



## Ellen Jannie Simmons

May 12, 1957 - October 16, 2024

Ellen Jannie Proffitt Simmons, age 67, of Raven, Virginia, passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2024 in a Kingsport, Tennessee hospital.

She was born in Tazewell County, Virginia and was the daughter of the late Chester H. Proffitt and Lillie Agnes Byrd Proffitt. She had made her home in the Raven area for the past 20 years and was affectionately known at the “Mother” of the Open Door Ministry Revival Center, formerly known as Proffitt’s Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Thomas Simmons; son, Kevin Simmons; sister, Linda Alley; and brothers, Pete and Scotty Proffitt.

Survivors are:

Daughters:

Amanda Sexton and husband, Jamie of Grundy, Virginia

Cherisa Fisher and husband, David of North Carolina

Sons:

Chuck Simmons of North Carolina

Eddie Simmons of North Carolina

Sisters:

Wanda Younce of North Carolina; Kathy Hubbard of Swords Creek, Virginia;  
Loretta Ray and husband, Steve of Honaker, Virginia

Brother: Ronnie Proffitt and wife, Ida of Raven, Virginia

Grandchildren: Tommy Ray, Jr.; Jason Ray; Brett Ray; Chuck Simmons, III;  
Chad Simmons; Kayla Simmons Kennedy; Eric Simmons; Evan Sexton;  
Caleb Sexton; Justin Fisher; Hayli Fisher; Khloe Alley

Great Grandchildren: Destiny Calvert; Quinn Calvert Simmons; Barrett Ray;  
Eliza Ray; Carter Simmons; Oakley Kennedy; Laurel Kennedy; Nehemiah  
Simmons; and Abel Simmons

A Celebration of Life Service for Ellen Jannie Proffitt Simmons will be  
conducted Friday, November 1, 2024 at 6pm at the Open Door Ministry  
Revival Center, 151 Major Road, Raven, Virginia.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements  
and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

NOV 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

Open Door Ministry Revival Center  
151 Major Rd  
Raven, VA 24639

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Leroy(Kilroy) & Angie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jannie Simmons*



**Leroy(Kilroy) & Angie Nelson** - October 21, 2024 at 03:19 PM

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“ *Tessa crouse lit a candle in memory of Ellen Simmons*



**Tessa crouse** - October 19, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Ellen Simmons*



**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - October 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellen Jannie Simmons.*



October 17, 2024 at 06:01 PM