



## Laura Ann Simms

September 11, 1954 - May 26, 2024

Laura Ann Palmer Simms, 69, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, May 26, 2024 at Mercy Hospital Southeast.

She was born September 11, 1954 in Hayti, Missouri to Josh and Mary Helen Duncan Palmer.

She and Daniel Simms were married February 6, 1970 at Caruthersville, Missouri. He preceded her in death on April 10, 2000.

She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and her dog, Baby.

Survivors include her companion of 40 years, Rocky Jones of Cape Girardeau; two sons, Danny Simms of Cape Girardeau and Jeffrey (Rochelle Watkins) Simms of Scott City, Missouri; two daughters, Jessica (Derrick Sander) Simms and Jennifer (Derek Bollinger) Simms both of Scott City, Missouri; honorary son, Matthew; a sister, Debbie (Jim) Parish of Fort Smith, Arkansas; four brothers, Terry (Sheri) Rokosh of North Carolina, Rob Rokosh of Fort Myers, Florida, Josh (Kristina) Palmer of Chaffee, Missouri and Jess (Kari) Palmer of Fort Myers, Florida; 11 grandchildren, Devan (C.J.), Megan, Charli, Danielle, Xavier, Zach, Clayton, Brayden, Rylan, Ezra and Isaac; three great-grandchildren, Chase, Marissa and Makenna; and many nieces,

nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother, Donna Palmer; ex-husband, Daniel Simms; and two sisters.

Visitation will be 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 pm Sunday at the funeral home with the Rev. Laurie White officiating.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Memorial Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Laura told it like it was. I spent many nights with her and Rocky down on Main Street. Music always playing in the background of our talks. I thought about her alot of the years. She was a great comfort to me during the flood of 95. My heart pours out love for her children and grandchildren.

Amy Welker - June 01, 2024 at 07:33 AM

JJ

“ Judy, Jess, Kari and Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Ann Simms.

Judy, Jess, Kari and Julie - June 01, 2024 at 05:24 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laura Ann Simms.



June 01, 2024 at 05:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laura Ann Simms.



May 31, 2024 at 03:05 PM

LD

“ Love, Deborah, Donna, & Denise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Ann Simms.

Love, Deborah, Donna, & Denise - May 31, 2024 at 03:05 PM

TR

“ Terry & Sheri Rokosh purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laura Ann Simms.



Terry & Sheri Rokosh - May 31, 2024 at 01:29 PM

AS

“ Laura and I met at the baseball fields. She never missed her grandsons games, school programs, or anything that they were involved in. She was the kind of grandma that inspired me. She was sweet and funny, and it was a pleasure to know her. The consistency and security and love that she showed her grandchildren will forever remain in their hearts. She will live on in their hearts and memories. It is so hard to lose a loved one. I believe Laura is dancing with Jesus. Rest In Peace. Deepest Regards, Amanda Side's

amanda sides - May 30, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DM

I remember the first time I met Laura after she married my cousin, Danny. She was the sweetest person I had ever met. I know she loved her family very much. She will always be loved and remembered. Rest in God's arms, Laura. See you there. Love you....Deborah Simms

Deborah Simms McClinton - May 30, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DH

*My sincere condolences to Laura's family. She was a very sweet lady and adored her kids and grandkids. Rest well Laura.*  
*Denise Simms Hopkins*

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**Denise Simms Hopkins** - May 30, 2024 at 07:41 PM

JA

“ *Josh and Kim Adams purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Laura Ann Simms.*



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**Josh and Kim Adams** - May 30, 2024 at 05:39 PM