



Bernice Lapan Simmons

June 17, 1934 - July 10, 2020

Bernice Lapan Simmons passed away on Friday, July 10, 2020 at the age of 86. She was a native of Central Falls, RI and a resident of LaPlace, LA. Beloved wife of the late Edward Simmons. Loving mother of Teresa Simmons, Michael Simmons (Felicia), and Gerry Simmons. Daughter of the late Alberta Lapan and Cyril Lapan. Sister of Eileen Farley, Joe Pete Lapan, Anthony Lapan and the late Cyril Lapan, Jr., Robert Lapan, Gloria Thomas and Philip Lapan. Also survived by 5 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Millet-Guidry Funeral Home. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.milletguidry.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Lapan Simmons*

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Teresa Simmons lit a candle in memory of
Bernice Lapan Simmons*



Teresa Simmons - September 01, 2020 at 07:20 PM

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“ How do you say goodbye to someone who was always such a big part of your life? For 10 years after my father passed away it was just the 2 of us. For the last year it has been the same way. She often asked why no one came to visit, where was everyone. She didn't really understand about covid-19, that the grandkids and great-grandkids were older and had other things in their lives that kept them busy as did her sons. She didn't understand that her health issues made her a much higher risk and kept us homebound except for the necessities (for me) and doctors visits until they too were completed at home. If not for the daily calls from her sister and occasional others you would have sworn we were alone in the world. At least that's what she told me she felt. It wasn't always easy being alone together 24/7, (taking care of her, the house, the yard, everything...alone) we had our moments. She had dementia so repeating myself constantly became a way of life for me and frustration for her. What's even harder is not having her here, not being able to talk to her, having to go thru her things and carry out her wishes. In those lucid moments she was specific and insistent about those. It was hard to see her lose faith in those she loved and to hear her say no one loved her. I constantly tried to reassure her. I'm afraid the virus and dementia just added to her loneliness and eventually she just gave up. Losing the majority of her sight didn't help. She wasn't able to pursue the things She loved to do. She could no longer paint. Even watching tv was hard. She couldn't see to work the remote. The phone was a constant source of frustration because she could not see or remember how to answer it no matter how many times someone continuously called. In her frustration she would accidentally and unknowingly turn it off by frantically pushing buttons trying to answer. Then she had to tolerate those who didn't understand saying why didn't you answer? I've been calling and calling. I'd often find her crying in her frustration. There were the times she'd swear someone must have come in and stolen her teeth because she couldn't find them anywhere and I'd just laugh and she'd laugh with me. It was hard, but this is so much harder..... She is once again surrounded by loved ones, and I pray, at peace I love you Mom

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Teresa Simmons - August 11, 2020 at 06:44 PM

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“ We got to make some fond memories with Grandma Bonnie from Disney World to The French Quarter, her House in LA to our house in TX, and just talking on the phone. She always had a “singing tune” to her talk. No matter if she was down or upset about something, she seemed to say “oh well, whatcha gonna do”....ya know?!?! It didn't matter how many times you had to repeat yourself (hard of hearing), she always laughed!

Everyone knew she didn't miss Friday night BINGO!!! Her favorite and lucky color was green, and loved to get all dressed up.... Ya know, all the jewelry!!!! 🥳

We will remember the banana cakes and the tasty blueberry pie! She loved to talk about old times and sing in the bathroom 🎤. She told us her sister, Ilene called her everyday, which I know she enjoyed! She will be remembered forever and we loved her dearly!



Felicia and Michael Simmons - July 19, 2020 at 02:25 PM