



Monica Simons

December 26, 1956 - July 5, 2012

Monica Simons, age 55 of Carroll, passed away early Thursday morning, July 5, 2012 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2012 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Pianist will be Elise Pick. Lectors for the funeral mass will be Nicholas Halbur and Michael Mueller. Gift Bearers will be Kay Chambers, Susan Becker, Carolyn Ehlers and Rose Thomas. Eucharistic Ministers will be Denise Mueller and Mary Ann Borkowski. Casket Bearers will be: Brent Simons, Tyler Simons, Meghan Shelley, Michael Mueller, Dr. Jason Mueller, Nicholas Halbur and Amy Abraham. Monica's Heartland AEA colleagues and the Pink Ribbon Ladies will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 2:30 p.m. on Sunday where there will be a rosary at 3 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service by Holy Spirit Parish at 5 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 9 a.m. on Monday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the Carroll County Relay for Life or for Kuemper Catholic Schools Elementary Library – Holy Spirit Building.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in

Carroll and online condolences may be left for Monica's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on December 26, 1956 at Carroll, Iowa, Monica was the daughter of Elmer and Leola (Baumhover) Simons. She spent most of her lifetime in the Carroll community and graduated in 1975 from Kuemper Catholic High School. Monica attended and graduated from Briar Cliff and later continued her schooling at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, graduating in 1982 with a Masters in Speech and Language Pathology. She worked as a Speech and Language Pathologist in Albion, Nebraska for a brief time before returning to the Carroll area where she continued her career with Heartland AEA, retiring in May of 2012. She will be most admired for her dedication to the many children she helped in her specialized field. Monica enjoyed her cat Millie, traveling, Star Trek and walking with her friends. She loved children, especially her nieces and nephews and was a special part of their lives.

Monica was active in the Carroll Community Choir, Holy Spirit Parish Spirit Singers, Breast Cancer Support Group, Pink Ribbon Ladies, American Speech-Language & Hearing Association, Iowa Speech- Language & Hearing Association, and was a member of Holy Spirit Church in Carroll.

Monica is survived by her father, Elmer Simons of Carroll; one brother, Greg (Connie) Simons of Carroll; two sisters, Denise (Ron) Mueller of Bettendorf, and Claudia (Joe) Halbur of Carroll; her nieces and nephews: Brent Simons of Carroll, Tyler (Sarah) Simons of Carroll, Meghan (Troy) Shelley of Waukee, Michael (Kyann) Mueller of LeClaire, Dr. Jason (Kristen) Mueller of North Liberty, Nicholas (Joanna) Halbur of Omaha, and Amy (Dr. Mark) Abraham of La Crosse, WI; 10 great nieces and nephews; as well as several aunts, uncles and other extended relatives.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; and her mother, Leola Simons in April of 2009.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Dear Mr. Simons and family, I just learned of Monica's passing when I read her obituary online, today. Please accept my deepest condolences. I attended graduate school at the University of South Dakota with Monica between 1979 and 1981 or so and we kept in touch through the years. Monica was my closest friend in graduate school and for that I will always be glad. My silliest memory of our time at school was in the first semester we were at USD. The ROTC had a set up at the library in which people could rappel down the side of I.D. Weeks library. So, Monica and I did just that. My fondest memory is getting to see her again in North Dakota a few years after we graduated. Monica was a trooper and she never gave up at anything. Her family was her greatest joy in this world and she was always happy to share that joy with others. May God be near you in your grief and know that I will keep the repose of Monica's soul in my prayers.

Mary Reinhardt - April 08, 2013 at 06:20 PM

CW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Monica at the elementary school in Manning. I was a sign language interpreter for a deaf student. Monica worked with this student for many years. I have many wonderful memories of Monica. She was a wonderful woman and touched the lives of many children. I learned alot from Monica and will never forget the love, patience and compassion she showed for the children she worked with. I know Monica will be missed by the many lives she touched.

Crista White - July 06, 2012 at 10:52 PM

JA

“ Special prayers go out to Monica's family. She will be missed.

Jennifer Auen - July 06, 2012 at 06:46 PM

RT

“ *From one Pink Ribbon Lady to another I will truly miss you my dear sister. Watch over us. You will be always in my thoughts and in my heart.*

Rose Thomas - July 06, 2012 at 11:45 AM

KL

“ *Monica was one of the first AEA personnel to work with my son Eric. She was always so pleasant and patient with him even though every time he was given a chance a free choice he would choose to have Monica sing and do finger plays to "Itsy Bitsy Spider". She was an extremely courageous woman and will be missed.*

Kathy Lage - July 05, 2012 at 10:31 PM