



Clara Lou "Tommy" Simmons

February 17, 1932 - February 6, 2017

Clara Lou "Tommy" Lawrence Simmons was born on February 17, 1932 at 2AM in Tunnel Hill, IL to Walter Lee and Bessie Adeline (McCuan) Lawrence. She departed this life on February 6, 2017 at 2:05AM at the Memorial Hospital in Carbondale. She was 84 years old.

She graduated from Vienna High School in 1949. After graduating she went to work in the Elgin Watch Factory, polishing watch crystals. She later attended Evansville Beauty College. She retired from Deaconess Hospital after 20 years as a CNA in Coronary Intensive Care and same day surgery.

After meeting on a blind date, Clara married Robert Eugene Simmons on February 16, 1957 in Goreville, IL. They were married for 51 years. He preceded her in death on June 28, 2008. She and Bob lived in Evansville, IN. for over 50 years.

After his death Clara moved to Carterville to be close to her family. She loved spending time with her family, going shopping and out to eat and also enjoyed watching the Hallmark Channel. Clara was of the Christian Faith.

In addition to her parents and husband Clara was preceded in death by- her brothers and sisters- Waldo Lawrence, William "Jim" Lawrence, Donald Ray Lawrence, Wilma Conroy and Jolene Crawford.

Clara is survived by- her daughter and son-in-law- Cathy and Bob Russell of Carterville; her grandchildren- Kristi Rapach of Ziegler, Jennifer Melfi of Cambria, Brian Russell of Cape Girardeau, MO and Tammy (Brandon) Rhoads of Goreville. She is also survived by the lights of her life, great grandchildren- India and Jack Rapach, Duncan and Wyatt Rhoads and Madeline Russell; along with several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted on Thursday afternoon, February 9, 2017 at 1PM at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Dr. Glenn Webb will officiate.

Burial will be in the Webb Cemetery near Tunnel Hill.

Visitation will be held from 11AM-1PM on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Webb Cemetery c/o Phil Webb, 5140 Tunnel Hill Road, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972.

Cemetery Details

Webb Cemetery

Webb Cemetery Lane
Tunnel Hill, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Lou "Tommy" Simmons*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Was sorry to here of Mrs Simmons passing (your loved one) she was our neighbor and enjoyed talking with her and will miss her not being around and having our talks.*

Johnny and Fern Stout

Carla Hensgen jonny and fern's daughter - February 11, 2017 at 07:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Donating to diabetes fund in memory of your loved one.*
Norm and Jean Carlile

Jean Carlile - February 08, 2017 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clara Lou "Tommy" Simmons.*

February 08, 2017 at 02:26 PM



RK

“ Ronda Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Clara Lou "Tommy" Simmons



Ronda Kaufman - February 08, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clara Lou "Tommy" Simmons.



February 07, 2017 at 09:25 PM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright lit a candle in memory of Clara Lou "Tommy" Simmons



Jane Ross Wright - February 06, 2017 at 11:08 PM

JW

Sending our prayers and love. Jane and Clearon Wright..

Jane Ross Wright - February 06, 2017 at 11:09 PM

BB

Your in our prayers. I'm glad I got to talk to you. Hopefully we will see you down the road. Love you both. Bob and gloria

Bob and Gloria Blumberg - February 08, 2017 at 04:08 PM

MI

*So very sorry for your loss! You were blessed by such a dear lady!
Thinking of you. Mickey (Martin) Finch*

Mickey - February 08, 2017 at 07:32 PM