



## Laura Mae Simmons

September 20, 1946 - August 10, 2024

Laura Mae Simmons, 77, of Columbus, Ohio went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 10, 2024. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 20, 1946; the oldest daughter of Arthur and Dorothy Bastifell.

Laura was a woman of strong Christian faith with a heart full of compassion, values and beliefs that she instilled in her children. Nothing was more important to her than her relationship with Jesus. Helping others was the calling of her life. She will be fondly remembered for her ability to help, listen, and laugh. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was life of the party. Extremely creative, Laura loved to paint and do crafts. She enjoyed living in the moment with her family and dear friends.

She was previously married for thirty-two years to Jerry Simmons with whom she shared four children: Albert, William, Kimberley and Dorothy. She always said her children were her greatest gifts, and they felt that in the love and support she provided. She took special joy in moving around this great country. Each move was an adventure and a chance to introduce her children to new places and people, opening their hearts and minds to diversity.

She was a devoted and fun Grammy to Dustin Fry (Hannah), Katelynn (Cole) Smith, Alyssa Simmons (Dylan), Riley Hill (Sebastian), Lauren Hill (Breanna), Jaden (Ariel) Bennett-Simmons, Dally McNew, Nicco Simmons, Jesse Dawn Simmons, and Zahier Simmons. There was no greater joy in her life than her grandchildren. She loved to spend time with them; camping, fishing, baking, playing, planning parties and holidays, and cherishing every moment she had with them.

Laura's radiant spirit is carried on by her two beloved daughters, Kimberley (William) Hill and Dorothy Simmons. She has been reunited in heaven with her two amazing sons, Albert and William Simmons.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Arthur and Dorothy Bastifell; her

brother, Alvin Bastifell; and her sons, Albert and William Simmons.

A celebration of Laura's life will be announced at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Loved dancing with her ! She had the warmest smile ... She's finally reunited with her son ... God bless you, Laura - we'll miss you, but are so thankful to have known you as a dear friend ... Love, hugs, and many happy memories to you, Kim ❤️❤️🙏🌸

Christopher Cochran - August 18, 2024 at 08:34 AM

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“ Laura I remember so many fishing and camping trips. We had so much fun you were truly the life of the party. One night we didn't want to stop fishing even though it was raining. So we just got in the car, casted out our windows, rolled them up, and fished, but most of all we laughed. I have so many memories of working together at Peach Tree, like that Halloween you dressed up like the grim reaper, didn't talk for the first hour, even I couldn't figure out who you were. I did when I realized you hadn't called in. The patients were running from you until you took your hood off. It was hilarious. I will always love and miss you but we will laugh together again in Heaven. Until then!

Vickie pleake Dodson - August 17, 2024 at 10:16 AM

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“ Aunt Laura will forever hold a special place in my heart. Her contagious smile and laugh will be remembered always. I am grateful for the ways she inspired her loves ones to keep their faith in Jesus, Our loving Savior. She truly planted the mustard seed of faith everytime I saw her as a young girl. My heart goes out to Kimmie and Dottie as they journey on without her. My continued prayers for comfort and strength in the days to come. I love you all soul deep. ~Your Cousin Nicki

Nicki Hollingsworth - August 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM

KH

“ Thank you, mom for always being there for me and my children! You truly were my best friend in this life!! I miss our daily morning coffee and conversations. Although there will forever be a huge void in my life, I promise to keep your spirit alive. Rest in peace and hug my brothers for me. I'll see you again. I love you!



Kim Hill - August 13, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura Mae Simmons.*



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August 13, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *William and Susan Ftorek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Mae Simmons.*

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**William and Susan Ftorek** - August 13, 2024 at 04:54 PM