



## Vonda Simmons Wooden

August 11, 1928 - February 28, 2023

Dateline: East Alton, IL

Vonda Simmons Wooden, 94, died at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 in Godfrey. She was born August 11, 1928 in Glen Allen, Missouri. She was the daughter of the late Thomas Sherman and Tina Lee (Beasley) McGee. Vonda worked for many years as a CNA for home health care and was Regional Manager of Electrolux Products for many years. On February 6, 1946 she married Charles William Simmons, and he preceded her in death on February 12, 2010. She later married Reverend George Wooden on April 19, 2015 who passed away on September 24, 2021. Surviving are three daughters, Sandra Simmons, Sherry Simmons, MD, Valerie (Gary) Payne, two sons, William Simmons (Carolyn) and John Simmons (Jayne). Vonda always wanted twelve children. She and Charles were blessed with six children. At 86, she married Rev. George, who also had six children. God granted her desires. She is survived by six step children, Terry Wooden, Kevin (Pat) Wooden, Ron (Sherri), David (Sue) Wooden, Regina (Paul) Daugherty and Chana Wooden, 15 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren and many step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. Besides her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Lavon Rea, and four brothers, Clive McGee, Vurel McGee, Muriel McGee and Doyle McGee. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2023 at Cornerstone Church in Bethalto. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Cornerstone Church in Bethalto. Pastor Phil

Schneider and Pastor Erik Scottberg officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at McGee Chapel Cemetery in Glen Allen, MO. Pastor Gary Payne officiating. Memorials may be made to The Gideons International or Macular Degeneration Association. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Church  
196 South Moreland Road  
Bethalto, IL 62010

## Funeral

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Church  
196 South Moreland Road  
Bethalto, IL 62010

## Graveside Services

MAR 4. 3:00 PM.

McGee Chapel Cemetery  
Glen Allen , MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



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March 03, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



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March 02, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



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March 02, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *Joyful Memory* was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



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March 02, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



March 02, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



March 02, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ The staff at Big Z Media. WBGZ Radio purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



**The staff at Big Z Media. WBGZ Radio** - March 02, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.



March 01, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.*



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March 01, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Vonda Simmons Wooden.*



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March 01, 2023 at 03:49 PM