JoAnn Alice Parrish Simon, 79, of Hickory, N.C., passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at her residence.

She was born May 14, 1932 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Eugene and Eugenia Jones Parrish.

Mrs. Simon retired as an administrator in the school systems. She was a member of Corinth Reformed United Church of Christ and was very active in the community and her various clubs.

She is survived by her daughters, Dee-Jay West of Boone, Freda Hentschl and husband, Neal, of Michigan; step-sons, George Simon and wife, Joan, of Michigan, Peter Simon of Mississippi; step-daughter, Connie Lovett of Georgia; and her grandchildren, Tyler J. Bradshaw, Kara J. Russ and husband Chris, Tara Simon, Erik Simon, Thomas Simon, Pete Simon, Jr., Mona Lisa Simon, Isaac Simon, Henry Lovett, Abbie Jeanne Hentschl and Emily Hentschl.

A celebration of life will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 at Bass-Smith Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.bass-smithfuneralhome.com