



Mrs. Ressie Jane Lee Abercrombie Simmons

December 10, 1924 - September 26, 2017

Ressie Jane Lee Abercrombie Simmons, age 92, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 26 in Easley, SC surrounded by her loving family.

Ressie was a graduate of Pickens High School and Draughton's Business School in Greenville. She and her husband, Ray, were married for 59 years and opened Simmons Sales and Service, repairing and selling lawn and garden equipment in Easley. Ressie was an active member of Enon Baptist Church in Easley since 1949 for where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. One of nine children, family was a centerpiece of her life.

In addition to being a natural musician she was an excellent cook- many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren looked forward to meals at her home especially her macaroni and cheese and green beans. Holidays at her home will be lovingly remembered especially Christmas. Summers were spent between their home in Easley and 'the cabin' at Table Rock. A warm and welcoming person she had a loving way of effortlessly making others feel at home and easily made life-long friends, including Rod and his mother Jean Dixon from Australia. Guests were often greeted by a hearty 'Hey there! Look who it is". A wonderful decorator Ressie was known for her superb sense of

style, her laugh and spontaneous nature. She loved birds, gardening, reading, and her sisters were also her best friends. Always a slim woman we always joked with her that she was on a diet to gain weight. She loved her chicken legs and salty snacks, and was a true night owl. Ressie was a woman with determination and grit.

Ressie is predeceased by her parents, and her husband, Ray 'Pop-Pop' Simmons. She is survived by her two sons, Douglas (Susan) Simmons of Lincolnton, NC and Tony (Frankie) Simmons of Easley, SC. Beloved grandmother she is survived by her six grandchildren, Andrew, Erin (Asbury), Lance, Travis, Tonijane (Partin) and Molly Simmons; and seven great-grandchildren, Braden, Cooper, Ryder, Morgan, Garrett, Coeben, Karli, Shelly, and Liam. Her surviving siblings are Virginia Brown, Marion Abercrombie, Helen Pace, and Deborah Anthony. Other siblings were Christine Hayes, Dot McCombs, Ronnie and Joe Abercrombie.

Services will be held at Mountain View Funeral Home on Thursday, September 28. Receiving friends is at 12:30pm and service will be at 2pm. Memorials can be made to the Enon Baptist Church in Easley in Ressie's name.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I always loved for Miss Ressie to come by our office to get videos for the grandchildren. I remember her talking about taking the grandchildren to the dollar store to spend their dollars. She was a bright spot in my day. She will be missed by family and friends and especially her church.

Sincerely,
Joyce N. Sudduth
Piedmont Baptist Association

Joyce N. Sudduth - September 29, 2017 at 09:08 AM

KJ

“ Miss Ressie was the most Godly woman I have ever had the joy to meet. She was a true inspiration.

Kathryn Joiner - September 29, 2017 at 08:12 AM

CB

“ I met Mrs. Ressie through WMU in Piedmont Baptist Associational meetings. She was active in WMU and loved missions. I always looked forward to seeing her, she was always happy. You could tell she loved the Lord. We will certainly miss her..... a life well lived.
Cindy Burns

Cindy Burns - September 28, 2017 at 08:04 AM

RD

“ Darling Ressie, my American "Mum".
It was the GREATEST Honour and Privilege to have known and love you for the past 45+years. You were proof that Angels do exist. Through you I got to inherit the most wonderful family (ies).I want to THANK YOU and your beautiful family for taking my darling Mother, Jean Lillian Dixon (dec.2005) into your hearts and giving her some of the most happiest days of her life; You were ALWAYS in her thoughts and prayers.
The world is a lot poorer for your Passing however you are at your LORD'S side and with those that you have loved who have entered Heaven before you.
I will LOVE and HONOUR you FOREVER.
God Bless. Your Australian "son" Rod.

Rodney Dixon - September 28, 2017 at 01:30 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ressie Jane Lee Abercrombie Simmons.



September 28, 2017 at 01:13 AM

JP

“ Ressie was my first and best friend in Pickens. She was always ready for an adventure. We traveled the roads of Pickens and surrounding counties, always looking for a place to shop. She along with Helen and Virginia were a force to be reckoned with. She loved lunch out: Hot dogs from Joe's, lunch special from Cracker Barrel. Shrimp and trips out to Aunt Sue's.
I will miss my friend dearly. She was special among us, I can only imagine her place in heaven. Love Judy

Judy Pazzula - September 27, 2017 at 10:02 PM