



Carla Annette Simmons

February 2, 1971 - April 30, 2025

Carla Annette Simmons, 54, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away on April 30, 2025, at her home. She was born February 2, 1971, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Harry McQueen and Joyce (Tucker) McQueen. She was the youngest of 3 daughters.

Carla is survived by her husband, Brad, her parents Harry and Joyce, her older sister Kim, Kim's husband Carl, her middle sister, Lisa McQueen, Lisa's wife, Audrey, nephew Christian, his wife Jessi, their two children, Zelda and Strider, nephew Hunter, niece Caralissa, her husband, Skip Jr. and their 2 boys, Oliver and Liem.

Brad and Carla made the decision not to have children of their own because of the complications from her Marfan Syndrome. They choose to have children by teaching instead. Carla started her own school, called Similet School when she was 5. She had the best educated stuffed animals and dolls in town. Her educational career continued for the next 50 years.

She graduated from Southwestern Adventist Education with a bachelor's in Elementary Education in 1995, and in 2005 from Southwestern Adventist University with her M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with a reading emphasis. During her career she taught in many schools in Texas, Virginia, and Arkansas. She taught everything from Pre-K to even a summer college

unit. Because she and Brad taught in many small schools, she generally took the younger grades, because that isn't Brad's area of expertise. However, her heart was always with the junior high students. She absolutely adored her OAS 7th and 8th graders.

Near the end of Mary Poppins, Mary asks, "And what would happen to me, may I ask, if I loved all the children I said goodbye to?" Carla never understood this question, she just made space in her heart and counted one more incredible young person as part of her family.

Carla's passions were Jesus, her husband, her dogs, Bonnie and Clyde, travel, baseball, Cades Cove, and especially Adventist Education.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her name to one of 2 schools she dearly loved Cleburne Adventist Christian School in Cleburne, Texas, or Ozark Adventist School in Gentry, Arkansas. She would love for just one more young person to know her precious friend, Jesus.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, May 7 at 1:00 pm, at the Springtown Seventh-day Adventist church, in Gentry, Arkansas. There will be a second Celebration in Texas at the Cleburne First Seventh-day Adventist Church on June 7 at 3:00 pm.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Springtown Seventh-day Adventist Church
12444 Fairmount Road
Gentry, AR 72734
<http://www.springtownchurch.org/>

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

Cleburne First Seventh-day Adventist Church
111 Meadow View Dr
Cleburne, TX 76033

Tribute Wall

MF

“ Monaliza, Ned, Iris, Omid and Family purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Carla Annette Simmons.



Monaliza, Ned, Iris, Omid and Family - May 20, 2025 at 01:10 PM

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“ Monaliza, Ned, Iris, Omid and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Annette Simmons.

Monaliza, Ned, Iris, Omid and Family - May 20, 2025 at 01:10 PM

TF

“ The Lewis Family purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Carla Annette Simmons.



The Lewis Family - May 06, 2025 at 06:25 PM

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“ The Lewis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Annette Simmons.

The Lewis Family - May 06, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Carla Annette Simmons.*



May 06, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ *Love, Gordon, Laetitia & Lisa Swanson purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Carla Annette Simmons.*



Love, Gordon, Laetitia & Lisa Swanson - May 04, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *The Pyles, Motts & Maurers purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Carla Annette Simmons.*



The Pyles, Motts & Maurers - May 04, 2025 at 11:37 AM

FC

“ I got to know Carla and Brad when they were teaching at CACS in Cleburne Texas. I helped at the school making copies, cutting out bulletin board things for them. Helped with school lunches, I did what ever needed to be done to help out around our little school. Carla was very kind and always told me how much she appreciate my help. I kept up with Carla and Brad on FB. I enjoyed watching them walking their beautiful dogs out on Sabbath afternoons in some beautiful woods with little water falls going into a beautiful clear stream. I will truly miss Carla. My deepest sympathy goes out to Brad.

We have the promise of seeing Carla again, because she is sleeping in Jesus now and when he returns there will be a great reunion with loved ones in heaven ❤️

Faye Chapmon - May 04, 2025 at 12:06 AM



“ Christ is coming soon because Carla said that shortly before He comes He would let her go to sleep because she was not physically strong enough to endure the end times. I will always cherish my last memories of our time attending church and visiting in their home in Virginia. Carla was always such a special Christian Woman...she will be greatly missed!

Christy Herring - May 03, 2025 at 06:45 PM