



Diana L. Simpson

April 25, 1938 - March 2, 2014

Diana L. Simpson, 75, of Laurel, died Sunday, March 2, 2014, in Laurel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Robert Scruggs will officiate.

She was a retired teacher with the Jones County School System. Diana loved her family, dear friends, and the many students she taught over the years. She taught Sunday school and attended Trinity Baptist Church. She was a faithful member who truly loved her church family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Ben (Sam) Simpson; daughter, Susan Simpson Prine; and parents, Donald and Dorothy Clark Durham.

Survivors include one son, Kip Simpson and wife, Sonya of Soso; one daughter, Cyndy Hancock and husband, Jeff of Laurel; five grandchildren, Melanie Gatlin, Jared Gatlin and wife, Randi, Kraig Simpson and wife, Blair, Kaily Simpson, and Peyton Prine; three great grandchildren, Madison Gatlin, Gabe Gatlin, and Annsley Gatlin; and one brother, Don Durham of Tyler, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Russ Burnette, Stan Lyon, Robbie Scruggs, Gabe Gatlin, Mark Lyon, and Jeff Hopkins. Honorary pallbearers will be Bailee Hancock, Steven Halbert, Barry Halbert, and the deacons of Trinity Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday, March 5, at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ We just found out that Ms. Diana had gone on to be with Jesus. I can't tell you how much she meant to me and my daughters. She was and continues to be a beautiful daughter of the one true and living God.

Stacey Sistrunk - October 02, 2014 at 12:16 PM

RM

“ I was in Diana's high school class in Texarkana and had known her for many years. She was one of the pleasantest girls in the class and, to my knowledge, was well liked by everyone. I regret that she has passed and extend my sympathy to her family and friends.

Rennie Culver, M.D. - March 07, 2014 at 03:55 PM

ND

“ Diana, right from the start, welcomed me as her friend and her brother's wife. I always felt that we were good friends.. We laughed alot and loved to tease her brother. Of course, we did lots of funny, weird stuff.. i will never forget her laugh and her love. I'll miss her.

Norma Durham - March 05, 2014 at 12:15 AM

LP

“ Cyndy, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love,
Lisa Parnell EJE

Lisa Parnell - March 04, 2014 at 09:15 PM

BH

“ We offer our sincere sympathy to your family at this time of sorrow and loss...we want you to know how very much we loved Diana and how very much she will be missed...She was the most wonderful Sunday School teacher a person could ask for (Lisa).... You are in our thoughts and prayers....

Billy and Lisa Hinton - March 04, 2014 at 08:49 PM

DM

“ Kip, Even though I haven't seen your mom in over 30 yrs, I remember what a remarkable lady she was. Prayers to your family..

Debbie Sumrall Milner - March 04, 2014 at 07:44 PM

ST

“ Kip my prayers are being lifted up for you and your family. Your mom was a great lady and I loved her dearly. I know she will be missed, but we know we will see her again one day.

Steve Thrash - March 04, 2014 at 12:14 PM

SK

“ Mrs. Diana was such a special person who helped me so much! Her memory will be forever. Praying for the family!

Sara Kiparizoska - March 04, 2014 at 12:04 PM

JR

“ Words cannot express how sad I was to hear of Ms. Diana's passing. She told me the day Mr. Jerry went that she say the angels come get him. I'm sure one of the angels that came to get her was him. We will always cherish the memories of them as neighbors and friends. Our hearts are with all the family.

Jan, Mike and Corey Ruffin - March 04, 2014 at 09:37 AM

LP

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Lori Prescott - March 04, 2014 at 08:38 AM

SH

“ *Kip & family - My prayers are with you each. Diane was such a sweet lady. I will always treasure the many laughs we shared. God bless you each.*

Susan Wells Hedgepeth - March 03, 2014 at 06:40 PM

TM

“ *What wonderful memories I have of this beautiful, sweet Lady. I will always hold them close in my heart. She is being welcomed with the arms of God and those she loved so much. My heartfelt sympathy. Love to all. Tammie*

Tammie Martin-Bodin - March 03, 2014 at 12:29 PM

AD

“ *My family and I loved Diana. She was a precious lady when we went to Trinity together. Praying for your family.*

Ann Davis - March 03, 2014 at 11:53 AM