

## **Van Stuart Simpson**

*(September 6, 1948 - May 1, 2008)*

Funeral services for Mr. Van Stuart Simpson of Vaiden will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, at Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Winona, with interment following in Vaiden Cemetery in Vaiden. Rev. Billy Little will officiate the services. Visitation will be Saturday, May 3, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Lee Funeral Home.

Mr. Simpson died of cancer at his residence on Thursday, May 1. He was 59 years old.

Mr. Simpson was the son of the late Lorene Simpson and the late Allen Simpson. He was a loving father and grandfather and a talented musician, having played with his band, "Magnolia Blue," for over twenty years. He will be greatly missed by a host of friends and family. The Lord has called him home to be reunited with the love of his life, Shirley O'Nita Donahoo Simpson, whom he married on April 20, 1973. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Claude Preston Simpson. He was a teacher at Vaiden High School for 30 years until his retirement, and he was a member of Vaiden Methodist Church in Vaiden.

Survivors include his daughter, Vanessa Alieen Simpson Lee and her husband, Jason; his son, Barry Lee Simpson and his wife Kimberly; brother, Horace Allen Simpson and his wife Theodora; six grandchildren, William Jason Lee, Jr., Stuart River Jordan Lee, Trinity Lewis Lee, Ashley Paige Simpson, Barry Lee Simpson, Jr., and Dakota James Simpson; and his wiener dog, Suki.

Pallbearers will be former teachers of Vaiden High School: Drew Lenard, Jerry O'Briant, Clint Tompkins, Billy Joe Ferguson, James Alford, James Allen Gant, and Albert Cuomo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hebron Baptist Church, Vaiden, MS 39176.