



## Paula Harriet Simkins

May 31, 1936 - October 11, 2021

Paula Harriet Simkins, 85, of Hordville, Nebraska died Monday, October 11, 2021 at Azria Nursing Home in Central City. Funeral services will be Friday, October 15, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday, October 15, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. In keeping with her wishes, she will be cremated and there will be a private graveside ceremony at a later date in Crown Point, Indiana at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home in Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated to the South Pacific WW II Museum, and condolences can be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Paula was born on May 31, 1936 in Hammond, Indiana to Carl and Lorene (Hankins) Simkins. She married Clyde Albert Means on June 5, 1954. He died on September 3, 2005. Paula enjoyed her life and loved taking care of her pets. She also had a flair for drawing portraits, gardening, and putting puzzles together. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, homemaker, and worker in the manufacturing sector. Most of all she loved her family and instilled in her sons strong values that have served them well. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. She will always be remembered as one of those gems you just can't replace.

She admired and was grateful to her doctors, nurses, and staff at Regional, St. Francis Hospital, and Azria Nursing Homes in Grand Island and Central City.

Paula loved her family and just about everyone became family. She loved and thought the world of her brothers- Carl (Dianna) Simkins of Wadesville, IN and Kevin Simkins of Crown Point, IN. She passionately loved her five sons and treasured the women who became her daughter in laws and their children. Randy Means of St. Charles, IL; Les (Catherine) Means of Winter Haven, FL; Mike Means of Cherokee Village, AR; Matt (Sherri) Means of Hordville, NE; and Mark (Diane) Means of Grand Island, NE; 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

She cherished and missed those who went before her- parents; sister- Joanne Simkins; uncle- Lester Simkins KIA on February 7, 1943 in WWII South Pacific; granddaughter- Jesrael Means; daughter in law-Evelyn Means.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home  
1507 17th St.  
Central City, NE 68826  
(308) 946-3303  
soltwagnerfuneral@gmail.com  
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## Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Deb Hutman lit a candle in memory of Paula Harriet Simkins*



Deb Hutman - October 14, 2021 at 10:35 AM

DH

“ *Will miss you cousin, Paula. Loved reconnecting with you and sharing on FB. RIP dear cousin, My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Deb Hutman - October 14, 2021 at 10:32 AM

RM

“ *Randy Means purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Paula Harriet Simkins.*



Randy Means - October 13, 2021 at 09:28 PM

CM

“ *Catherine Means purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paula Harriet Simkins.*



Catherine Means - October 13, 2021 at 04:20 PM

MC

“ Matt, Sherri, Tasha, Josh, Cody & Chey purchased the Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray for the family of Paula Harriet Simkins.



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**Matt, Sherri, Tasha, Josh, Cody & Chey** - October 13, 2021 at 11:58 AM

AL

“ Most of my greatest memories growing up were spent camping/four wheeling in Genoa, and she is in most of them!! I'm so grateful for that time I had with her just hanging out and talking with her!! She is a wonderful woman and has a heart of gold; always making sure everyone was doing alright!!! Im so glad that she is in our future, not just in our past!! 😊😊😊

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**Alona Lovelace** - October 13, 2021 at 06:39 AM

 Jim Allen

“ Jim Allen lit a candle in memory of Paula Harriet Simkins



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**Jim Allen** - October 12, 2021 at 01:04 PM

KS

“ Katherine Sedlacek lit a candle in memory of Paula Harriet Simkins



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**Katherine Sedlacek** - October 12, 2021 at 12:46 PM

KS

“ Mom & I always loved visiting with you at family functions💕 You always had the sweetest smile and made us feel right at home! The love and pride you had for your 5 boys radiated from you💕 and the love you gave Bo & Rags was so special! We love you and will miss you!

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**Katherine Sedlacek** - October 12, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paula Harriet Simkins.



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October 12, 2021 at 12:11 PM

MM

“ A great mother, friend, coworker and neighbor to all. You kept on chugging along smiling and making jokes no matter what hand you were dealt. Thanks for giving us boys everything you had and more, ill miss your laughter and sense of humor the most. These next few days and beyond will be a fitting tribute to a life well spent. Thanks Mom, miss you already.... If any reading this are unaware, my Mom had childhood memories of losing her Uncle Lester in the South Pacific in WW2. His plane went down and him and his fellow Marines were never recovered. This has always been something close to my mom's heart, all donations will go to the South Pacific ww2 museum as they continue to honor and pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. The museum is on the same island that Lesters plane took off from when it went missing. We will always honor the sacrifice he made (link to his info and info for museum)  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17323012/lester-cyril-simkins>  
<https://southpacificwwiimuseum.com/>

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**Mark Means** - October 12, 2021 at 09:20 AM

MM

“ 1 file added to the album Mom



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**Mark Means** - October 12, 2021 at 08:59 AM

RM

“ <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=101888609826926&set=t.100000194762910&type=3>

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**Randy Means** - October 11, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula Harriet Simkins.*



October 11, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *so sorry to hear of Paula's passing, Paula was a great lady, she taught me a lot at Appleton, and was a good friend outside of work, I loved her smile and her laugh, she will be missed dearly.*



**Pamela K Eads** - October 11, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ *With sympathy to the family and friends of Paula; I worked with her at Appleton Electric. I don't think I ever saw her without a smile. She was a neat lady. Prayers.*



**Jan Johnson** - October 11, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Wonderful woman, we had some great times at Appleton!! Will never forget you.. fly high my friend.*



**marilyn waymire** - October 11, 2021 at 08:40 PM

JH

“ *Juana Hanson lit a candle in memory of Paula Harriet Simkins*



**Juana Hanson** - October 11, 2021 at 07:50 PM

JH

*So sorry. Paula was an amazing lady that I admired and respected my deepest condolences 🙏*

**Juana Hanson** - October 11, 2021 at 07:51 PM

DW

*Paula, you were such a wonderful person with a heart of gold. You were a joy to work with at Appleton. I will miss having talks with you and will miss your beautiful smile. May you rest in sweet peace.*

**Dana Wessel** - October 11, 2021 at 08:28 PM

PS

*Paula You will be missed by many you loved your family, friends and of course Bo and Rags. Rest in peace. Today heaven gained a beautiful angel*

**Peggy sherman** - October 11, 2021 at 08:55 PM

JS

*So sorry to hear of your moms passing. Lots of memories of you boys growing up and your moms wonderful personality ! Such a wonderful mom you had ( LOL and lots of patience) ! God took home an Angel!! From all of us from Kortums Cave, Julie , Angela and April and our Families*

**Julia (Kortum) Schank** - October 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paula Harriet Simkins.



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October 11, 2021 at 04:46 PM