



## Mark Simmons

February 16, 1955 - May 1, 2021

Mark Lee Simmons, 66, of Huntsville; died Saturday, May 1, 2021, at home. He was born Wednesday, February 16, 1955, at Barstow, California; to Richard Lee and Mary Sophie Simmons.

Mark married Candi Ozenia Rosa on Friday, July 1, 1977, at Barstow, California; and together they were parents to two children. He retired from military service after proudly serving his country for 21 years as a United States Marine; was a cook for 20 years for the Huntsville High School, and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Mark loved to help others, was an amazing husband and father, and was loved by the school students where he cooked.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister-in-law, Mary Simmons. He is survived by his wife, Candi of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Alicia Simmons of Elkins; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Bill Casey of Rogers; four grandchildren, Liliann Wages, Jett Simmons, Malia Buchanan, and Raylee Casey. He is also survived by his three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Linda Lingren of Witter; Bonnie and Joe Cap of Daggett, California; Cindy and Steve Price of Springdale; two brothers, Richard Simmons, Jr., of Aurora; and Dan Simmons of Georgia; and lots of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Thursday, May 20, 2021, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 2:00 PM, Monday, May 24, 2021, at Calvary Baptist Church with Larry Mitchell officiating. Pallbearers will

be Brian Simmons, Thomas Lingren, Robert Moore, Pat Brown, Norm Markley, and Jason Salter. Interment will immediately follow services at Aurora Cemetery, Huntsville. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Tribute Wall

GR

“ I would like to recognize my dearly departed brother-in-law, Mark Simmons, who tragically died on my birthday this year.

*I had known him practically my entire life. He always made me feel welcome when I came to visit my sister and him and their children and grandchildren. Even though I was the only vegetarian at family meals, he always made sure I had something cooked to order in pans washed safely clean of any trace of meat before preparation. He was more careful with my meals than I am myself.*

*Although we had very different political views, Mark always made me feel honored as a guest in his home. When I would thank him for being such a wonderful host, he would say, "Well, we want you to come visit us again." And I did, over and over. The hospitality of their home helped me forge an unbreakable bond with their family. I will always be grateful for how he has taken care of my sister and their children and grandchildren.*

*Mark, we will miss you forever. Your heritage lives on in your beautiful family and in those of us who were blessed to know and love you.*

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**Ginger Rosa** - July 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ You were my cousin, but you were like a brother to me. We had SO many good times and memories that'll last forever. I'll miss you sorely, buddy.

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**Bill Boyd** - May 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I'll miss you bro

Joe - May 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Prayers to everyone 🙏



Debby Frew - May 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Charlinda Reeves and Family - May 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - May 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Linda, Tom, Bonnie, and family:

*We are so very sorry for your profound loss. Our hearts grieve with you, and prayers for your family are unceasing. While we did not know Mark personally, it is clear your family has lost an incredible person.*

*We thank God for the hope that we have in Christ, "Whoever believes and lives in me shall never die" (John 11:26), and pray that this hope comforts your aching hearts. With love and prayers, the Hilarides family.*

Greg and Nanette Hilarides - May 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Our sincerest condolences.* ”



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**Mark & Mary Lynn Rothenberg** - May 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I only met Mark one time when he came to my house to help Brian pick up some furniture. I will never forget his kindness and how friendly he was, insisting on helping us load some furniture that was going to storage and then insisting on following to the storage facility to help unload it. I know how much his family will miss such a wonderful man and my heart is broken for you.* ”

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**Joan Smith** - May 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with the family.* ”

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**Joetta Smith** - May 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.* ”

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**Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith** - May 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Went through Military Police School with Mark In 1976 , then off to MCAS Yuma. While in Yuma remembering he ask if I wanted to ride to Daggett, Ca, did not even hesitate even though I had no idea where that was.. Was there in MCAS, Yuma where he was had a rattle snake bite while on patrol and still apprehended the suspect. Stationed In Okinawa with him. And saw him the last time while he was a MCLB, Barstow, Ca. A lot of memories of The Marine PFC to Gunny when I knew him. May he rest in Peace. My prayers to His family.

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**Nathan Lain** - May 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Hugs to all. He will surely be missed



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**Nancy Raines** - May 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I served with Mark in the Marines. We first met on Hawaii 1977. Then we were in Bartow CA. He was my SNCO the Gunny !! He was a great Marine !!! Hard working he loved his country and the Marine Corps. We were together at Cherry Point N.C . In 2017 Mark and Candi came to visit us in N.H. We had a great time !!! He will be dearly miss . Love you my Brother

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**Randy McNally** - May 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Joyc worked with Mark at the school. we are keeping you and your family in our loss. A tragic loss.



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**Don and Joyce Scates** - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ I worked with Mark at the high school cafeteria in the late 90's till 2002. He was the kindest man, so helpful to all the women in the kitchen. My heart breaks for his family...my prayers to you all. RIP Mark.

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**Jimmie Yatrosky** - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Family,  
I was heart sick when I read of Mark's passing. I taught at school and had many events in the cafeteria. Though it was never a part of his job, he always came out and helped me with set up and sometimes clean up. I learned what a really good person he was and felt honored to know him.

Please know that I will remember him always and will be thinking of you, his family.

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**Pattie S Shinn** - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM