



Mamie P. Simmons

October 30, 1922 - February 25, 2019

Mamie P. (Sledge) Simmons, 96, of Texico, passed away at 8:20 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2019, at Hamilton Memorial Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, in McLeansboro.

She was born October 30, 1922, in Marion, Illinois, the daughter of Raymond and Ruby (Humphrey) Sledge. On January 9, 1942, in St. Charles, Missouri, she married Eugene Simmons, and he preceded her in death on May 31, 1991.

She graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School, and was a member of Panther Fork Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed growing roses. Mamie worked as a bookkeeper for Byrd-Watson Pharmacy, in Mt. Vernon, before she retired at age 85, endured and recovered from heart valve transplant at age 90, and passed her driver's license exam in October 2018, at the age of 96. According to family stories, she was a very amazing lady.

Mrs. Simmons is survived by two sons, Gary G. Simmons of Kansas City, Missouri, and Ronald R. Simmons and his wife Jo Ann (King) Simmons of Glenville, Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Wilma Nadine (Sledge) Jenkins of Centralia, and Minnie Ann (Sledge) Maronski of Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

In addition to her husband, Eugene Simmons, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Leigh (Simmons) Hester; one son-in-law, Tommy Lee Hester; one daughter-in-law, Marcia M. (Thorsen) Simmons; two brothers, Walter R. Sledge and Lester F. Sledge; and two sisters, Edith M. (Sledge) Ellis

and Mabel M. (Sledge) Alvis.

Funeral services for Mrs. Simmons will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 1, 2019, at Panther Fork Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. John Ashby officiating. Burial will follow at Panther Fork Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 28, 2019, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. Memorial gifts may be made to Panther Fork Missionary Baptist Church, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Panther Fork Cemetery

Texico, IL 62889

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
Dix, IL 62830
(618) 266-7231
office@osbornfuneral.com
<https://www.osbornfuneral.com>

Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Panther Fork Missionary Baptist Church
Texico, IL 62889

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Sorry I did not get to attend any of the services for Mamie...I always enjoyed the times when I would see her. She always had a smile and a joyful attitude. I had received a nice letter from her a couple of years ago which I will always treasure... Gary and Ron, you have my sympathy. Elizabeth (Libby) Parker Wilson

ElizabethWilson - March 01, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ I had planned to attend the service today, but fear icy spots and having someone having to rescue me. Mamie's father, Ray and my father, Moss Sledge, were first cousins, and our families through the years have shared much. I enjoyed visiting with Mamie when we both worked in downtown Mt. Vernon, was neighbors for a time with Linda and Tom and their family. So many memories over the years.

Margie Carrell - March 01, 2019 at 10:47 AM

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“ Gary and Ron,
I regret that I am not able to attend your mother's funeral service today. We have moved to Savoy to be nearer to our sons.
I notice that your mother was born about four months before my mother. Our mom passed at age 66. I am glad your mother was with you for so long. She was, indeed, an amazing lady.
May your sorrow fade quickly and your warm memories last forever.

Tom Courtney, Mt.VTHS 1962

Brian Courtney - March 01, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mamie P. Simmons.*



February 27, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mamie P. Simmons.*



February 27, 2019 at 09:19 AM