



*Julia Rose Simmons
Raines*

March 31, 1941 - June 8, 2020

Julia Rose Simmons Raines, 79, of Morganton died Monday, June 8, 2020. Born March 31, 1941, Rose was the wife of the late Captain William (Bill) A. Raines, USN Ret. and the daughter of the late Henry Harold Simmons and Julia Kelly Simmons.

Originally from Newport, Rose traveled throughout the country as a dedicated military wife, devoted mother, and dynamic volunteer in every community she and Bill lived. As an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rose has coordinated, hosted, and served a monthly free luncheon for senior citizens, Happy Tuesday, for the past 18 years. Rose's gifts of hospitality and caregiving were treasured by all who knew her. Since 2013, Rose's battle with ovarian cancer – as she demonstrated faith, grace, joy, strength, hope, humor, compassion, and a constant “never give up” attitude – served as a source of inspiration to people around the world as her story was shared on social media.

Those left to cherish Rose's memory include her sons, Danny Raines (Jessica) and Mark Raines; grandchildren, Hannah and Justin Raines; and siblings, Gilbert Neal Simmons, Larry Dale Simmons, Rachel Simmons Wolf, Laretta Simmons Whaley, Rita Simmons Mottern, Jessie Simmons Harrington, and Ann Simmons Ray.

In addition to her husband and parents, Rose was preceded in death by her siblings,

Horace Moore Simmons, Troy Mason (Dick) Simmons, Gaston Shepard Simmons, and William McKinley (Billy) Simmons.

The family will have a private graveside service for Rose's family at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery with Rev. Margaret Ashby officiating. [A memorial](#)

[service to celebrate Rose's life was held at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2021 in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home.](#)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Happy Tuesday Fund, 1865 N Powerhouse Rd, Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.