



## Barbara Jean Simpson

February 1, 1937 - August 11, 2012

Barbara Jean Simpson, 75, of Forum, Arkansas, died August 11, 2012 at the Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born February 1, 1937 at Forum, Arkansas, the daughter of Densel and Nettie Marshall Vanhook. She was retired from the Pulaski County Special School District in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she worked as a cafeteria manager. She was a member of the Forum Church of Christ and a board member of the Marshall Cemetery where she served as secretary. She enjoyed watching the birds from her kitchen table and also enjoyed quilting and embroidering. She loved spending time with her family and friends. One of her greatest pleasures was cooking for her family and friends because there was no greater joy than having them sitting around her table and eating and reminiscing and making new memories. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Joe Wayne Simpson and Arnold "Fred" Larson, her parents, two brothers, Doyle Vanhook and Lindell "Pete" Vanhook and one grandson, Jeremy Wayne Penix. Survivors include: one son, Kendell Simpson of the home; two daughters and one son-in-law, Denise Knoff of the home and Deanna and John Hardin of Maumelle, Arkansas; two brothers, Carol Vanhook of Kamas, Utah and Frankie Earl Vanhook of Forum, Arkansas; two sisters-in-law, Jean Vanhook and Annette Vanhook, both of Forum, Arkansas; five grandchildren, Danielle Gatlin, Nathan Hardin, Jessica Hardin, Morgan Hardin and Bryce Simpson and three great-grandchildren, James "Hayden" Pate, Bradley Brown and Cruz Hardin. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, August

15, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with Robert Waters and Gary Smith, Ministers officiating. Interment will be in the Marshall Cemetery at Forum, Arkansas under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home [www.brashearsfuneralhome.net](http://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net) of Huntsville, Arkansas. Pallbearers will be: David Vanhook, Brian Vanhook, Rob Vanhook, Jason Vanhook, Anthony Simpson and Eric Simpson. Honorary pallbearers will be: Nathan Hardin, Nick Rappold, Bryce Simpson, James "Hayden" Pate, Bradley Brown, Cruz Hardin, Gary Vanhook, Lyn Falkner, Floy Bob Cartmell, Greg Simpson, Clay Simpson, Todd Easterling and Jason Phillips. The family will receive friends at their home on Tuesday, August 14, from 6:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. Memorial may be made to the Marshall Cemetery, 6848 Madison 8500, Huntsville, Arkansas 72740.

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ You have wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. May you find comfort in them knowing that is what Barb would want. Keeping you close in thought and prayer.

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**Dale & Peg** - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I'm so sorry!

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**Jeffrey Hobbs** - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My sympathy to the family and loved ones of Barb. She was a friendly, kind lady everytime I was around her and I will miss her kind smile. She and Joe were favorites of mine within the church at Forum. They were always friendly and had a smile. I can't be there today, but will be thinking of her and the family. My prayers for you. Sincerly, Rita

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**Rita Sharp** - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To all friends and Family, I wish to express my sympathy and condolences to all of you, Barbara was a great person.

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**Danny L. Ray** - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dee, we are sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. we love you and John and family, let us know if you need anything.*

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**Karen Wofford** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *May each of you find peace that she is not suffering anymore, may you find joy in the memories, and may you find comfort through prayer and God's word.*

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**Tommy & Rhonda Theis** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *I pray that in the days to come that the Lord will comfort you and ease your pain with fond memories of Ms Barbara and the wonderful times that you were blessed to share together. Also, find comfort in knowing that she is with 3her loving husband and parents and many more who have preceeded her in this journey and most of all, she is celebrating at the feet of Jesus. My prayers are with you all!*

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**Michael & Rhonda Thornsberry** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Denise and family...  
You've had so much to bear my heart is aching with sorrow and grief. I pray God gives you a time of peace and many joyful memories to ease your suffering and loss. Words can never suffice at a time like this. Just rest assured you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. I can't remember if it was Thanksgiving or Christmas when the kids and I stopped by, but the time we spent with you and your mother was truly wonderful and memorable. God bless you and yours...*

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**Charles Hale, Jr.** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *Barbara Jean Simpson*

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**missy valentine** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Deanna, Heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Your family is in my prayers and thoughts.*

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**Sowmya Patil** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *luv u grandma barb what a spectacular woman we all have an angel watching over us now and she is with joe and jeremy and everyone else*

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**michelle harris** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Deanna - May the memories of your mother comfort you over the coming days. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sam & Shelli Garcia** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Denise, Kendal, Deanna, I was so sorry to hear about Barbara when I called Saturday.*

*I am glad we stopped in Huntsville and called you. Denise thanks for calling.*

*We had some good times as neighbors when you lived in Sherwood You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bill & Janice Muse** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU. WISH I COULD GET THERE TO BE WITH YOU ALL. JUST KNOW MY HEART IS. LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL. CARLA AND AARON

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**CARLA HENDERSON HATFIELD** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Deanna, John, and family, keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love Meghan, David, Lauren and Ethan.*

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**Meghan Baser** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of Aunt Barb. I am sorry that we will be unable to make it up there to be with the family. Know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Clay Simpson** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *May your family find peace and comfort in memories of Barbara. God Bless. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Jim & Debbie Beaver*

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**Jim & Debbie Beaver** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *We are thinking of you and your family at this time. God bless you all, Charlotte & Kenny Gaines*

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**Charlotte Gaines** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Barbara and I met the first day of high school and have been friends ever since. Although our adult lives took us in different directions, we always maintained that high school bond.

*I will miss Barbara and my thought are with her children and grandchildren.*

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**Edna Smith** - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My heart is breaking ! You will forever be in our hearts. sending prayers of comfort to the family!  
Denise, Deanna and Kendall I love you very much

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**sharon and harry woodell** - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I am so grateful to have gotten to call Barbara "Grandma". Since the first time I met her, she always made me feel like I have been family. Jason & I argue on who she liked more...him or me. Come to find out, she had a way about her that made everyone who knew her feel like they were the most important. We will miss her dearly.

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**Kelly & Bradley Brown; Jason & Breyanna Phillips** - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM