



Mark Lynn Simons

September 7, 2015

Mark Lynn Simons, of Suffolk, Virginia, died suddenly September 7, 2015 while vacationing in the OBX. He was 56.

Mark was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, to W.E. (Woody) and Lilla Mae Simons. Mark graduated from Churchland High School in Portsmouth, VA. and from the Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding. Not only was Mark employed there for more than 35 years, he also taught for several years in the extracurricular program at the apprenticeship school. Mark was also the owner and founder of M. L. Simons Electrical, which he operated with passion and integrity for more than 25 years.

He was a dedicated and faithful member of Believers Church. There he gave willingly of his time by serving backstage “because he loved to be close to the action.” Mark also used his expertise in helping when any electrical needs came up.

Mark loved the outdoors and many of Mark’s fondest memories came from his time with the Virginia Baptist Association where he worked for several summers as a counselor at the Royal Ambassador Camp at Peaks of Otter at Bedford, VA. It was this love for the outdoors that inspired him to design and build his own log home on a beautiful piece of wooded land.

Mark will be remembered by his love for people, always giving willingly of his time to help others, and consistently placing the needs of others above himself.

He is survived by his wife, Laralyn Kent Simons; son, Christopher Lynn Simons of Richmond; son, Joe Mark Simons and daughter Lilla Arlene Simons of Suffolk; mother, Lilla Mae Simons Felton of Chesapeake. He is predeceased by his father, W.E. (Woody) Simons and grandparents, M.W. (Pete) and Cora Simons and Orelle and Lilla Mae Mayfield.

A celebration of Mark's life will be held at 10 am Monday at Believers Church, Chesapeake, Virginia. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 7-8 PM. Loving Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund to benefit Mark's family has been established at Bayport Credit Union. For those wanting to contribute to the BayPort Credit Union Memorial Fund, they can visit any location and specify the account as "Memorial Fund for the family of Mark L. Simons". If they cannot make it to a location, they can mail their donation to: BayPort Credit Union 3711 Huntington Avenue Newport News, VA 23607

Our Heavenly Father has called a special child to his eternal home and Mark is now in God's hands.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch

City Park Ave. & Clifford Street
Portsmouth, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Believer's Church
6801 Bridgeway Drive
Suffolk, VA 23435

Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Suffolk, VA 23435

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Dear Laralyn, Joe Mark and Lilla. Your husband and Dad was my supervisor at the shipyard for more than 9 years. I can't say I ever saw Mark having a bad day. I conferred with him a lot on projects I was working on. It was always enjoyable talking to him. When we went to the Cubs game in Chicago a few years ago, it turned out rainy and chilly, but I remember that game as a good time with Mark. I'll miss his ready smile and easy going demeanor. We all feel such a tremendous loss at his passing.
Dan Longo

Dan Longo - September 13, 2015 at 04:08 PM

XC

“ Xerox Corporation purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mark Lynn Simons.



Xerox Corporation - September 12, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Lynn Simons.



September 11, 2015 at 06:15 PM

BB

“ To Lynn and me, Mark Simons was always the "Brother in the Background". Whether Electronics, Audio or Logistics, Mark was always Backstage, just out of sight, providing all of us who were up front with whatever we needed to support all the activities that went on at Believers Church. Mark is the best example of a Humble Servant that I have ever had. He Quietly Laid Down His Life for Others -- and Then He Quietly Laid Down His Life. And now the Lord embraces him as we look forward to the day that we will embrace him again ourselves.



Butch Bondoc - September 11, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Mark Lynn Simons.



September 11, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Lynn Simons.



September 10, 2015 at 07:30 PM

SR

“ I remember when Mark first came to Believers. He found a home there and ultimately Lolly. We are stunned and saddened by his loss. We shall see you again friend!

Scott & Gayle Ranck - September 10, 2015 at 06:35 PM

AF

“ Aunts Nancy, Phyllis, Melba, Vicky, Rita and their families. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Lynn Simons.



Aunts Nancy, Phyllis, Melba, Vicky, Rita and their families. -
September 10, 2015 at 01:19 PM

DJ

“ Prayers for The Comforter to carry your sadness and brighten your tomorrows with His promises. Isaiah 26:3,4.

Debbie Lee Johnson - September 10, 2015 at 06:49 AM