



## Deborah (Echols) Simmons

March 4, 1949 - March 16, 2021

Deborah (Echols) Simmons, age 72 of Macedonia and formerly of Ullin, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in Linda E. White Hospice Home in Evansville, IN.

She was born March 4, 1949 in Cairo to Maurice "Baldy" and Doris (Nelms) Echols.

Deborah graduated in 1967 from Century High School.

She married Donald Simmons.

She retired in 2002 from the Illinois Department of Corrections. After retirement she worked part time as a home health caregiver.

Deborah is survived by her husband, Donald; two children, Tammy (Kevin) Longden and Tommy (Audra) Jackson; a step-son, Roger (Cyndie) Simmons; five grandchildren; Ashley; Nichole; Julie; Lindsey and Brandon; nine great-grandchildren; siblings; Betty Rhomane Webb; Panta Barnes and Paul (Sheila) Echols; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law; Joe Webb.

Memorial Services for Deborah (Echols) Simmons will be Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 4:30 pm in Crain Funeral Home in Ullin with Rev. Clint Nale officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in New Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm until the hour of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the New Hope Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hope Cemetery

Ullin, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 20.** 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Ullin  
420 Ullin Ave.  
Ullin, IL 62992  
(866) 592-7246  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Memorial Service

**MAR 20.** 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah (Echols) Simmons*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Debby's family*



Lonnie Wilke - April 18, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Ceci Fuentes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deborah (Echols) Simmons.*



Ceci Fuentes - March 20, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the love of GOD surround you during this time of sorrow. With Sympathy, David & Rosa Phalin.*



DAVID R. PHALIN - March 20, 2021 at 11:13 AM

BE

“ Such a loss to those who knew & loved Debbie. Her family was her world, but she always had time to listen or help out if you asked her. God must have bigger plans for her in HEAVEN. You'll sure be missed my friend. Hope we can "reunion" & go for biscuits & gravy on the other side. Condolences to her extended family too.  
Love, Becky Evans

Becky Evans - March 19, 2021 at 07:59 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Deborah (Echols) Simmons



Dennis and Pat Harner - March 19, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah (Echols) Simmons.



March 19, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deborah (Echols) Simmons.



March 19, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Deborah (Echols) Simmons.*



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March 18, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *Pat and Ronnie Phillips purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Deborah (Echols) Simmons.*



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**Pat and Ronnie Phillips** - March 18, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah (Echols) Simmons.*



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March 18, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *We are so sorry about your loss you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Crystal Grace Baker  
Paul Grace Jr.  
Paula Grace Phillips*

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**Crystal Baker** - March 17, 2021 at 08:29 PM

AJ

“ *The best mother-in-law a girl could ever ask for. Me and Tommy have been married 30 years she never missed a birthday an anniversary or holiday that she didn't send a card. She was a great grandmother to my children and a wonderful great grandmother to my kids babies. She will definitely be missed💔 RIP Debbie until we meet again. Watch over all of us and tell my mom I love her and miss her💔*



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**audra jackson** - March 17, 2021 at 05:41 PM