



Ms. Sue Simmons

August 5, 1932 - June 22, 2019

Sue Simmons, age 86, surrounded by relatives and friends, died Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the Ogeechee Area Hospice Inpatient Facility. A Bulloch County native, Sue was born August 5, 1932. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Sue was a graduate of Georgia Teachers College where she was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She taught school prior to becoming a Flight Attendant for Eastern Airlines. Retiring after thirty-four years, Sue loved flying so much that she often said "I've never worked a day in my life". After retirement she returned home to Statesboro to care for her beloved mother, to whom she was devoted. Sue also spent much time overseeing the family farm and timberland at Adabelle.

For all her life Sue was thoughtful of others, remembering friends and family with cards, flowers, and letters in their time of need or on their joyful occasions. Sue was an old-school southern belle who always looked her best. Even in her later years, while a resident at Southern Manor, Sue never left her room without her hair done, earrings, lipstick, makeup, and wearing a pretty outfit.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; Frank Simmons Sr. and Louise Olliff Foy Simmons; her brother Frank Simmons, Jr.; paternal grandparents William Homer Simmons and Eva Sorrier; maternal grandparents Washington Manassas Foy and Maxie Ponita "Maxie" Olliff Foy.

Sue is survived by her brother, Louie Simmons. She is also survived by two first cousins she often said were more like sisters to her; Mrs. Betty Foy Sanders (Gov. Carl Edward Sanders, decd.) and her children; Betty Foy Botts (David) and Carl Edward Sanders, Jr. and Mrs. Teresa Foy Brannen (Mr. Aulbert Julian Brannen Jr., decd.) and her children; Beth Brannen Chandler (Ricky), William Lawton Brannen (Laura), Aulbert Julian Brannen III, Anna Brannen Hagan (Darrell), Betty Brannen Newton (Patrick). Sue is also survived by first cousin; Foy Olliff.

Additionally, Sue is survived by nephew; Frank Simmons III (Tammy) and niece; Rebekah Simmons Davis (Greg).

Sue's family and friends are thankful to longtime caregiver and friend; Lois Ward and caregiver Shairlon Brinson. They are also very thankful to the caregivers and staff at Southern Manor who loved and cared for Sue.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, June 27th, 2019 from 1:00pm until the funeral hour in the chapel at First Baptist Church Statesboro. The funeral will be at 2:00pm, following visitation, with Dr. Bill Perry officiating and eulogy by Ralph Cowart. Interment will be at Eastside Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Aulbert Julian Brannen III, William Lawton Brannen, Kevin Hendrix, Jordan Harrison, Greg Hendrix, and Carl Edward Sanders III.

Honorary pallbearers will be Sue's resident friends, caregivers and staff at Southern Manor.

The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the Ogeechee Area Hospice, PO Box 531, Statesboro, GA 30459.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery

Eastside Cemetery
Northside Drive
Statesboro, GA, 30458

Events

JUN 27 Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

First Baptist Church
108 North Main Street, Statesboro, GA, US, 30458

JUN 27 Service 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - June 26 at 02:46 PM



“ Sue Simmons was a remarkable,inspiring and pioneering woman. She was born strong and courageous and lived her life that way, doing what she wanted on her own terms and in her own way. Yet, she loved her Jesus and knew ultimately, He was in control and would work out all things for the good and His Glory! He was glorified in his vessel of Sue. She like all of us experienced disappointments and hurt and wrong decisions but through it all He was faithful and brought all this to peace and closure. She loved greatly and deeply and touched many lives. Thank you God for your magnificent creation in Sue! She spread her faith in you and love everywhere.

Betty Sanders Botts - June 28 at 07:03 PM



“ The members of Eastern Airlines Silverliners would like to send condolences to the family of Sue. Simmons.

Adrienne Love - June 28 at 12:00 PM



“ 22 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - June 26 at 01:35 PM



“ When I moved to Statesboro...many years ago, Dotty Lanier was my realtor...and I was looking for a farm to purchase...Dotty briefed me there indeed is a farm out in a little area called Adabelle...but I didn't want to but that because the owner was a crazy flight attendant named Sue Simmons.

So I didn't! But soon thereafter, I met Sue and we bonded and have been friends

ever since. We would eat lunch - Chinese - every Friday for years and we named the place "The Slop Trough", because we ate so much.

As time grew, we would meet at my home every Sunday, after Sue went to Church; she would go and buy donuts and we would serve coffee EVERY Sunday. As she became more "senior", I would pick her up every Sunday and we would ride over to Metter, to an ice cream parlor, located at a gas station, near the Ford dealership, where we'd get a homemade peach ice cream on a waffle cone. The we'd ride to Adabelle so she could visit her old home farm and we'd sing gospel music as we were riding around just enjoying the afternoon.

In her last days, Evelyn Jones would bring her over to my place at the lake and I'd put rolls on a 1923 player piano and we'd sing songs from the 30s and 40s.

Sue and I were shirt tail buddies for close to 20 years or so. I shall miss our time together and I shall miss the cute little "diddies" Sue would sing to me that Miss Louise, her Mom, taught her. I will also miss her beauty and her loving personality. She was also an aviator, a flight attendant for 34 years, and I flew 47 years as a pilot and we had a "pet" name we claimed and always enjoyed the true meaning of it! We called ourselves "airline trash" because of the many years we were in aviation. As Sue flies West, may she rest in peace and watch over all of us...which she will do...it's just the person Sue reeall was...a dear, dear...loving and caring friend. I shall miss her! Greatly miss her beautiful face and personality.

John Tucker - June 25 at 08:21 PM



“ Connie D Howard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sue Simmons



Connie D Howard - June 23 at 10:52 PM



“ She will be missed dearly. I remember how she would pass out candy to the residents on Memory Care and they looked forward to seeing her.



Angela Ward - June 23 at 10:29 PM



“ It is with a heavy heart that I bid my dear friend SuzieQ farewell.

I met Sue in 1964 on a flight. Over the years we flew many trips together. Each was filled with fun. On a layover in Las Vegas we walked the entire length of the Strip. On the way back we were both so tired we couldn't take another step. We tried to get a cab, but each one that passed us was occupied.

Finally I said I have an idea....so I went into the middle of the street and stopped the first thing that came along...it was a huge simi tractor trailer.

Sue climbed up the ladder to the cab and said to the driver, "how about giving us a lift" he said sure hop in. We laughed all the way to the hotel.

One time she showed up at my door, my husband answered the door and there was Sue with a huge RV. I was stunned. I said what are you doing down here. He answer was I just wanted to see you. (I live in Pincrest Florida.) That is a very long trip to see someone....she just laughed and said "not that bad".

We shared many things over the years, I will miss her greatly.

Rody - June 27 at 09:21 PM