



Patricia Ann Friel

October 14, 1941 - July 8, 2024

Patricia Ann Simmons Friel 82 years old (1941 to 2024) went to be with her Lord on July 8, 2024.

She grew up near Marlinton, WV and went to school from the first grade through High School in Marlinton. She graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in Christian Education in 1964 and Western Montana College in 1992 with a teaching degree. She enjoyed homemaking, teaching, Church work and she especially loved babysitting.

Growing up she was quite active in Church, the 4-H club throughout the state and active in HS Choir. She traveled to Jackson Mills for several summers for the 4-H activities. While in college she was active each summer with Church Vacation Bible programs throughout WV. She went to college with the idea of becoming a missionary, and although she never became a missionary, she was quite active in Christian work all of her life. She volunteered at the Christian School for several years, taught Sunday School most of her life, Vacation Bible School during the summer, Church Secretary, Church Financial secretary and the Gideons. She volunteered extensively at the New Hope Pregnancy Center and the Baptist Student program at Montana School of Mines.

Pat touched many lives and those who knew her loved and appreciated her loving nature. There was a flood of visitors and well-wishers as her health deteriorated. Pat will be sadly missed by all.

With her Husband Leroy Friel (60 years) she lived in West Virginia, Georgia (6

years), Maine (6 years) and Montana for 48 years. She also ventured to Mexico City for seven months in 1983.

She is Survived by her husband Leroy Friel and daughter Catherine Friel of Butte Montana; an older brother Jim Simmons in Bangkok Thailand. Also, she is survived by two sisters-in-laws Dreama Sharp Simmons of WV and "Pug" Oglesby Simmons of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her father James Clem Simmons; her mother Jane Estelle Sharp Simmons, brother Mark Allen Simmons 1976, brother Gene Simmons; brother Marvin Simmons and brother Cliff Marvin Simmons. Funeral services will be Friday July 19th at Park Street Baptist Church and 11 am with meal to follow. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (MT)

Park Street Baptist Church
915 W. Park Street
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the InterMountain Association of The Gideons International, I offer our deepest condolences to Leroy and the extended Friel and Simmons families. The legacy of Pat's life, serving faithfully in the Gideons Auxiliary is an inspiration to many. Now may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding be with you and comfort you in your hour of need. May God bless, Carl Elhard, IMA chaplain

Carl W. Elhard, IMA chaplain of The Gide - July 11, 2024 at 11:13 AM