



DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON

January 22, 1931 - August 6, 2023

WOODSON, Doris Irene Sims, on August 6, 2023 at the age of 92, Doris took her last breath on earth and her first in Heaven. She was born January 22, 1931 in Piqua, Ohio to Homer and Ida Sims who lived on a farm in Morrow, Ohio. She and her younger sister Evelyn, who preceded her in death, enjoyed many good times growing up there in the country. Doris married the love of her life, Laurence Wilbur Woodson, in 1950 and moved to Lebanon, Ohio where they lived and raised their seven children. In her early 20's she gave her heart to the Lord at a revival in Middletown, Ohio and never looked back. This occurred about a year after Laurence had become a Christian. Sadly, in 2015 she became a widow but her sights remained on heaven and living for the Lord. She spent her life serving Him, her family, her community, her church and her world in many different capacities, such as volunteering at Project Partners and then Caring Partners, among others. She was dedicated to her Card Ministry, sending cards to all her friends and families as they celebrated special days, or when they were sick. She had many interests, such as birdwatching and flower gardening, and kept a lovely yard. Even in her later years she had more energy than most half her age. Her door remained opened (literally) to the neighborhood and others who needed a listening ear, something to eat, or just a place to hang out. Music was very important in Doris' life also, having a huge LP record collection of different genres of Christian music. One could often hear this music playing on her HiFi console when they visited. However, without a doubt, missions were her

passion. She not only financially supported missionaries, but also hosted them on furlough. She thrived on the numerous short-term mission trips to Third World countries she took over the years, notably to Haiti, Guatemala, Costa Rico, Panama, Ecuador and Peru. Her last such trip was to Haiti when she was 82 years old! She was always an avid Student of the Bible and committed many of the Psalms to memory. Despite life's hardships, yes, she lived a full and exciting life. Those who preceded her in death, besides her loving husband, were her close "baby" sister Evelyn, two stillborn babies, her brothers Howard Sims, Morris Sims, Homer Sims Jr., and Thomas Sims, and sisters Thelma Sims Settles and Gertrude Sims Featherstone. Loved ones left to cherish her memory include her seven children, Patricia Jackson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Gloria Conway of Lebanon, Lawrence Douglas Woodson of Seattle, Washington, Daniel Woodson of Barnwell, South Carolina, Timothy Woodson of Cincinnati, Annette (Jeffrey) Jones of Columbus, Georgia and Amy Woodson of Lebanon, along with 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be Friday, August 11, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the First Church of God, 100 Easton Manor Drive, Monroe, Ohio 45050, followed by services at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Terry Ball officiating. Interment will be at Lebanon Cemetery, Lebanon, Ohio. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Patti, your mother was so sweet and kind. Very soft spoken even when we were doing the opposite of what she would have liked for us to be doing. 😊 please take comfort in knowing that she is now resting while she waits for heavenly rewards!* ”

Stephanie Rockette-Rockette-Martin - September 23, 2023 at 05:03 PM

JH

“ *The Sims' were my neighbors when I was little. They were so good to me and my parents. Ida and then Doris never missed sending a butterfly birthday card yearly. We had many wonderful visits throughout the years. She is in Heaven I am sure. I will miss her sweet smile.* ”

Julia Hayes - August 21, 2023 at 06:56 PM

RW

“ *Beloved Doris Irene Sims Woodson and to the Woodson family. May the Peace of God be with your Family. Please allow us to send our Deepest Sympathy, Thoughts of Love, and Prayers. Be Blessed, Be Safe, and Love One Another. The Late Mr. and Mrs. Don and Marie L. Williams. Sons: Richard, Delbert, David, and The Late Ronald Williams.* ”

Rich Williams - August 19, 2023 at 12:31 AM

TF

“ *Terry L Forrester lit a candle in memory of
DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON* ”



Terry L Forrester - August 11, 2023 at 12:05 PM

RU

“ *Doris was a mother to all, and not only to me but just as much to my husband. Going to 6 different nursing homes my husband never went with me, but loved going with me to see Doris. She could bring a laugh out of Ken every time they was together. I enjoyed being with Dois working with her project Partners or Caring Partner or if we was on a mission trip.*

Ruth Linkous

Ruth - August 11, 2023 at 11:10 AM

KW

“ *Aunt Doris,
The funniest person I know and full of love. I knew I would always get a hug and kiss no matter what was happening. She had so much love and wasn't afraid to share it. Your rest is well deserved.*

Kathy Woodson - August 11, 2023 at 08:55 AM

EB

“ *Mrs Doris has always been the best mother n law a woman could have. I loved her dearly and I will cherish the memories of her beautiful smile, our wonderful conversation and most of all her hugs. My sincere condolences to the family.*

Emma Booker

Emma Booker - August 11, 2023 at 05:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.*



August 11, 2023 at 05:03 AM

PM

“ Though we were miles apart, I thank God that Granny's love spread across the miles to her granddaughter and me. Our lives are blessed by her love, laughter, and wisdom.

I pray that the peace of God will keep the Woodson Family now and always. Cherish the precious memories that you hold in your hearts and minds. Always remember, God loves you and so do I. 🧡💜

Phyllis McLaughlin - August 10, 2023 at 10:34 PM

HF

“ Herschel Scott, and the Scott family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.

Herschel Scott, and the Scott family - August 10, 2023 at 12:09 PM

HF

“ Herschel Scott, and the Scott family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.



Herschel Scott, and the Scott family - August 10, 2023 at 12:09 PM

JS

“ Jay Scott lit a candle in memory of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON



Jay Scott - August 10, 2023 at 08:46 AM

HS

“ I honestly don't have the words to express how much I loved Mrs. Woodson! She was my second mom! I remember she use to ask me was I going to marry Ann 😊😊 all the time when we were little kiddies! You will forever be in my heart momma Woodson ❤️! Rest peacefully now enjoy being with the father and with your wonderful husband Rev Woodson! P.S. tell my mother hello when you see her ❤️❤️

Herschel Scott - August 09, 2023 at 09:17 PM

CH

I have many wonderful memories with Aunt Doris. The times we spent together will always be very special to me. Cathy Hawkins

Cathy Hawkins - August 10, 2023 at 10:39 AM

BS

“ Bethel AME Church and Missionary Society purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.



Bethel AME Church and Missionary Society - August 09, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.



August 09, 2023 at 07:23 PM

LW

“ *Mother Woodson,*

The Love of Christ displayed thru-out your life touched so many of US!

*Thank you,
Linda*

Linda Woodson - August 09, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.

August 09, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.



August 09, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.



August 09, 2023 at 05:36 PM

CS

“ Camp Lebanon - Alex, Stephanie & Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.

Camp Lebanon - Alex, Stephanie & Staff - August 09, 2023 at 11:41 AM

CS

“ Camp Lebanon - Alex, Stephanie & Staff purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of DORIS IRENE SIMS WOODSON.



Camp Lebanon - Alex, Stephanie & Staff - August 09, 2023 at 11:41 AM

MJ

“ Mrs. Woodson was a loving, caring and soft spoken woman that shared her home and her faith in God. As a young teenager we seen her as the teen Mom of our little group. She made us laugh, fed us taco salad (which was my favorite) and made sure we were doing the right thing. I went into the military but when I was home on vacation I would always stop by the Woodson home. Both M&M Woodson would sit and talk with me and share the word of God. They both embrace my husband and our children and made us feel part of the family. Mrs. Woodson wrote me several letters throughout the years and they remain in my Bible to this day. I am grateful that she is now resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She has finished her race but she leaves a legacy of family first and trust God always. My condolence to the family I know she will be sorely missed. Love you all and our prayers are with during this time. Miguel & Jeannette

Miguel and Jeannette - August 08, 2023 at 11:29 PM

JG

“ 10 years ago during a medical mission trip held by Monroe First Church of God upon the mountains of Calebasse, Haiti, I met a VERY SPECIAL FRIEND, Doris Woodson. This friendship started with one question where, at the introduction of the participants, she asked me: "How old do you think I am?" I am not good at guessing... I looked at her and said, skeptically, "I think you're 87??" I remember hearing her sweet and soft voice say "Oh boy! Do I look that old??" She made a joke of my guessing... then the journey continues. She told me about herself, showed me some pictures of her children, her grandchildren and told me that I look like one her grandchildren. She gave some gifts (jewels) for my wife, dolls for my daughter and a special gift for myself but the most important thing she shared with me at that time was the Word of God and personal testimonies. Since then our friendship continued to grow, Doris always had something special to share in each conversation we had on the phone or when I visited her 4 years ago, she always have a Biblical verse or an advice, a prayer or a personal testimony, some encouraging words, support my work in my childhood community etc. Our last conversation was July 6th where I sent her a video taped message, she was not too responsive as I know her health was not in good shape. The Lord calls my Dear Friend to her eternal home where she will suffer no more. I know some day I will see her in heaven. I send my deepest thoughts and sympathies to the Sims and Woodson families, Doris's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the community of Monroe First Church of God, my Brother Jay Scott who always allowed me to communicate with Doris via video or phone calls, to friends and families that are afflicted by this loss. You will always be missed!



Jean Yves GLAUD - August 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM