



Norma L. Simmons

February 5, 1924 - August 26, 2020

Norma L. Simmons, 96 of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at Fireside House Nursing Home in Centralia.

Norma was born February 5, 1924 in Centralia, daughter of Clarence Dueker and Fern (Specht) Dueker. She married Verlon Dean Simmons on May 2, 1943 in Centralia and he preceded her in death on May 6, 2012.

Norma is survived by a son: Mark Simmons and wife Martha of Mt. Vernon; a daughter: Karin Manning of Springfield; 5 grandchildren: Sheila Pickens and husband Brad of Paxton, Jeff Simmons of Mt. Vernon, Caitlin Darling and husband Mike of Springfield, Ben Manning of California and Miriam Bylsma and husband Mark of St. Peters, MO; 6 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and special friends.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents: Clarence and Fern Dueker, one daughter: Candice Kindred of Centralia; one brother: Donald Deuker; and one sister: Laverne Billman.

Norma was a devout member of Zion United Church of Christ in Central City, where she was a faithful volunteer for many years, but her passion was caring for her family. She enjoyed hosting Sunday dinners and holidays, spending time with her grandchildren and sending cards to everyone she cared about.

She always wanted those in her life to feel loved. She was known to be a record keeper, list maker and photograph taker. She kept memories tucked away in albums, notebooks and scrapbooks throughout her home. She will be dearly missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Funeral Services for Norma L. Simmons will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia with Pastor Nancy Peebles officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. The family ask those who are attending to please be mindful of social distancing, wear a mask, and any health precaution necessary to ensure a healthy environment. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Zion United Church of Christ Building Fund and will be received at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Simmons Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

Tribute Wall

EK

“ I'm so sorry to hear about her passing. She was always such a nice grandma (to me even though I wasn't one of her real grandkids). Thinking of all of you!



Emily Kirk - September 08, 2020 at 01:01 PM

CH

“ I met your mother at the nursing home when my mom was there. She certainly was a sweetheart! I looked forward to seeing her each visit. She was a jewel...sending my condolences. Charlotte Howe

charlotte howe - August 29, 2020 at 10:39 PM

DD

“ I was so saddened to hear about Norma's passing. I remember visiting her and Dean with my grandparents when I was a young boy. My deepest sympathies to her family there. You are all in my thoughts and the thoughts of the family here.

Dr. Scott Dueker and family

Dr. Scott Dueker - August 29, 2020 at 11:34 AM

RS

“ Norma was such a blessing when I would visit her. She was always a blessing each Sunday in church. Her positive attitude was such a breath of fresh hour. She is a memory I will always treasure. Love you, Norma.

*Shalom,
Rev. Pamela Gale Smith*

Rev. Pamela Gale Smith - August 27, 2020 at 06:36 PM

MS

Norma was always a kind, caring and loving soul. She will be missed so much.

Martha Simmons - August 29, 2020 at 12:04 AM

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Norma was the most caring, the most kind, and loving person I have ever known. She will be truly missed by all of us. Love you and miss you.

Martha Simmons (Marty) - August 29, 2020 at 12:15 AM

PS

“ *One of the nicest and most thoughtful people I have ever met. So sorry for your loss.*

Phyllis & Don Swartzlander

Phyllis Swartzlander - August 27, 2020 at 05:54 PM

DC

“ *My sympathy to Norma's family. She and my mom grew up at Zion and Mom thought the world of her. My grandma, Rose Hanseman, was also her dear friend. She had such a sweet soul and I so loved having conversation with her when I was lucky enough to run into her somewhere. Peace, Norma. DiAnn Caraker*

Di Ann Caraker - August 27, 2020 at 10:17 AM

CS

“ *She was a very special lady . So sorry for your loss*

Carol Sellers - August 27, 2020 at 07:39 AM