



## M. Lorraine Simmons

July 11, 1923 - November 4, 2021

Mildred Lorraine Simmons passed away November 4, 2021 at the Bloomfield Care Center. She was born July 11, 1923 to Arlo Shook and Ora Gordy Shook, the oldest of 6 children. Growing up in the midst of the Great Depression, she learned that having a lot of fun was much more important than having a lot of possessions. She married J. Rex Simmons on July 3, 1940 in Centerville, Iowa. For 78 years together, they demonstrated a love and commitment to each other and to their family that exemplified what marriage and family should be.

Lorraine's life was focused on her husband, her children, and her grandchildren. When they were first married, Lorraine and Rex ran the switchboard in Drakesville. When Rex went off to serve his country in the Pacific during World War II, Lorraine kept the home fires burning, caring for their young son Rodger on her own until Rex returned. As Rex built a business to support their growing family, Lorraine supported Rex and the kids with unconditional love and lots of homemade food. She supported her kids' interests and activities by joining the PTA and the Band Boosters, by serving as a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts and helping with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She lent her time and efforts to build a new school and to get girls basketball started in Davis County. She baked countless cupcakes and pies for school and church fundraisers. She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary and other service organizations that focused on helping and

supporting others.

Lorraine also believed in having fun. She belonged to several card clubs and played Bingo as long as she could still see the cards. She learned to play golf with Rex, and she was always up for games with the grandchildren. Holidays at her house were characterized by too much food and the right amount of fun. She liked to fish and to read and to watch Cubs and Cardinals baseball. When Rex retired, they spent the winters in Florida, and eventually a number of friends and relatives moved down to be near them. But Lorraine's heart was always in her hometown where she could be near her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Lorraine is survived by a son, Rodger (Carol) Simmons of Bloomfield; a daughter, Lana (Larry) Boone of Lake City, Florida; a daughter, Rhonda (Clayton) Eakins of Bloomfield; and a daughter-in-law Marsha (Terry) Wilhoit of Batavia; two sisters, Rowena Fletcher and Molly Williams; a brother, Martin Shook of West Des Moines; 7 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex; son, Brian, parents; two sisters, Coleen Vorhis and Crystal Webb; son-in-law, Larry Boone; granddaughter, Jessica Eakins; and a great-grandson, Reece Boone.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church with Pastor Thom Bryant officiating. Burial will be at the Drakesville Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Clayton Eakins, Terry Wilhoit, Jim Nelson, Dylan Nelson, Jared Eakins, Eric Boone and Ryan Boone. Visitation with family present to greet friends will be from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Memorials have been established to the Bloomfield United Methodist Church

and Good Samaritan Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Drakesville Cemetery

Drakesville, IA 52552

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family Present

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bloomfield United Methodist Church  
401 E. North St.  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

## Funeral Services

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bloomfield United Methodist Church  
401 E. North St.  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Tribute Wall



“ *M. Lorraine Simmons*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *I got to know Lorraine at the Care Center while visiting my husband, Charlie. She and Rhonda or Rodger sat at the same table for supper as we did.*

*Sometimes I would play and sing before supper. Lorraine always wanted to be there and lived the music! She'd applaud after every song and was so happy listening and sometimes singing along! I will never forget her and our special time ( even tho it was only 3 years) we spent together !  
Her wonderful family will be in my prayers!*

**karen spargur** - November 07, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Lorraine and Rex welcomed us into their home whenever we visited Florida. We visited our dear friends, Rodger and Carol, in Bloomfield and enjoyed knowing many of the Simmons family. What a loving family. We rejoice knowing that Lorraine and Rex are now together. Wayne and Jeanne Shaw, Annapolis, MD*



**Jeanne Shaw** - November 06, 2021 at 09:25 PM

BM

“ *The Family of Lorraine Simmons: So sorry for your loss. May God Bless Each and Everyone, in this time of sorrow and always. I have know the name of Lorraine and Rex all my life. Roger used to be our Milk Man. I might be wrong but it runs thru my mind that I would see Lorraine up at the Old soldiers and Settlers we would have a nice chat . Somewhere in the roots of Family we are related, on the Simmons side. Bless you*

Barbie Meredith - November 06, 2021 at 08:35 PM

BM

“ *The Family of Lorraine Simmons: So Sorry for your loss, May God Bless Each and Everyone, in this time of sorrow, May he give you the comfort you need.*



Barbie Meredith - November 06, 2021 at 08:21 PM

EG

“ *Edward & Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of M. Lorraine Simmons*



Edward & Regina Gooden - November 05, 2021 at 09:07 PM

LR

“ *I am so sorry about Larrie prayers and sympathy to the family Lynn Robedts*

Lynn roberts - November 05, 2021 at 07:54 PM

LR

“ Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of M. Lorraine Simmons



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Lynn roberts - November 05, 2021 at 07:52 PM

NH

“ So sorry for the loss you feel, but so grateful for all the happy memories you all share of your loved one. May God's Love comfort all of you. ❤️🙏❤️



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Nancy Holt - November 05, 2021 at 07:36 PM

JA

“ To Lorraine's family, you have my deepest sympathy. I always thought a lot of Rex and Lorraine (in my childhood and as an adult). They were both so kind and open to people.

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Jackie - November 05, 2021 at 06:08 PM