



## Mary Ruth Middleton Simmons

April 7, 1925 - September 24, 2017

Mary Ruth (Middleton) Simmons, born April 7, 1925 in Waldorf, Maryland, departed this life on September 24, 2017 at Harvest, Alabama.

She was the youngest daughter of the late Henry Dyer and Bertha Evelyn (Cooke) Middleton.

She attended St. Mary's school, Bryantown, Waldorf Elementary and La Plata High School where she graduated as Valedictorian of the Class of 1942. In 1943 she married her childhood sweetheart, David Martin Simmons of Waldorf, in the chapel at Bolling AF Base, Washington where she was employed and he was stationed. In 1971 they moved to Montgomery, Alabama when her civilian job as computer systems analyst with USAF was transferred to Gunter AF Station in Montgomery. David obtained employment as a Parks Inspector with the Alabama Department of Conversation. In early 1982, she transferred to Andrews AF Base, Maryland, to care for her older brother, Blair Middleton, Washington, DC. She retired in 1985 as supervisory computer systems analyst employed at Andrews Air Base, Maryland and returned to Montgomery where they enjoyed their dancing hobby until David died in 2010. She then lived with her daughter, Carol, in Harvest, Alabama.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Simmons was preceded in death by sons Robert Michael and David Martin Jr., granddaughter Julia Simmons

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She is survived by sons Thomas Wayne (Joan Slade) Simmons Callaway, MD, Frank Paul (Ann Harris) Simmons, Mechanicsville, MD, John Edward (Paige Kibble) Simmons, Wildwood, GA; daughter Carol Ann Simmons, Harvest, AL; daughters-in-law Rosmund Hart Simmons and Kay Gardiner Simmons; 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Visitation on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 2 PM and 4 PM and from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A. 5635 Washington Avenue La Plata, MD 20646.

Mass 9:30 AM Thursday, October 5, 2017 at St. Peter's Catholic Church 3320 St. Peter's Church Road Waldorf, MD 20601.

Interment to follow at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

# Cemetery Details

## MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
[business.office@raymondfuneral.com](mailto:business.office@raymondfuneral.com)  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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OCT 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
3320 St. Peter's Drive  
Waldorf, MD 20601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ruth Middleton Simmons*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mary Ruth Middleton Simmons*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *The first time I saw Mary Ruth and David dance was in Montgomery. Their youth was spent but their love and passion was strong.  
It was a pleasure to see him carry her breakfast in bed and call her his loveliness.*

*Her children and family were the treasures she cherished. From her oldest Son all the way down to her youngest great grandchild.  
Sending love and prayers to each of you.*

*A virtuous woman...*

*28Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: 29"Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." 30Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised....*

*A beautiful lady and child of God. I was blessed to know... heaven now treasures another beautiful soul. (You will be greatly missed by all those who knew you.)*

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**Sherry,Chris & Daniel** - October 05, 2017 at 07:28 AM

JM

“ *My Dad, the late Martin Middleton, dearly loved Aunt Mary Ruth. They went through the Great Depression together, and along with Grandma Middleton and Uncle Irvin, worked incredibly hard to keep the Middleton family farm from going bankrupt in the late 1930s.*

*Aunt Mary Ruth was extremely intelligent, and when she and Uncle David would stay with my Mom and Dad during dance competitions being held at Turf Valley in Ellicott City, I loved the stories she would tell about helping to develop cutting-edge computer technology for the Air Force. She truly was a pioneer in the American computer industry..*

*She was a great lady with a wonderful, loving personality, and she will be sorely missed.*

*My branch of the Middleton family will honor the request to make a contribution in Aunt Mary Ruth's honor to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.*

*God Bless,  
Jeff Middleton*

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**Jeffrey Middleton** - October 04, 2017 at 06:11 PM

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“ *The Fairall family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ruth Middleton Simmons.*



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**The Fairall family.** - October 01, 2017 at 10:42 PM

JM

“ I first met Mary Ruth and Dave in the '60s and have cherished their friendship since then. We had such wonderful times together. The greatest time was when they invited me to join them and some friends in Waldorf. It was there they introduced me to Don Perry, a friend of theirs. Don and I later married and the four of us continued a blessed friendship for many years. I will miss my many email chats with Mary Ruth over the past few years. May she rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

Joanne Peery Mead

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**Joanne Peery Mead** - October 01, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ A beautiful lady...both inside & out.....can always remember her dancing with Uncle David....and she always told me, "I never forget your birthday, because it was the day your Uncle David came home from the military." May she Rest in Peace 🙏

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**Muriel Werking** - September 28, 2017 at 07:17 AM