



Carol Simmons

August 13, 1942 - November 21, 2025

Carol Burgess Simmons, 83, a beloved daughter, mother, wife, sister, friend, and “Moppy,” passed away peacefully in her home on November 21, 2025 with her devoted husband Rodger and loyal dog Gracie by her side.

Carol was born August 13, 1942 in Saco, Maine to Vernon and Frances Edgecomb Burgess. Carol, her sister Dianne, and parents lived in the house her father built from trees hand-cut trees brought in by horse and sleigh. Carol’s mother lived in that house until she was 90 years old. Rodger and Carol’s children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and many other friends and family spent several summers in Maine, always staying in the Burgess family home.

Carol stayed in contact with many of her childhood friends and visited often. She loved taking her family around where she grew up and showing them all the good places to eat.

Carol graduated from Thornton Academy and was the head majorette. After graduation, she moved to Washington DC and met Rodger Simmons while they were both working for the FBI. The couple married on April 21, 1962, in Saco, Maine. They celebrated 63 years of marriage this year. Rodger and Carol moved to Bloomfield, Iowa after Jennifer was born.

In Bloomfield, they raised their two daughters. Carol babysat many children and also worked for the newspaper. She was very involved in her daughter's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's lives. Her grandchildren called her Moppy, and eventually most people referred to her as Moppy as well. Although her life mostly revolved around her family, she did have other hobbies. Carol loved the simple joys that made life special - playing cards and bingo, cooking and baking for friends and family, organizing and planning any event that needed her touch, cleaning with pride, and for 32 years, she cherished helping her daughter Jill at the Davis County Elementary School, always saying it gave her purpose and joy.

Carol loved making the holidays special for her family, always planning and preparing to make them perfect. Her family lovingly called her Christmas Carol because she made every holiday magical with warmth, joy, and unforgettable traditions.

Carol is survived by her husband Rodger Simmons; two daughters, Jennifer (Scott) Wilson of Marengo, Illinois, Jill (Jim) Nelson of Bloomfield, Iowa; six grandchildren, Tyler, Laura, Kassie, Paige, Dylan, Madeline; six great-grandchildren, London, Beckham, Theo, Alex, Warren, Wolfgang; and her sister, Dianne Burke of Maine.

Carol was preceded in death by her father in 1988, her mother in 2017, her father-in-law in 2019, and mother-in-law in 2021.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Mutchler Center on Saturday, November 29 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Please stop by to share your favorite Carol stories. We will honor her with the things she loved most: family, playing cards, and, of course, Bingo! In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ Community Church or Good Samaritan Society Hospice.

Thank you, Moppy, for loving us so well!

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mutcher Center
900 E. North St.
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Tribute Wall

GC

“ Gloria C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Simmons.

Gloria C. - November 27, 2025 at 11:45 AM

KA

“ So sad to lose a classmate and good friend. I have many memories of times we spent together: Bridge Club, Red Hat gatherings, Super Bowl Parties and sharing her delicious fruit cups! YUM! God bless the Simmmons' family during this difficult time. Karen and Tom Prosapio

Karen - November 24, 2025 at 02:18 PM

LR

“ LYNN ROBERTS lit a candle in memory of Carol Simmons



LYNN ROBERTS - November 23, 2025 at 07:26 PM

JA

“ Jennifer and Jill, we are so sorry for your loss. I remember hanging out at the Simmons household so fun and welcoming. Take care. Steve and Julie Augspurger

Julie Augspurger - November 23, 2025 at 01:09 PM

SL

“ Steve Lowe lit a candle in memory of Carol Simmons



Steve lowe - November 23, 2025 at 12:34 PM

GS

“ Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Carol Simmons



Georgia Stevens - November 22, 2025 at 10:43 PM