



Vivian Hicks Simmons Smith

February 18, 1944 - May 21, 2026

Mrs. Vivian Hicks Simmons Smith, 82, passed away from her earthly home, on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Vivian was born in Madison, Florida, on February 18, 1944, to Leonard C. Hicks and Gladys Sevor Hicks. Her father was a minister, farmer and postmaster in Lee, Florida. Vivian shared her favorite memories of the life-long friends she made from the different church congregations that her father served in the community. She enjoyed visiting and talking to those friends throughout her life. She grew up on a farm, where work was shared by everyone. Life was hard, but love was always present.

Vivian was a graduate of Madison High School. Vivian married David Simmons Jr. of Monticello in July 1965. After graduating from Florida State University in 1966 with a degree in Elementary Education, she taught at Leonard Wesson Elementary School in Tallahassee Florida. She became a mother in December 1972 to David Allen. In 1974 the family became owners of Gelling's Flowers in Monticello. Vivian excelled in sharing her love of flowers and plants with her customers for almost 30 years.

Vivian, like her mother, enjoyed cooking, baking and hosting family gatherings. She was a dedicated and loving grandmother. A strong-hearted Baptist Christian, she shared her faith by singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School at Immanuel Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Gladys Hicks; husbands, David Simmons Jr. and Jim Smith; grandson, Blake Simmons;

brother, Delbert Hicks; sister-in-law, Charlotte Hicks.

She is survived by her son, David A. Simmons; grandson, Trevor Simmons; brother, Sherrill Hicks (Luci); sister-in-law, Linda Hicks; aunt, Virginia Wynn; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday May 30th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church in Lee, Florida. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Condolences can be shared at beggsfuneral.com (850-973-2258).

Cemetery Details

Midway Baptist Church Cemetery

Lee, FL 32059

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (est)

Midway Baptist Church
338 Southeast Midway Church Road
Lee, FL 32059

Funeral Service

MAY **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (est)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Orajean Harper lit a candle in memory of Vivian Hicks Simmons Smith*



orajean harper - May 29 at 02:00 PM


Jeannie
Paugh

“ *David, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. We sang together in the choir and as part of the ensemble. She was such a dear friend. Praying for the family.*



Jeannie Paugh - May 28 at 08:54 PM

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“ *David, I can't tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I am so grateful that you allowed me to visit your Mom over the last couple of years. I really enjoyed seeing her and reminiscing about all of the tail whuppins she gave me in the 4th grade at Leonard Wesson. She was a very special lady and I am heart broken. May God bless you and your family during this time. (Robby Winchester)*

Robby Winchester - May 28 at 05:03 PM