



## Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins

December 15, 1951 - November 6, 2019

Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins 67 of Beech Creek, WV, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. She lost her battle with cancer while she was a patient at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Charleston, with her family by her side.

On December 15, 1951, Kathy was born to the late Jack Varney and Freda (Rowe) Varney in Williamson, WV. Most of her early life she lived in the Newtown, WV, and she graduated from Matewan High School.

Kathy was a devoted wife to her husband, Randy Keith Simpkins of Beech Creek, who survives her. They have two sons, Randy Jack Simpkins of Louisville, KY and James Jeremy Simpkins of Poca, WV. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Tara, and her beloved granddaughter, Dakota J. Simpkins of Poca. Her brother, Kenny Varney and his wife Barbara of Newtown, WV, also survives her, along with her niece, Rhonda Akers and her nephew, Kenny Varney and his wife Monica.

In addition to being a full time wife and mother, she worked as office manager in several of Simpkins family businesses, the last of which was S&S Recycling near Ragland, WV. Intelligent, dependable, honest and personable she was highly regarded by everyone who she dealt with. She will be greatly missed. Though Kathy juggled work and family with grace, her greatest love was her Lord Jesus Christ. She was active in her local church for many years in various duties. She was a member of the Matewan Assembly of God, where she was loved by all.

Kathy was a precious addition in the Simpkins Family, who grieves deeply about her passing. No family gathering will be the same without her. She also was cherished by so many friends who were acquainted with her. She treated her friends as her family, because that was just the way she was. She loved people.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Chafin Funeral Home Chapel in Delbarton, WV, at 3:00pm. Kathy's pastor, Lowell Sparks and Rev. Terry Blankenship will lead the service. She will be buried at the Simpkins Cemetery at Beech Creek, WV.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home  
215 Riverside Drive  
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<https://www.chafinfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Taughts & prayers go out to the family of Kathy,s I was raised in newtown and she was always a very special lady always a smile and had a great personality. Randy praying for you and that God gives you. Strength to comfort you in The days ahead .*



**Jeannie Lester Dotson** - November 12, 2019 at 11:19 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Kathy was little older than I but we grew up in same town. May God bless and comfort the family. Many prayers*



**Vicky Kennedy Sammons** - November 09, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ *Estalene Lester lit a candle in memory of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins*



**Estalene Lester** - November 09, 2019 at 03:32 PM

EL

*No matter how long we went before seeing each other, when we did it as though no time had passed! We hugged and talked for a long time, but we always shared a few tears for the hard events in life we shared! You always showed up when I needed you...my parents become James' mamaw and papaw! We've been connected for a long time and I will see you again someday! I love you Miss Kathy and I love yours!*

Estalene Lester - November 09, 2019 at 03:39 PM

JS

*So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing, it is our loss n heavens gain. If we were all like Kathy this would be a wonderful world, I'm especially sorry for her children, which she spoke of often with love n more love. Also, Kenny which I know she cherished. God bless this family is my sincere prayer.*

Judy Bailey Simpkins - November 09, 2019 at 09:20 PM

MK

*“ I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. It had been several yrs since I last seen her. I will be thinking of the family. Kathy's mother Freda was a first cousin of mine. Freda dad Kenneth was my moms, Kelsie Lester, brother...We always looked forward to their visits. Will be thinking of the family today.*

Mary Lou Kendrick - November 09, 2019 at 11:36 AM



*“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins.*



November 09, 2019 at 10:45 AM

NP

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Nancy Chloe Simpkins Pay - November 09, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins.



November 09, 2019 at 09:24 AM

MD

“ Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins



Mary Davis - November 09, 2019 at 08:56 AM

MD

I am so sorry to hear this. I loved the time I got to spend with kathy, she was a sweet lady and loved so much.

Mary Davis - November 09, 2019 at 09:00 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Johnson lit a candle in memory of  
Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins*



**Brenda Johnson** - November 09, 2019 at 07:46 AM

JC

“ *Jack And Missy Copley lit a candle in memory  
of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins*



**Jack and Missy Copley** - November 09, 2019 at 07:22 AM



“ *Debbie Murphy lit a candle in memory of  
Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins*



**Debbie Murphy** - November 08, 2019 at 09:01 PM



*So sorry for your loss*

**Debbie Murphy** - November 08, 2019 at 09:05 PM

DH

“ *Dinah Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins*



Dinah Hall - November 08, 2019 at 07:37 PM

JW

*So sorry for your loss! Love and Prayers to Randy and family!*

Judy Whorton - November 08, 2019 at 08:59 PM

GU

“ *Kathy has been A Very Special Friend of Mine as Well as My Family for Many Years. It is Sooo Hard to accept the fact that I won't be able to call her or see her again on this earth. She was like a Mother to My Daughters as I was to Her Sons. She lived for a Family and Friends and was Such A Kind and Loving Person. She will be Greatly Missed by All who knew Her. I am Very Sad that I will not be able to attend Her Memorial Service but due to the fact of such short notice I was unable to make arrangements to Fly to WV from Texas. My Love and Prayers are With All of Her Family. May God Put His Arms around All of The Family and Comfort Them Throughout The Trying Days Ahead. Just Know I Love You All and I Wished I could be There with You* ❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️💜

Gail Hatfield Ulisney - November 08, 2019 at 07:14 PM

SM

“ Kathy and I ( Sue McCoy ) were best friends for many years. I loved her dearly. I stayed at her home many nights in New Town. We would fall asleep talking and listening to the radio. As we grew older and each of us married we moved away from each other. I am deeply saddened by her passing but know it's only temporary I shall see her again on Heavens shore. I pray for peace for her family and friends. God Bless!!!



Sue McCoy - November 08, 2019 at 05:42 PM

AC

“ I just learned yesterday about Kathy's passing. I wanted to attend the memorial service, but will be out of town. It was a life privilege to know Kathy. An amazing, warm individual who was very approachable. I have been indelibly touched by the entire Simpkins "clan"...Kathy was a integral part of that. My deepest sympathy to the immediate and extended family. Thanks for the part that you each allowed me in your lives.

Arville & Georgetta Cline - November 08, 2019 at 03:59 PM

GU

I Loved Kathy and Her entire Family as My Own. We Were Very Close. My Heart Aches just to think I won't be Able to call her or see Her again on this earth. She will be Greatly Missed by All who knew her. She was like a Mother to My Daughters as I was for Her Sons. Kathy Was Just A Kind and Loving Person To Everyone She knew. I wished I could be at her a Memorial Service Tomorrow but with such Short Notice I will not be able to attend. Randy, Randy Jack, and James Kathy Loved You All Very Much. My Love and Prayers are With The Entire Family. May God Wrap His Arms Around You All and Give You Comfort in the Trying Days Ahead. God Bless You All ❤️🙏❤️

Gail Hatfield Ullisney - November 08, 2019 at 06:55 PM

SL

“ Sue Light lit a candle in memory of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins



sue light - November 08, 2019 at 03:49 PM

SL

So sorry for your loss she was a great person,our last conversation was about making things right and going to heaven she will be greatly missed

sue light - November 08, 2019 at 03:50 PM



So sorry for your loss

Debbie Murphy - November 08, 2019 at 09:03 PM

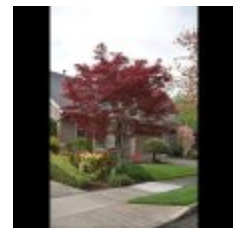
KS

“ My beautiful friend has finished her course before me. I know she is happy with her Saviour and her precious family who were waiting for her - what a family reunion! I thought of Freda and Brother Hence first when I learned of her passing. I'll see you again, dear friend. Heaven has gained another blood bought saint. Praying for the family -

Kathi Taylor Sherrill - November 08, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins.



November 08, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins.*



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November 08, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Lynn (Varney) Simpkins.*



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November 08, 2019 at 02:20 PM