



Juliana "Julia" Maureen Oliver Simmers

March 19, 1952 - May 18, 2021

Juliana "Julia" Maureen Oliver Simmers of Fairlawn, passed away at age 69 on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021.

She was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, friend and neighbor. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Garnett Edwin "Eddie" Simmers Sr.; her father and mother, Marshall Watkins & Joyce Agnew Oliver; her brother, Lonnie Oliver; and her grandson Garrett Simmers.

She is survived by her sons & daughters-in-law, Garnett "Eddie" Simmers Jr. & Mendy, Kelly Simmers & Rachel, and Daryn Simmers & Ashley; four grandchildren, Carter Simmers, Kailee Simmers, Lillian "Lilli" Simmers, and Grant Simmers; a brother, B. Steven "Steve" Oliver; and a sister Connie Oliver Ridout.

She grew up on a farm and at an early age learned to love outdoor work alongside her family, something she carried with her into adulthood. It brought her great joy to take care of things – people, animals, and plants. She spent many hours in the barn, garden, and kitchen, and knew how to make something out of everything harvested.

Julia was a selfless and loving mother and grandmother, and she actively worked with children as a babysitter, daycare worker, Sunday School and Bible School teacher, sports mom/coach's wife, and 4-H leader. She had a knack for getting any child to behave and participate, and somehow managed to make hard work fun. She was amazingly creative in inventing activities that would occupy children for hours. Kids instantly liked and trusted her, and she encouraged them to do difficult things that helped them not only gain skills, but also to grow their self-confidence. She had a gift for making each child feel unique, valued, and capable.

Julia was a committed member of Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church and more recently, Fairlawn Baptist Church. Outside of the home, she worked at Radford Child Care Center and after earning her Associate's Degree at night, Blake & Moody, CPAs.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, May 21st, 2021 at 11am in the Fairlawn Baptist Church. Entombment will follow in the Highland Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10-11am prior to the service at the church. Instead of flowers, the family would ask that you make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memory Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairlawn Baptist Church
6758 Oxford Ave.
Fairlawn, VA 24141

Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Julia was a sweet lady and I enjoyed getting to know her at church. She and your Dad are both missed greatly. What a blessing that they are together again, because that was the way it was in life too. My love and prayers to the family celebrating a life well lived.

Linda Semones Turpin - May 20, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Juliana "Julia" Maureen Oliver Simmers.



May 20, 2021 at 07:47 AM

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“ Junior Taylor lit a candle in memory of Juliana "Julia" Maureen Oliver Simmers



Junior Taylor - May 19, 2021 at 04:09 PM

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“ Gail D. and Linda Simmers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Juliana "Julia" Maureen Oliver Simmers.



Gail D. and Linda Simmers - May 19, 2021 at 12:15 PM