



## Daniel Simpson

February 14, 1985 - November 3, 2021

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

Mr. Daniel Rhodes Simpson, 36, finished his courageous fight with cancer on November 3, 2021. A funeral service will be held at 11am on November 6, 2021 at Williams Funeral Home in Milledgeville with Rev. James Turner and Fr. David Probst officiating.

The family will receive friends at Williams Funeral Home in Milledgeville from 9:30am until the time of service.

Daniel was born to the late Quincy A. Simpson and Donna Willoughby Simpson of Toombsboro, Georgia on February 14, 1985. Being a “Valentine’s Baby” it is no surprise that Daniel had a kind, caring, and generous heart. As a man of faith, Daniel’s love for the Lord shone bright, with people often commenting on the light, love, and kindness he displayed, even in the midst of hard times.

Daniel enjoyed learning and earned degrees from Central Georgia Technical College, Georgia Military College, and Georgia College & State University.

Utilizing his MPA degree, Daniel previously worked as the Professional Development and Training Specialist at Georgia College & State University and as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science for Georgia Military College.

Daniel met the love of his life, Nikki, after graduation and they created a home together in Milledgeville. Having once been a feline-opposed individual, it was a surprise to many when Daniel fell in love with four very specific cats: Donnie, Sammy, Perky, and the late Dusk.

Daniel was a lifetime lover of music and photography. He was a member of the Macon Amateur Radio Club and the Monroe County Amateur Radio Society. He had also been a member of the Association for Talent Development, Georgia Political Science Association, and the American Society for Public Administration. He previously held leadership positions, including president, within the Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club and was a member of the American Radio Relay League, for which he served in a number of local and statewide roles. However, his most treasured titles were that of husband, son, brother, friend, and Uncle Zoom.

Daniel will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Dr. Crystal Nicole “Nikki” Simpson of Milledgeville; his mother, Donna Willoughby Simpson of Toombsboro; his brothers, Jeffrey S. Simpson of Bethlehem, and Kevin L. Simpson of Bethlehem; his parents in-law, Gregory and Tisha Gay of Eatonton, and his brother-in-law Dave Gay of Eatonton; his cats, Donnie, Sammy, and Perky, as well as many friends who became family.

In lieu of flowers, Daniel requested memorial donations be made to the Georgia College Foundation to benefit the Daniel and Nikki Simpson Scholarship. Donations can be made online at <https://alumni.gcsu.edu/sslpage.aspx?pid=298>. Select Designation of “Other” and include in memory of

Daniel Simpson. Scholarship donations can be mailed to Office of University Advancement, Campus Box 96, Milledgeville, GA 31061. Donations can also be made to Animal Rescue Foundation, 711 South Wilkinson Street; Milledgeville, GA 31061.

# Cemetery Details

## Heritage Memorial Park

371 Log Cabin Road  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
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## Funeral Services

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Daniel Simpson



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - November 06, 2021 at 10:06 AM

GC

Growing up Quincy's family and my family were next door neighbors. I didn't have the privilege of meeting his family but I loved him, his mom and dad. Bless you with your loss. You wii be in my prayers.  
Gayle Crawford

Gayle M. Crawford - November 07, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Simpson



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - November 04, 2021 at 03:40 PM

SS

*My heart is broken for such a righteous young man. He is not in any more pain. He is sitting at the feet of Jesus with his arms around his daddy who went on before to welcome him. Rest easy Daniel, your job on earth is done.*

**Shelia Simpson** - November 04, 2021 at 04:41 PM

RO

*Wow!!!! Just Beautiful.. job well done Daniel...Sending love and prayers to Family.. Rolanda Butler*

**Rolanda** - November 04, 2021 at 07:14 PM

JR

*Donna, your losses have been so beyond what I can imagine. We know why Quincey went on ahead. They were soooo blessed to have had you. Prayers and much love*

**June Roberson** - November 06, 2021 at 09:25 PM

BG

*“ Daniel was such a wonderful young man. I really enjoyed knowing him and Quincy so much. Quincy and Daniel were always so close and now they are in Heaven with god the Father. What a happy time they are having, never to be apart again. My Dearest Donna, I can't find the words that I can say to heal your pain but you are my prayers and God can heal. Lean on him as never before and picture in your mind eye how happy Daniel and Quincy are right now. No more sickness or sorry ever. I know they both loved you dearly here on earth and are waiting for you in Heaven. Love always, Betty Greth*



**Betty Greth** - November 17, 2021 at 03:43 PM

LM

“ Our prayers are with you. Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



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**Luther Minor** - November 10, 2021 at 08:16 AM

DM

“ Daniel and I served together on Georgia College’s Staff Council. His zeal for service and his commitment to the process of serving was unmatched. I knew I could always count on Daniel, and I always looked forward to talking with Daniel because he was so generous with his knowledge and wit.  
Much love to the family who shared this true gentleman with us.  
Daniel McDonald

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**Daniel McDonald** - November 08, 2021 at 08:54 AM

ER

“ Donna and Nikki, we are so sorry to hear about Daniel , he truly let his light shine in his life and we know it will shine on in the lives he touched! We will continue to pray for you all.  
Eddie and Denise Renfroe



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**Eddie and Denise Renfroe** - November 06, 2021 at 08:35 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person. I would never have made it through statistics without him. He was a great tutor, he was so very patient and never gave up on me!

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**Jean Graham** - November 05, 2021 at 05:35 PM

TP

“ Nikki, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending prayers and hugs to you and the family. Daniel was such a nice guy. Terri Pope

Terri Pope - November 05, 2021 at 04:01 PM

RH

“ I am so very sorry. Sending my deepest condolences.

Regina Harrison - November 05, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. Though we never met in person but only through an online community, he was a person who responded to my cry for help in learning how to deal with a life very different than I anticipated due to medical problems. Very recently I saw photos of him walking the walk of finding those moments of peace and joy, many of them with his beloved partner. It was great to see him smiling and living, right until the end. I hope we all can try to be so wise and resilient in his honor.

Joelle Marie - November 04, 2021 at 05:30 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Leverette-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Daniel Simpson



Carolyn Leverette-Searcy - November 04, 2021 at 04:36 PM

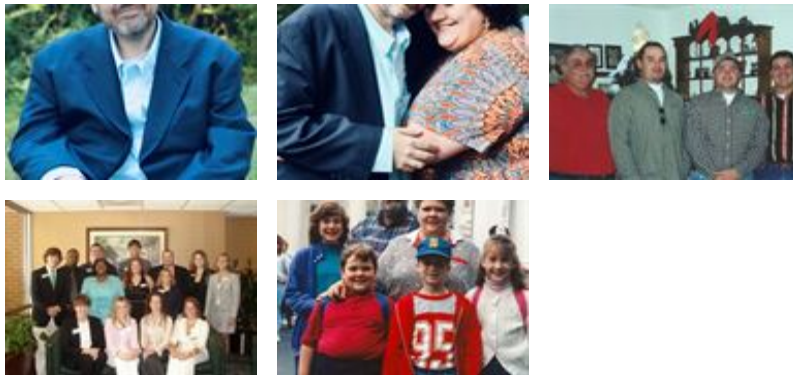
JH

“ I am terribly sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. I have fond memories of Daniel during our time at Georgia College. He was a class-act and always a true professional to work with. My heart aches for this loss.

Justin Haight - November 04, 2021 at 03:37 PM

Williams  
Funeral Homes & Crematory

“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - November 04, 2021 at 03:36 PM

Sara  
Doude

“ I'm saddened to hear about Daniel's death. He is one of the kindest people. He was always willing to help out in the GCSU Government and Sociology Office. I sat on his thesis committee and he protested the words "herein to" and 'moreover". We had amazing conversations about politics and all the things he loves. I feel fortunate to have gotten to know him so well. Peace be with Nikki, Donna, and the rest of his family. He is very much loved.  
Sara Buck Doude  
GCSU

Sara Doude - November 04, 2021 at 03:30 PM

DS

“ DANIEL would speak and on some days nod at me at the switchboard at the hospital. I saw a loving family support DANIEL in his sickness. He will be missed so much by so many. Love and prayers for all the family.

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**Debbie Smith** - November 04, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JA

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of our friend Daniel Simpson. Without Daniel I'm not sure that I would have made it through college. He was always willing to give. He had the biggest heart and the world is darker without him in it. Prayers for his family. I know he is with his Father now.

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**Jade** - November 04, 2021 at 02:00 PM

JT

“ To the Simpson family,  
I knew Daniel from GMC. He was such a kind-hearted young man. He would always have a smile on his face and was always willing to help anyone in need. He will be missed. may the Lord comfort you in this time of grief.  
Jill Towns

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**jill townes** - November 04, 2021 at 01:13 PM

SW

“ Donna I am so sorry to hear about Daniel. I have many fond memories of him from when I worked with him at Georgia College. My prayers are with you and Nikki at this time.

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**Scott Williams** - November 04, 2021 at 12:26 PM

KB

“ Donna I am so sorry to hear this about Daniel. My prayers are with you and Nikki at this time. I know this has been a hard year for you and my prayers will be with you. Please know that Carl and I both will be praying for you. Love you my friend.

*Kay B Brown*

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**Kay B Brown** - November 04, 2021 at 11:37 AM

AP

“ Nikki, I am so very sorry to hear about Daniel. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope the warm memories you have of him will give you some small measure of comfort during the days ahead.

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**Ann Portwood** - November 04, 2021 at 09:26 AM

MD

*All of us who had the privilege of teaching and working with Daniel in the Government & Sociology Department at Georgia College respected, admired, and loved Daniel. We respected him for his intellect and thirst for knowledge; we admired him for his achievements and work ethic; we loved him for his character, courage, and demeanor. He was a gentle man and a gentleman. He made every situation he encountered better, and the world is a lesser place for his having left us. We pray that his family can draw some comfort from the sure knowledge that his was a life worth living and that he made such a positive impact on so many people. May he rest in peace. He will not be forgotten.*

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**Michael Digby** - November 04, 2021 at 01:44 PM

ES

*May God comfort and strengthen Nikki, Donna and family members.*

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**Evelyn Stratford** - November 04, 2021 at 03:19 PM

DR

“ Donna and Nikki, Gary, Daddy and I are so very sorry for your loss. Words can not express the pain and heartbreak you are feeling. You and your family are in our prayers today and days to come. I pray you feel God’s love and comfort and peace thru this very difficult time. Love in Christ, Debra Hughes Roberts

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**Debra Hughes Roberts** - November 04, 2021 at 08:51 AM

JW

“ Donna and Nikki, I am so sorry to hear about Daniel. It’s been a tough year for you. Daniel was a special fellow, and I’m so glad he found you, Nikki. I’ll never forget that Sunday at FBC when I was able to get him to play handbells with me! He was hreat at it! You will have many wonderful memories to help you through. Prayers for you both. Joan and Tim Williams

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**Joan Williams** - November 03, 2021 at 05:58 PM