Elizabeth “Liz” Ware Sims

Elizabeth “Liz” Ware Sims was born and raised in Macon County, AL. She worked as a Contract and Grant Administrator at Tuskegee University for 32 years before she took a position as a Contract and Grant Administrator in the Office of Sponsored Programs at Auburn University. She was the mother of two beautiful daughters that she raised on her own, and the grandmother of three boys. Liz was diagnosed with breast cancer for the third time in the Fall of 2006. However, this time the cancer had spread to her bones. She spent the next four years on continuous chemotherapy treatments. Liz still continued to work and also serve as the President of the Shiloh Community Restoration Foundation. This Foundation was established by Liz in June 2006 to restore a Rosenwald School in Notasulga, AL.

She took this project from a deteriorating building to a National Historic Site before she lost her battle with cancer on November 6, 2010. She was a wonderful person that others had difficulty saying “No” to. She was a great friend and I miss her terribly.

—Story submitted by Juanita Syljuberget, Friend & Coworker