



Melody Lisa Simmons

August 2, 1963 - January 24, 2019

Melody Lisa Simmons, 55, of Laurens, South Carolina, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, January 24, 2019. She was born in Laurens, South Carolina on August 2, 1963, the daughter of the late Franklin O'Neil Simmons and Virginia Fuller Simmons.

Melody was a graduate of Laurens District 55 High School and a proud former member of the LDHS Concert Choir and Raider Band Color Guard, lettering in both. She further studied at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood.

Professionally, Melody worked in retail, industrial manufacturing, and as a veterinarian's assistant.

Melody was a believer in Christ and a faithful member of Bellview Baptist Church, where she was involved in the WMU, CARE Team, and the Singles Group. She was especially dedicated to her Sunday School class.

Melody enjoyed being outdoors, where she once had great times playing softball, fishing at the lake, and swimming at the beach. She was a talented artist, and her work was inspired by family and nature.

Melody had the most genuine soul, compassionate heart, and fun loving spirit. She was kind, generous, and loyal to family and friends. Known affectionately as "Aunt Dissy" by her niece, Ressa, and "Skip" by many of her friends, Melody always treasured time spent with others. Even on ordinary days, she was happiest when family gathered together playing games, sharing stories, and experiencing laughter. Her enthusiasm, beautiful smile, and encouraging nature will be greatly missed.

Melody is survived by her mother, Virginia Fuller Simmons, her uncle, Richard Fuller, both of Laurens, two sisters, Rhonda Simmons Thompson (Michael) of Greenville, and Kearston Simmons Moates of Laurens, a cherished niece, Ressa Moates of Laurens, many special cousins, and her beloved cat, "Sheffield." She was also predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Grady and Madia Riddle Fuller formerly of Laurens, and her paternal grandparents, Boyd J. Simmons, formerly of Woodruff, and Albert and Elizabeth Hughes formerly of Laurens.

A Memorial Service will be conducted Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 3:00 PM, officiated by the Reverend Adam Powers at Bellview Baptist Church in Laurens. The

family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. A private burial is planned. Church, 757 Bellview Baptist Church Road, Laurens, SC 29360 or the ASPCA, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929.

The family wishes to express special appreciation to her church family for all of their prayers, visits, cards, and loving support.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Bellview Baptist Church

757 Bellview Church Rd., Laurens, SC, US

JAN **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ I'll always remember taking care of Melody when she was sick. I enjoyed talking to her and getting to know her over the past year. May she be in perfect peace now. God bless you all.



Mary Beth Truelock - February 06 at 11:47 PM



“ Praying for you all. Skip and I were always friends, and we were always neighbors! May you all be blessed and comforted, and may Melody rest in eternal peace. Love to all.

Phyllis Cox - January 31 at 07:37 PM



“ Kathy Mccall sent a virtual gift in memory of Melody Lisa Simmons



Kathy mccall - January 31 at 11:22 AM



“ Virginia, I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter, Melody. May God wrap His loving arms around you and help you is my prayer. Edna Lemmons.

Edna Lemmons - January 30 at 09:50 PM



“ Rhonda and family of Ms. Simmons, please know that we are lifting your family up in prayer for the peace of God and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Barbara Skinner and family

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Barbara Skinner - January 30 at 07:24 PM



“ Skip had such a special way to help you smile and laugh. We had many a good conversation and good memories on th Bellview Church Van. Never to complain of her pain. Always talking with th young kids on th van about Jesus, coming back to church Always. Wanting to see them on th van and help her enjoy the ride. Praises my dear friend as you are now home with Jesus Christ. Many prayers for her family and friends.



Cindy Duckett - January 30 at 11:45 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Lisa (skip).I went to school with skip and she was always very nice to me and helped me out when she could. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.



Pat Hartsell - January 30 at 11:24 AM



“ Skip was a 1981 graduate and a good friend that came to visit me often. I would see her walking and I would later see her coming to my house. She never ask for anything but will help you with everything. She enjoy helping people. Going to miss her. Rest In Paradise

Carol Harris - January 30 at 06:57 AM



“ CHARLEEN FULLER sent a virtual gift in memory of Melody Lisa Simmons



CHARLEEN FULLER - January 29 at 10:43 PM



“ Man, I am so sorry to hear of Melody's passing. I have not been in touch with her since her high school days, but she was always a friend of mine and I have fond memories of her. We got along very well and had some very good talks. Most of our friends called her Skip back then but I always liked to call her Melody. May God grant comfort and peace to the family.

Bill Mattison - January 29 at 09:52 PM



“ I have so many memories of my sweet dear cousin. Melody was one of a kind. She was always loyal to her family and friends. She loved her family with all her heart. We always had fun as kids growing up playing, laugjing, talking about who knows what. We would sit on the porch of her grandparents house, which was my aunt and uncle house, as we got older we talked about our relatives who had gone on before us. We would talk and laugh about funny things we did as kids especially our firecracker story! Rhonda knows what I am taking about. Melody loved her deviled eggs but not so sure if they loved her! She would let out a big old belch and boy you would run from the smell. We have all kinds of stories. She will be missed so much but Melody I promise those stories will always be told and in my heart. Just like you will always be in my heart and mind. Praying for all of us as we prepare to not say goodbye tomorrow but see you later. Love you and all my family!



Debby Henderson - January 29 at 04:18 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Melody (Skip) in many years. But we played together as kids and had lots of fun. I lived on Cummings St. and she lived on the other side of 221 across from the Sweet Shop. I would walk to her house or ride my bike. As long as I was home before the street lights came on. One year I think it was her 10th. or 11th. birthday. My daddy made her a leather sun visor with Skip on it for her. I think it had flowers on it to. Can't remember were she got that nick name from. Lost contact with her after school. It is nice to hear all the good things about her as an adult. She will always be apart of my childhood memories. Rest in peace old friend. Lana Sue Crapps Dyal



Lana Sue Crapps Dyal - January 29 at 01:43 PM



“ Virginia and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I met Melody only a few times but she was very sweet the few times I saw her. I am praying for God's blessings and comfort for you and your family. Love you all.

Linda Putnam - January 29 at 12:55 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Melody Lisa Simmons.





“ Sending prayers to your family I need this great time of loss. May GOD bless and comforting you.

Sincerely,
James & Donnis Quinn
&
Mary Lambert

Donnis Quinn - January 29 at 09:14 AM



“ Sorry for the error. In this great time of loss.

Donnis Quinn - January 29 at 09:15 AM



“ Virginia I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter, I did not know her but from reading other post she was very special to everyone. My prayers to you and Richard and your other daughters to give you the strength in the coming weeks ahead and peace in your loss.



Evelyn Rankin - January 28 at 11:51 PM



“ Prayers for family and friends. May God bring comfort as only HE can do. Treasure your sweet memories!

BettyAnn Spires - January 28 at 10:29 PM



“ Melody always wore her smile. She always enjoyed life and shared that enjoyment with everybody. She was so sweet and loving. I will miss her sorely as I know many others will.

Mike Henderson

Mike Henderson - January 28 at 10:29 PM



“ Rhonda and family I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Nell Kelly - January 28 at 10:21 PM



“ Sending prayers of comfort and peace to all of the family.

Carol McDowell

Carol McDowell - January 28 at 07:16 PM



“ Cindy Spires lit a candle in memory of Melody Lisa Simmons



Cindy Spires - January 28 at 06:46 PM



“ I can't believe what I am seeing..i am so sorry Virginia and family. you all have had rough times lately..my prayers and thoughts are with you.

Cindy Spires - January 28 at 06:48 PM



“ Sorry to see you leave, but happy to know that you are with Jesus. Melody (skip) was a faithful friend and never gave up. Prayers for your family as they celebrate your life.

Mary Davidson - January 28 at 05:43 PM