



## Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess

July 23, 1944 - September 23, 2023

Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess, 79, was born July 23, 1944 and entered eternal rest on Saturday, September 23, 2023. In 2 Corinthians 5:8, it says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. So we put all our trust in him. Shirley leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, John A. Bess; children: Felisha Bess, Merald (Mahlon) Hayes, and Ebony (Chad) Nye. Grandchildren: Taylor Bess, Landon Nye, Payton Nye, and Myles Hayes. Great grandchildren: Chanel Lasker and Adonis McEachern, and a host of siblings, aunt, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Shirley was a retired educator with Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Head Start and a full time loving grandmother.

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Viewing: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Celebration of Life Service: 11:00 AM

Greater Goodwill A.M.E. Church

2818 Highway 17 North

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

The Service will be LIVE-STREAMED via the Smith-McNeal FACEBOOK PAGE!

Interment

New Hope United Methodist Church

3692 Cainhoy Road

Huger, SC 29450

# Cemetery Details

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Huger, SC 29450

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM (ET)

Greater Goodwill AME Church  
2818 Highway 17 N.  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## LIVE STREAM VIEWING

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

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# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Such a sweet loving bonus mom to her daughter's friends. She blessed us with dinner and made us EAT. Always so full of words of encouragement whenever in her presence. I always loved to hear her call Felisha's name in her Charleston dialect. Thanks for loving on us Momma Bess.

Renea Willingham - October 02, 2023 at 11:46 AM

DH

“ I've never met someone so unabashedly proud of her children and encouraging. When I first met Mrs. Bess, she just went on and on about Merald. I had never heard a parent so filled with joy at the potential of a child. She knew that greatest was lying ahead and it was as if she was willing it forward with her words. That was love. Mr. and Mrs. Bess opened their home to me when Merald and I were in college. I was a stranger, but they treated me with such kindness. I will never forget it. May God keep her in comfort in return for all the good she has done. -Love, Tammy Skeete-Holloway

Dr. Tammy Holloway - September 30, 2023 at 06:47 AM

GW

Mrs. Bess will be miss, she always asking about my twins she taught in head start, Shirley always have a encouraging word, and always proud of her students, Take your rest, you will be miss.

Gayle Williams - September 30, 2023 at 01:04 PM

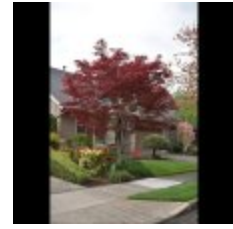
JH

“ John and Mary Hayes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.

John and Mary Hayes - September 29, 2023 at 10:48 AM

JH

“ John and Mary Hayes purchased the Red Leaf Japanese Maple for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



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**John and Mary Hayes** - September 29, 2023 at 10:48 AM

JH

“ When our son, Mahlon, was dating Merald, Shirley's daughter, Shirley made us feel part of the family at Thanksgiving dinners at each of our homes. We also joined in celebrating their wedding, the birth of Myles and holidays and birthdays. Her smile and laugh made us know we were loved and that she cared about her family and all who were part of it. We will miss her greetings and phone calls, "Hello, this is Shirley...."



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**John and Mary Hayes** - September 29, 2023 at 10:32 AM

LK

“ Leroy, JoAnn, Sherrine, Keith purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



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**Leroy, JoAnn, Sherrine, Keith** - September 28, 2023 at 03:59 PM

EN

“ Shirley was a sweet person. If you needed something and she has it it's yours.

Elnora Nebitt - September 28, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DN

“ Diane N. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



Diane N. - September 28, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



September 28, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.

September 28, 2023 at 11:59 AM

HS

“ Hazel S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.

Hazel S. - September 28, 2023 at 10:37 AM

HS

“ Hazel S. purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



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**Hazel S.** - September 28, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



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September 27, 2023 at 11:07 PM

LW

“ *Lateanya (Tina) Wilson* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



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**Lateanya (Tina) Wilson** - September 27, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



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September 27, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



September 27, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



September 27, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.



September 27, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ TO THE BESS FAMILY: I WAS TRULY SORRY TO HERE ABOUT THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVE ONE: MRS "SHIRLEY ANN SIMMONS BESS" I KNEW SHIRLEY FOR MANY YEARS...ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME VERY LOVING/CARING PERSON...SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. ..FAMILY REMEMBER THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU... YOU WILL BE IN MY PRAYER IN JESUS NAME: EVELYN CLARK CROMEDY AND MY FAMILY: FRANKIN....REGGIE...AND JAY/DOMINQUE

**Evelyn C.Cromedy** - September 26, 2023 at 09:05 AM

AC

“ *at New Hope United Methodist Church  
purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket  
for the family of Mrs. Shirley Ann Simmons Bess.*



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**at New Hope United Methodist Church** - September 25, 2023  
at 01:09 PM