



## Joyce Simmons

December 24, 1931 - January 10, 2021

Joyce Simmons was born on December 24, 1931 in Hazlehurst, MS, to Robert Slay and Marguerite Love Slay. The couple had only one child. The family resided in Crystal Springs when Joyce was younger but later moved to Hazlehurst. Joyce graduated from Hazlehurst High School in 1949. While in high school, she was a member of the cheerleading squad. Her high school sweetheart was Bryan (Donald) Simmons. The couple married on March 12, 1950. There were three sons born to this union (Don, Steve, and Bob).

Joyce was a stay-at-home mom until all her boys were school age. She worked as a bookkeeper for a lumber company in Hazlehurst for approximately 10 years. The family relocated to Jackson, MS, when Joyce accepted a job working as a receptionist at an orthodontic clinic. Her husband worked as a surveyor and his job required him to work out of town all week. After 10 years of working at the dental clinic, Joyce retired and they moved back to Hazlehurst.

She enjoyed walking, reading her Bible, and watching game shows and police drams on television. She also enjoyed listening to gospel music, reading mystery novels, playing bridge, and golf. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hazlehurst. She was also an active participant of the women's auxiliary group at her church. When their children were young, the family vacationed in Pensacola, FL, or Biloxi, MS, because Joyce loved going

to the beach. They spent much of their vacation swimming and playing putt-putt golf. Her favorite foods were vanilla ice cream and hamburgers. She also has six grandchildren.

A graveside service will be 11am Thursday, January 14, 2020, at Hazlehurst Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Service in Hazlehurst handling arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hazlehurst Cemetery

Sinclare St.  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

# Previous Events

## GRAVESIDE

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hazlehurst Cemetery  
Sinclare St.  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Simmons*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *A beloved former member of First Presbyterian Church- Hazlehurst. Many here remember her love for Church, Family, and Community.*



First Presbyterian Church - January 13, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Sue Marx lit a candle in memory of Joyce Simmons*



sue marx - January 11, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ *Sandra Cliburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Simmons*



Sandra Cliburn - January 11, 2021 at 07:53 PM



*Sharing Your Loss....Love and Prayers John 14*

*Sandra Cliburn  
Freddie Cliburn*

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**Sandra Cliburn** - January 11, 2021 at 07:54 PM