



## Mary Evelyn Simmons

July 22, 1938 - January 4, 2022

Age 83 of Springfield went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at her home. She was born July 22, 1938 in Mason Hall, TN to Robert & Justine Brown Carey. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for the TN Department of Education College System, where she was very involved in the development of Tennessee's Head Start Program. She always had a passion for preschool education. She was a member of Connell Memorial United Methodist Church in Goodlettsville. She was very active in church until her health prevented her from serving. She served as pianist, children and youth teacher and as Church Council Chair. She enjoyed spending time with her family and valued their accomplishments and achievements. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dr. John R. Fairless; brother, Bill Carey.. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Larry Simmons, Springfield, TN; sons, Dr. John (Sheila) Fairless, Gainesville, FL and Cary (Lori) Fairless, Germantown, TN; daughter, Cindy (Al) DiAngelo, St. Simons Island, GA; brother, George (Nita) Carey, Kingman, AZ; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. A private family funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 2pm at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with Dr. John Fairless and Rev. George Carey officiating. A private family interment will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10am in Hillcrest Cemetery with grandchildren serving as pallbearers. Memorial contributions may be made to Connell Memorial United Methodist Church or to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled and Burned Children.

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# Cemetery Details

<b>Hillcrest</b>
White House, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Evelyn Simmons.* ”



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January 07, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *The Williamson's purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Evelyn Simmons.* ”



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**The Williamson's** - January 07, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Albert DiAngelo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Evelyn Simmons.* ”



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**Albert DiAngelo** - January 06, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mary Evelyn Simmons.* ”



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January 05, 2022 at 09:02 PM