



## Nan Pierson Simmons

May 23, 1932 - July 20, 2017

NAN PIERSON SIMMONS, AGE 85

And a resident of Franklinton passed away Thursday morning July 20, 2017 at her home. She was born May 23, 1932 in Ponchatoula and later graduated from Ponchatoula High School before obtaining a degree in Education from Southeastern Louisiana University. Nan married Ronald Burriss Simmons in 1954 and together they raised three children in Franklinton. She taught school for several years before joining Ronny in their retail clothing business Simmons', Squire Shop, and the Fashionette. Nan also remained very involved in her community. She was a longtime member of Centenary United Methodist Church, where she participated in the United Methodist Women organization and sang in the Centenary Chancel Choir. Nan was also a member of the Franklinton Community Theater, where she brought many characters to life through her gift of acting. She volunteered for many years at Riverside Medical Center as a Pink Lady and was a longtime member and past-president of the Winterset Club. She was an avid reader that also enjoyed writing stories and painting.

Survived by:

2 Sons and Daughters in law: Ronald Simmons, Jr. and Cynthia Simmons of Gautier, MS,

Russell Simmons and Jennifer Price-Simmons of Lake Charles

Daughter and Son in law: Vanda Simmons Upton and Rann Upton of Mandeville

5 Grandchildren: Adam Simmons,  
Tucker Simmons and Alex Drogobetski,  
Victoria Upton,  
Laurel Upton,  
Hannah Simmons

Great-grandson: Luke Simmons

2 Sisters and a Brother in law: Elizabeth and Paul Riggs of Ponchatoula,  
Georgia Russell of Hammond

Brother and Sister in law: Allen Pierson, Jr. and Juanita Pierson of Ponchatoula

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald "Ronny" Burriss Simmons, her mother Mary Dean Pierson, father and step-mother Allen Butler Pierson and Marguerite Powell Pierson and a sister Mary Lou Pierson Scott.

Visitation will be at Centenary Methodist Church (1015 Cleveland Street, Franklinton, LA 70438) on Monday July 24th from 9 am until 11 am. A funeral service will be held in the church at 11 am Monday with Rev. Brian Ridgedale and Dr. Michael Simmons officiating. Burial will follow in Ellis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to Centenary

Methodist Church at the address above or the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)).

Pallbearers: Adam Simmons, Tucker Simmons, Scott Simmons, David Simmons, James Pierson, David Steinwinder, Bruce Fairburn, Allen Pierson,  
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Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

EK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Nan was a beautiful lady. She was a true southern belle.

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**Edna Kennedy** - July 26, 2017 at 06:57 AM

  
Coleatha  
Fowler

“ Mrs. Simmons was such a beautiful lady both inside and out. She will be truly missed. Prayers for the Family.

Love

Coleatha Fowler-Walker and Family

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**Coleatha Fowler** - July 24, 2017 at 12:37 PM

JB

“ Many fond memories of growing up together "next door" on 10th Avenue.. My most favorite musical memory of Ms. Nan was her rendition of "There is Room in my Heart for You," when the Methodist church and 1st Baptist did a combined choir cantata, back in the 1970's..

It was a glorious solo for her and she sang it with such passion, range and intention..

I loved, both, your mom and your dad and

I love you all.. Always will..

My heartfelt condolences..

Love Jay

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**Jay Bailey** - July 24, 2017 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mrs. Nan helped me with my wardrobe for many years. She always knew what would work in me and I didn't have a clue. She also convinced Moggie to buy outfits she didn't really like for me. She was awesome.*

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**Eve Nations** - July 22, 2017 at 11:33 PM

JM

“ *Judy McCasland Micelle lit a candle in memory of Nan Pierson Simmons*



**Judy McCasland Micelle** - July 21, 2017 at 05:47 PM

LS

“ *Lib Stafford Scheuermann lit a candle in memory of Nan Pierson Simmons*



**Lib Stafford Scheuermann** - July 21, 2017 at 04:13 PM

VT

“ I remember when my daughter was killed and then two months later my mother died. I would go by Ms. Nan's house and we would talk for hours about our loved ones. She would talk about how much she loved and missed Mr. Ronny. I would tell her how much I loved and missed my mother and daughter. Ms. Nan told me how her and Mr. Ronny met and the places they lived. Then we would talk about my Aunt Sane, how much we both loved her. And how much Sennie (the name they called her) spoiled Russell. Ms. Nan will forever be in my heart. I will miss her but she is resting now in God's hands and with Mr. Ronny.

*I am also sending Ron, Russell, and Vanda my condolences in the time of your lost.*

Love,

Vikki

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**Vikki Taylor** - July 21, 2017 at 10:22 AM

SF

“ *"Miss" Nan finished out our fifth grade when Mrs. Brock became unable to finish the year. She used to take us outside and read "Swiss Family Robinson" to us. If we were "good", she would sing to us. Her voice was as beautiful as her spirit. She was a wonderful person and a wonderful mentor through the years. She will be missed*

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**Sally Wood Fornea** - July 21, 2017 at 06:12 AM