



Mrs. Shelby Jean Rutledge

July 8, 1939 - January 9, 2023

Jean Rutledge, 83, of Arab, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born in Colbert County, Alabama, in 1939 to James and Beulah Simmons and grew up in Florence, Alabama, where she graduated from Central High School in 1957. She married the love of her life and moved to Arab in December of 1963.

Jean will be remembered fondly as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and church member. She had a servant's heart and enjoyed chaperoning every youth and band trip, choir tour, taking meals to those in need, visiting people in the hospital, keeping children in the nursery, singing in the choir and ensembles, and many other ministries. She fully enjoyed life by spending time with her family and friends while traveling throughout the country, bowling, playing games, and hosting gatherings of all kinds at their home. Many friends and acquaintances will have the honor of remembering her grace, elegance, kindness, and most of all for her warm and welcoming smile as well as her ability to encourage us all.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Clatus Rutledge, brother James W. Simmons, Jr. (Sue), son Vann Rutledge (Ivey), daughters Gina Scott (Barry) and Kelly Mullins (Jamie), and grandchildren Blake Scott, Luke Scott, Julia Scott, Isabella Rutledge, Clayton Rutledge, Tripp Mullins, and Carson Mullins.

The visitation will be held at Arab First Baptist Church, where she was a member, on January 12, 2023 at Noon with the funeral service following at

2:00 pm, with Rev. Sherman Bailey and Randy Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Mount Oak Cemetery with Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel directing. Pallbearers will be Blake Scott, Luke Scott, Clayton Rutledge, James W. Simmons III, Stuart Duncan, and Justin Smith. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arab First Baptist Church music ministry. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Cemetery Details

Mount Oak/Ruth Cemetery

3375 Ruth Road
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab First Baptist Church
502 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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