



Dorothy Ann Wells

May 31, 1937 - October 24, 2023

Dorothy (Dottie) Ann Simmons Wells, 86, of Lawrenceville, GA, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2023, of natural causes.

She was born in Myrtle, MS to St. Elmo Simmons, a business owner, and Olga Irene Fooshee Simmons, a homemaker, furniture maker, and Christian Campground nutritionist responsible for thousands of meals a day.

Dottie played the piano and had an exceptional singing voice, singing on the radio as part of the "Myrtle Trio," in North Mississippi and Memphis, TN during the 1950s. She was also voted Most Beautiful by her High School Class of 1955.

Dottie was a life-long educator and pioneer in new teaching techniques and providing educational opportunities to students who had previously been left behind. A member of the educational honor society Kappa Delta Pi, she earned a master's degree in education from the University of Georgia. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Blue Mountain College, where she was a member of Modenian Society, she taught at her Alma Mater, Myrtle High School. She then taught at schools in Amarillo, TX, Dumas, MS, Free Home, GA, Grayson, GA, Milledgeville, GA and finally back to Gwinnett County Schools in 1974, where she became one of the first educators to go to hospitals and homes to teach children who were too ill or injured to attend

school. The Gwinnett County School System Hospital-Homebound Program is a model for schools across the nation until this day. For her service, she was recognized for Outstanding Service to Gwinnett County Public Schools by the Board of Education.

She was a devoted Christian, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She is survived by son Bill Wells, Jr. and wife Patricia, of Alpharetta, GA; daughter Carole Wells of Dacula, GA; and son Robert Wells of Lawrenceville, GA; grandchildren Brantley Wells and wife Christen of Alpharetta, Samantha Wells of Sandy Springs, GA, and Sarah Wells of Lawrenceville, GA; great grandchildren Kameron, William, and Quinlan.

She is preceded in death by brothers Al Simmons of Myrtle, MS, Lee Simmons of New Albany, MS, and Milton Simmons of Altamonte Springs, FL, and former husband William "Bill" Wells, Sr.

The funeral for Dorothy Ann Simmons Wells will be held Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Lawrenceville, GA. Interment will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, October 28, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday October 29 at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Lawrenceville, GA.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

1375 New Hope Road
Lawrenceville, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road, S.W.
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Ann Wells*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - October 27, 2023 at 10:48 AM

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Beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady.

Nedra Rowe - October 28, 2023 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Thank you to everyone who loved my mother. And the trees that were planted in her honor are so wonderful. She loved doing things like that. She loved her trees, her birds, and all of her beautiful flowers. She was a great lover of nature. So much so that she couldn't bear to throw away all of her old calendars with beautiful pictures of flowers and animals. She was a kind and loving soul. She helped so many people throughout her life. I can only hope to be half as good as she was.*

carole - November 12, 2023 at 08:18 AM

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“ *My dear sweet Aunt Dottie. I will remember your lovely voice, warm hugs and kind soul forever. Thank you for being such a wonderful sister, daughter, amazing mother, aunt and grandmother. May you rest in peace forever with all your loved ones surrounding you.*



Carrie (Simmons) Sahagun - October 28, 2023 at 01:56 PM

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Thank you sweet Carrie. Love, Carole

carole - November 12, 2023 at 08:08 AM



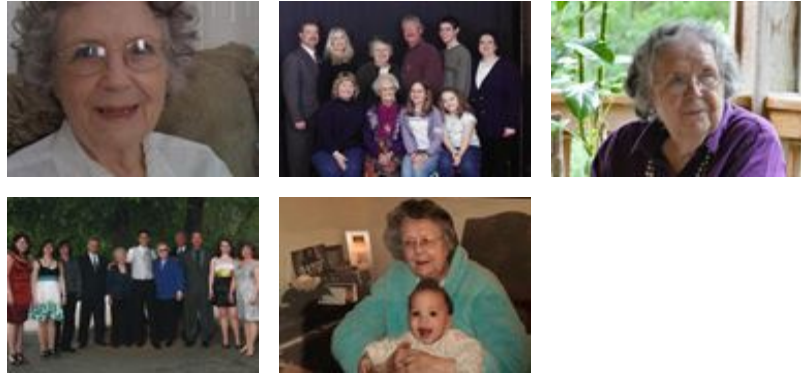
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Wells.*



October 27, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - October 27, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Deborah Simmons, Melissa Simmons, Carrie Simmons- Sahagun planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ann Wells.

Deborah Simmons, Melissa Simmons, Carrie Simmons- Sahagun - October 27, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Wells.



October 26, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Ann Wells.

October 26, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Wells.* ”



October 26, 2023 at 02:33 PM