



Charles Franklin Simmons

November 27, 1933 - November 11, 2008

Charles Franklin Simmons, 74, of Bloomfield passed away Tuesday November 11, 2008 at his residence after a long battle with cancer.

Born November 27, 1933 in Winter Haven, Florida he was the son of James Franklin and Hattie Mae (Yarborough) Simmons. On Easter Sunday April 18, 1954 he married the former Betty Jean Coulter who survives.

Charles was a career member of the United States Army, Air Force and Navy, retiring in 1971 as a Navy hospital corpsman. He served with the Fleet Marines in Vietnam, and he received a Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Linton and was the past commander of the Bloomfield American Legion Post#196, he was also a member of the Crane VFW Post # 9297.

Charles is survived by his wife of 54 years Betty Jean Simmons, two daughters Teri Simmons of Linton, and Kathy Simmons and Sandy Sweeney of Williamsburg, VA. Four grandchildren Mike Hoover of Bloomfield, Angela (Workman) Gilpin of Peyton, Colorado; Jesse Sheetz of Williamsburg, VA; and James Gentry of Sandborn, Indiana. Three great grandsons Justin, Ethan and Houston. One sister Imogene (Simmons) Gay of Bartow, Florida. Four brothers Harold Simmons, Paul Simmons, and Ernest Simmons all of Winter Haven, Florida; and Wayne Simmons of Venezuela. Several Nieces and nephews.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother Mae Simmons, his brother Dennis Simmons and twin siblings Johnny Simmons

and Joyce Simmons.

A memorial service for Charles will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday November 19, 2008 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Linton, Indiana with Pastor Joe Faust officiating.

Friends may call from 11:00am Wednesday November 19, 2008 until the hour at the Church.

The family wishes all donations be made to SouthernCare Hospice of Bloomington, Indiana.

Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Dear Simmons family, We are so saddened by Chuck's passing. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Your family has always had a special place in our hearts! May God be with all of you and bring you Peace. We love you and are praying for you! Love, The Hoover's Barry, Rhonda, Taylor, Hannah, & Clayton

Rhonda Hoover - November 16, 2008 at 08:35 PM

SW

“ I would be hard pressed to express in just a few words what being a part of the Simmons family has meant to me. Although not "officially" a Simmons, I was a neighbor and friend and thought of Chuck as a second father. I believe God puts people in our lives for a reason and I learned a lot from Chuck's wisdom and courage. From one Marine to another I want to say Semper Fi bro you will live in my heart forever. My prayers are with you Teri, Kathy and Betty.

Steve Williams - November 15, 2008 at 11:53 PM

KP

“ Simmons Family, Very sorry to hear about charlie. He was a very nice man. I enjoyed talking with him, with his little notes and his great smile. Very sorry, Patton Mowing Kristy, Billy, Bill Patton and Family

Kristy Patton - November 15, 2008 at 03:40 PM

MR

“ Angela, Sorry about your grandfather passing. Take care and I hope you are enjoying Colorado.

Mary Riggins - November 13, 2008 at 11:42 AM

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“ *Betty, So sorry to hear about your husband. He has been sick a very long time. I remember him before he got sick and he was always so friendly.*

Sherry Nonte Hixon - November 13, 2008 at 10:42 AM