



Barbara J. Simon

October 11, 1942 - December 10, 2019

Barbara J. Simon, age 77, of Bourbonnais passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at her home. She was born October 11, 1942 in Creal Springs, the daughter of Elmer & Evelyn (Bonds) Richey. Barbara married Roger Dean Simon on October 4, 1972 in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2007.

Barbara enjoyed gardening, fishing, and reading. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Kathleen Landry Degen of Bourbonnais and Monica & David Borle of Westminster, MD; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Mark & Kristine Simon of Morris and Matthew & Sharon Simon of Bourbonnais; twelve grandchildren, Derek Smith, Hollee (Christian) Gaytan, Austin Rouse, Kasey Degen, Grant Simon, Katelyn Powers, Charlotte Borle, Alyssa (Andrew) Grogan, Roger Simon, Alex Simon, Andrew Simon, and Julia Simon; eight great-grandchildren, Lane Brown, Gabriel Smith, Clara Smith, Cruz Gaytan, Emilio Gaytan, Esme Gaytan, Celeste Feist, and Aislinn Rouse; and one brother, Grant Richey of Thomsonville. In addition to her husband, Roger Simon, Barbara is preceded in death by her parents; her children, Tammy Landry and Randy Landry; her first husband, Jim Landry; two sisters, Betty Casey and Margie Williams; and one brother, Danny Richey. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 14, 2019 also at the funeral home. Burial will follow

at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **13.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

DEC **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Where can I start.... words can not saay how much she will be missed.. My grandmother was a saint and always went above and beyond to help anyone who needed it. She would never give up on those she loved no matter what the cause. No matter how many times you fell down she would always help you back up... She was an amazing person to everyone she encountered and will never be forgotten and sadly missed.. I love you grandma you are our angel now.

Austin Rouse - February 07, 2020 at 11:58 PM

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Austin Rouse - February 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ My grandmother was one of the sweetest, most loving, caring, and strong women I know. She always took care of everyone around her and would do anything to make sure her family was safe. I'm gonna miss my grandma every day of my life but I know she is finding some comfort being back with grandpa again. Love you grandma ,always.

Kasey - December 13, 2019 at 02:21 PM

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“ I think Barbara Simon has always been our guardian angel. . As almost lifelong neighbors, we loved the sweetness of the Roger Simon tomatoes and Barbara's cucumbers with a little bit of Barb's salsa season anything ---anytime.. Everything was always just as delicious as our summer visits in her wonderful yard or my living room floor.

One early morning, I ran to Barbara when my husband collapsed in our garage. She and her dear Austin came----- and while Austin courageously lifted my beloved husband with our other neighbor--- Barbara held my hand and didn't let go for a long time. From that moment on---- I repeatedly told her she was our guardian angel in residence.

. I admired her so. I admired her extraordinary love of her beautiful family and everything and everyone she touchedgrew and flourished including her precious friendship.. My heartfelt condolences to you all--- from Gatsby and me..

Heaven just got a new guardian angel.

Love,

Lana Brown
Heather, Justin, and Blair
And Gatsby

Lana Brown - December 12, 2019 at 09:51 PM

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“ *I have millions of great memories of my grandma. Some of my most treasured are memories of grandma holding my children when they were babies. She would snuggle them tight and talk about how much she loved to hold babies and how calm it made her feel. That always made me think of how she must have snuggled me when I was a baby. She was an amazing grandmother and will be sorely missed.*

hollee gaytan - December 12, 2019 at 09:02 PM