



In Loving Memory

Robert Junior Simmons

October 31, 1945 - April 24, 2025



Funeral Service

11 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Grace Holiness Church, Harkers Island, NC
Officiated by Rev. Jamison Plank

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING & INVOCATION

“SUCH LOVE”
Congregational Hymn

READING OF OBITUARY

“HIS HAND IN MINE” & “WHEN HE REACHED DOWN”
Grace Holiness Trio

“THE OLD RUGGED CROSS”
Congregational Hymn

GOSPEL MESSAGE

“LOOK FOR ME”
Grace Holiness Trio

BENEDICTION

MILITARY HONORS

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Robert Junior Simmons, 79, of Newport, North Carolina, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Duke University Hospital.

Robert was born on October 31, 1945, in Columbus County, NC, to the late Bobby Edgar Simmons and Gracie Myrtle Simmons Parker. He honorably served his country in both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard and then went on to work as a welder for Civil Service where he later retired from. He was an active member of Grace Holiness Church and a former Mason in Morehead City.

Robert enjoyed spending his leisure time playing golf, supporting his favorite sports teams, particularly Duke and NC State, as well as enjoying the thrill of a good NASCAR race. He was fascinated with birdwatching, which was only enjoyable until a squirrel came along. Robert always appreciated a good meal and was often seen with his favorite Coke Zero in hand.

Robert will be fondly remembered as a devoted husband of 35 years, a caring father, and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather who held his family close to his heart.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Judy Simmons; daughters, Robin Jenise Rockafellow of Hope Mills, NC, Anna Maria Simmons of Hope Mills, NC, Pamela Renee Harper (Bryan) of Benson, NC, Crystal Gail Poulos (Deno) of Fayetteville, NC, and Billie Watson (Nathan) of Newport, NC; sisters, Betty S. Burke (Lawrence) of Fayetteville, NC and Barbara S. Dunahoe (Henry) of Red Springs, NC; brother, Thomas Simmons (Linda) of Newport, NC; grandchildren, April Marie Erdos, Bobbi Jean Simmons, Calan Rockafellow, Bradley Simmons, Devin Tew, Scott Tyler Hall, Sierra Hautamki, Thanasis Poulos, Stella Poulos, Nathan Watson II, and Emma Grace Watson; and 4 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his aunt, Ruth Ray and uncles, Lloyd Simmons, Roscoe Simmons, and Lonnie Simmons.

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The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

REFRAIN: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. (REFRAIN)

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. (REFRAIN)

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. (REFRAIN)



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