



Marilyn O. Simmons

March 16, 1925 - May 7, 2021

Marilyn O. Simmons, age 96, entered heaven on May 7, 2021. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church of Torrington Wyoming. Interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Visitation will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. on Friday May 14, 2021 at Colyer Funeral Chapel. Memorials have been established to the Wyoming Children's Society and Simmons Scholarship, Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn was born March 16, 1925, on a farm near Randolph, Nebraska, the second child of John and Amanda (Davis) Owens. She was homeschooled for a few years. When she was in the sixth grade her folks bought a farm near Carroll, Nebraska where she had her first experience of attending country school with eight grades and one teacher. The high school she attended was 3 ½ miles from home so she rode a horse to and from school regardless of weather. She graduated in 1942 as valedictorian of her class. After attending Wayne State Teachers College, she taught several years in eastern Nebraska before moving to Torrington in 1949 to teach second grade. That fall she met Robert (Bob) Lee Simmons. They were married on June 25, 1950. They ranched together on the Simmons family homestead 22 miles north of Torrington until Bob's death in 1990. Marilyn then moved to town and was an even more active volunteer in many organizations and spent time with her

family and friends.

Even though her formal teaching career ended shortly after getting married due to the distance from town and poor road conditions, her love of children and teaching continued. She was a substitute teacher and 4-H leader. She taught Sunday and Bible school for countless years. She was instrumental in starting the annual CattleWomen fourth grade tour which later turned in to the Ag Expo. She organized and proudly presented beef education.

Marilyn was baptized and confirmed in a rural Presbyterian Church in Nebraska that was the hub of a Welsh Community. While growing up, many of the older people still spoke Welsh and one Sunday each month the worship service was conducted in Welsh. She has been an active member of the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church in Torrington since 1953, serving as an Elder, Deacon, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women's Association, and all-around-volunteer for whatever was needed.

Marilyn was a charter member of Goshen CowBelles where she served as President twice. In 1994, she was honored as Goshen CattleWoman of the Year. She was also an active member of the Burge Community Club, PEO, and Eastern Star. She volunteered many years at the hospital and library. Marilyn always found a way to give back to her family, friends, and community. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two infant sons, sisters Bonnie Lou and Judith, brother-in-law Richard Temme and grandson Michael Coxbill. Marilyn is survived by many loving family members and friends who will miss her dearly including a sister Ruth (Walter) Ludwig of Chattanooga, TN, a brother Milton (Jaqulyn) Owens of Carroll, NE, son Bruce (Beth) Simmons of Torrington, WY, daughter Leanne (Fred) Correll of Saratoga, WY, six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Service

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

First Wyo United Presbyterian Church
2972 Main Street
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Carol Riley And Isabel Blunsom lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons



Carol Riley and Isabel Blunsom - July 08, 2021 at 10:04 PM

KR

“ Bruce, Leanne, and families, So sorry for the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Kerri Rose - May 20, 2021 at 07:00 PM

BP

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Marilyn will greatly be missed. She was such a sweet lady!
Joe and Barbara Peterson

Barbara Peterson - May 15, 2021 at 10:46 AM

BG

“ Bobbi Kay Giles lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons



Bobbi Kay Giles - May 14, 2021 at 02:14 PM

JZ

“ Jane Zulauf lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons



Jane Zulauf - May 13, 2021 at 11:25 AM

KF

“ Marilyn was a very sweet and special lady. She will be missed by her family, friends and the community. Prayers for Leanne, Bruce and their families 🙏🙏🙏

Kathie France - May 10, 2021 at 05:13 PM

KF

“ Kathie France lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons



Kathie France - May 10, 2021 at 05:09 PM

AG

“ Dear Leanne, Bruce, and families,

I am very sad to learn of Marilyn's death. She was a terrific lady and I am thankful I got to know her. She taught me how to be a real Sunday School teacher and she was always there to help. She always had a smile and a word of encouragement. I was happy to see her no matter where we might run into one another. I am truly sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a lovely person and it was an honor to know her. I am thinking of you all.

Andrea Griffin

ANDREA GRIFFIN - May 10, 2021 at 04:51 PM

KE

“ We were fortunate to have known your wonderful mother, in later years, after her family was grown.

Computer class together, PEO, & many social gatherings. What stands out the most was here smiling gentle nature and ready laugh.

One time during computer class, a naked lady popped up on the screen. Her comment to the instructor went something like this, “I don't believe this is supposed to be on my screen,” with a chuckle so typical of her personality.

*Our Sincere Condolences,
Howard & Karin Eisenhauer*

Karin Eisenhauer - May 10, 2021 at 03:37 PM

KW

“ *Kristy Weglin lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons*



Kristy Weglin - May 10, 2021 at 03:32 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons*



Carol Peterson - May 10, 2021 at 03:20 PM

KE

“ *Karin Eisenhauer lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons*



Karin Eisenhauer - May 10, 2021 at 03:20 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Marilyn O. Simmons*



Theil Ryan - May 10, 2021 at 02:48 PM