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Gladys Aileen Sims, 80, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away on Monday, May 5, 2025. She was born to the late James and Carlos Blackwell in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Gladys was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga and Northwest Georgia area and was of the Baptist faith. She was an accomplished seamstress and loved to make quilts, cross-stitch, and embroidery. Gladys enjoyed babysitting and loving on the babies. She was “Nanny” to everyone. Nanny dearly loved her family and especially the babies, regardless of their age; they were her babies. Nanny was a very loving, sweet, kind-hearted person and will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Gladys is preceded in death by her husband, Joe Max Sims; parents, James Randolph and Carlos Knight Blackwell; grandmother, Ada “Ma” Harris Blackwell; son, Walter Grant “Buddy” Sutherland, Jr.; grandson, Steven Cox; and brothers, Lawrence Blackwell, Harold Blackwell, and Lloyd “Body” Blackwell.

Those left to cherish her memory include children, Tim (Amanda) Sutherland of Soddy Daisy, Tennessee and Terri (Terry) Parsons of Chattanooga,

Tennessee; sister, Martha Jean Tipton of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; grandchildren, Joanna Genco, Joshua Parsons, Tracy Cox, Brandon Parsons, Mark Frix, Jr., and Aric Sutherland; eight great-grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews.

A graveside service, a time to celebrate Gladys's life, will be held at a later time at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The family appreciates your prayers and support during this difficult time.

An Online guest book can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Salem Rd. Baptist Church purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gladys Aileen Sims.



Salem Rd. Baptist Church - May 15, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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“ Salem Rd. Baptist Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Aileen Sims.

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FH

“ Frank, Karla and Darla Horton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gladys Aileen Sims.



Frank, Karla and Darla Horton - May 15, 2025 at 08:44 AM

KF

“ Katherine Fortune lit a candle in memory of Gladys Aileen Sims



Katherine Fortune - May 13, 2025 at 10:55 PM

BR

“ I am so sorry to hear that my sweet precious cousin Gladys had passed away. I will always hold her close to my heart!! She will never be forgotten! ❤️🙏🙏



Barbara Roach - May 12, 2025 at 08:44 PM

MM

“ Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Michah Mosier - May 11, 2025 at 09:35 AM

AH

“ Nanny was an amazing woman. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go to your family.



AMY HANEY - May 09, 2025 at 11:54 AM

TP

“ Teresa Parsons lit a candle in memory of Gladys Aileen Sims



Teresa Parsons - May 08, 2025 at 11:37 AM

PA

“ Aunt Gladys was 1 of a kind..she was a amazing caring and loving woman..I'm so sorry for y'all..She will be missed..Peace, Love, Blessings and Prayers



Pamela Albertson - May 08, 2025 at 08:48 AM

LH

Our hearts go out to your family. We were all family to Nanny. She loved us all and was glad to see us. We will miss her and loved her. Love to you,

Louis and Deloris Hamm - May 15, 2025 at 07:52 AM