a long history of excellent educators, but Ms. Ann was in a league of her own. She could command a room full of elementary students, teachers, administration, and members of the state board of education like no other person could. 40 years later I have vivid, cherished memories of her walking down the halls of East End Elementary full of life with her unique style always working and leading. The world was a much better place with Ms. Ann in it and I sure am glad I grew up in a community where I was educated by one of the very best. My deepest condolences to Ms. Ann’s family. Thank you for sharing her with all of us. Her influence on every student she impacted lives on. Because of her all of us Excelled at East End and in life.

Kelly (Davidson) Anglin - November 30, 2022 at 04:55 PM

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Will truly miss her my classmate

Nonaransey - December 01, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.



November 30, 2022 at 03:10 PM

RA

“ Ryan Allen lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams



Ryan Allen - November 30, 2022 at 11:54 AM

TW

“ Tami Potter and Anne Watkins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.



Tami Potter and Anne Watkins - November 30, 2022 at 10:52 AM

AM

“ Mrs Ann was a wonderful lady always tried to keep me on the right path prayers for her family



Angel Morris - November 30, 2022 at 08:37 AM

JR

“ Jon & Wendy Ritchey purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.



Jon & Wendy Ritchey - November 30, 2022 at 08:13 AM

RH

“ *Rebecca Harper lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



Rebecca Henry Harper - November 29, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Ann Simmons Williams.*



November 29, 2022 at 07:55 PM

DG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Ann was a wonderful person. David and Donna Gill.*



Davidand Donna Gill - November 29, 2022 at 07:23 AM

DS

*Extending heartfelt condolences to the family. R.I.P. Ms. Ann.*

Donna Seymour - November 29, 2022 at 05:38 PM

JP

*Heartfelt Condolences to Family, of Ms. Ann Williams, what a Sweet, Sweet Spirit she had. She had a smile of Love about her. R.I.P. Ms. Ann*

*Joe & Mattie Perry*

Joe & Mattie Perry - December 03, 2022 at 09:59 AM

HC

“ So sorry for your loss and praying for the family during this difficult time!



Hannah Carter - November 28, 2022 at 09:52 PM

EA

“ Ella Abbott lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams



Ella Abbott - November 28, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ I am sending sincere heartfelt condolences to the family

of Mrs. Ann and everyone whose lives she touched along the way. Rest in peace Soror Ann Williams !



Mary Wynne - November 28, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ Mary Wynne lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams



Mary Wynne - November 28, 2022 at 07:19 PM

EB

“ *Eddie Booth lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Eddie & Linda Booth** - November 28, 2022 at 12:54 PM

BD

“ *Ann was a great teacher and friend. Our class was her first first teaching assignment. She was a strict disciplinarian. We all grew up together in Humboldt. Her leader ship skills were impeccable. She will truly be missed by all that you and loved her.*  
*Betty Davis-Olubodun*

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**Betty Davis** - November 28, 2022 at 08:46 AM

CB

“ *Corey Bryson lit a candle in memory of Ann Williams*



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**Corey Bryson** - November 28, 2022 at 05:53 AM

EC

“ *Ms. Ann was my most remembered principal ever! That smile and sometimes that sternness on your face made my day. Thank you for your hard work. May your soul be at peace and your family find comfort. Blessings from my family!*

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**Erica Clark** - November 28, 2022 at 02:54 AM

GW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I had the opportunity to work with Ann at Main Street Elementary School in Humboldt, TN. Those were such good years. It was such a pleasure to get to know her and her family as well as work with her. May God provide the family with strength and mercy during this difficult time.* 🙏



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**Gwendolyn J. Whitelaw** - November 28, 2022 at 12:34 AM