

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**A SERVICE OF WITNESS**  
**TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**  
**IN HONOR OF**  
**ABIGAIL (ABBIE) LOUISE SIMS EDWARDS**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2019**

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\*Entrance of the Family

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn                      **"God of the Sparrow"**                      **22**

Scripture Reading                      Psalm 23                      Jodie Rippy

Special Reading                                      Jessica Edwards  
                                                                                                 Patrick Mills

Special Music                                      "Hallelujah"

Sharing of Memories                                      Allen Rippy  
                                                                                                 Carlton Williamson

Scripture Reading & Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music                                      "The Lord's Prayer"

\*Hymn                      **"Amazing Grace"**                      **649**

Scripture Reading                      Revelation 21:1-5

Special Music                                      "Go in Peace"

\*Commendation

\*Blessing

\*Recession

\* Please stand, if able

Following the funeral service in the sanctuary you are  
invited to the family home for a celebration of life.

305 East Oliver Street  
Whiteville, NC

OFFICIANT

Rev. Dr. Joseph Washburn

ORGANIST

Douglas Spivey

HARPIST

Nancy Brennand

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kathryn Humphreys

Isabel Humphreys

Evans Humphreys



**Abigail (Abbie) Louise Sims Edwards**

**January 24, 1952 – February 12, 2019**

Abigail (Abbie) Louise Sims Edwards, 67, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 at Duke University Hospital after a brief illness. She was born Jan. 24, 1952, the daughter of Nathan Augustus Sims and Harriet Cecil Sims Chesney.

She graduated from high school at Stuart Hall in Staunton, Va. in 1970. She attended Saint Mary's School in Raleigh and graduated with a BS in Special Education from Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. in 1974.

Abbie grew up in Spartanburg, where she learned the value of family and hard work. Her father, Nathan Sims, was the owner and operator of Sims Transfer. Her mother, Harriet, was a homemaker and a stickler for all things proper and Southern. This proved to be the driving force behind Abbie's biggest desire, to be a wife and mother. She was a homemaker who exceeded the boundaries of her own family. Many thought her to be a culinary genius, rendering her home to be the gathering place for family, friends and her children's friends. She entertained with grace and style that exemplified her Southern roots.

Abbie will best be remembered as a loving wife and mother. She married her high school sweetheart, George Richard Edwards in 1974. They had two children, George Richard Edwards Jr. (Jessica Riffle) and Harriet Cozart Edwards Mills (Patrick). She loved spending time with their grandchildren, Maggie Jean Edwards, George Richard Edwards III, Patrick Louis Mills, Abigail Jacqueline Mills, and James Cooper Mills, especially at the beach at Figure Eight Island.

Memorials may be made to the Columbus Regional Healthcare Systems Foundation, 500 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, N.C. 28472 and the Columbus Jobs Foundation, P.O. Box 456, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

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