

Simmons, Joanne Alice Kampsen 1940 - 2007

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Joanne Simmons, cook and café owner

Joanne A. Simmons made a lot of friends by cooking for a lot of people.

She was a cook at Holy Cross High School in Latonia for many years and also owned and operated Butler's Café in Covington.

"She loved being a cook and loved being around people. She was very open and giving. She would do anything she could for other people," said her son, Joseph E. Simmons of West Chester Township, Ohio.

Mrs. Simmons, 66, of Covington, died Monday at Harborside Health Care Center in Florence.

She was a former employee of the Internal Revenue Service in Covington and a member of St. Augustine Church in Covington.

"She was very religious and attended church regularly before her health failed," said her son. "She was especially fond of all her grandchildren.

"She was a seamstress and enjoyed sewing a lot. She made clothes for many people, including me."

Mrs. Simmons was an animal lover and enjoyed spending time at the Cincinnati Zoo.

"She always owned several animals," said her son. "We always had a lot of animals around the house. Three dogs and three cats were the last ones I remember.

"She loved going to the zoo, especially in the spring and the fall, to see all the animals. She had a special fondness for tigers."

Mrs. Simmons' husband, Paul Joseph "Joe" Simmons, died in 1999.

Other survivors include another son, Thomas R. Simmons of Bellevue; a sister, Kathy Vanlandingham of Butler; a brother, Ronald Kampsen of Union; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Augustine Church, Covington. Visitation will begin at the church at 9 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Mother of God Cemetery in Fort Wright.

Connley Brothers Funeral Home, Latonia, is handling arrangements.

