



Mary Virginia Simco

November 9, 1937 - December 1, 2018

Mary Virginia Simco, 81, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus on December 1, 2018 after a brief stay in the hospital due to an unforeseen diagnosis of cancer. She was born to Glen and Sally Watson Poteet on November 9, 1937 in Memphis, TN. Her family lived and farmed in Steele, MO and Plainview, AR where she graduated High School. She met the love of her life, Joe Simco, on a blind date while they both were working for the Extension Service near Russellville. They married in 1959, moved to Fayetteville, AR and become lifelong Razorback fans. In 1962, they moved to their own farm in Tontitown where side by side they raised cattle and chickens and grew gardens and grapes. She was a devoted wife, homemaker and mother, grandmother, friend and volunteer. She was lovingly called “Ginna” by her husband, brother, and her close friends, “Mom” by her 2 daughters, “Granny” by her 5 grandchildren and “GiGi” by her 5 great grandchildren. Virginia was an anchor of faith for her family and had a profound influence on each person she met.

Virginia loved and served her family, as well as others and she said “I love you” often with her words and quality time. She was hospitable and welcomed many into her home. She loved meeting and loving on all the friends of her daughters and grandchildren who would quickly start calling her ‘Granny’ too. She cooked many great meals, baked many loaves of bread, creatively sewed all her daughters’ clothes including their wedding dresses, and she knitted and crocheted many gifts. She was an avid reader and on her side table there

were always a book, the daily newspaper, a crossword puzzle, her Guideposts, Upper Room Devotion, and her Sunday School Lesson. She made many phone calls to encourage others and sent out prayer-chain emails for the Harmon United Methodist Church where she was a member for 57 years. She gladly used her time and talents to do 'whatever' was needed at church-she taught Sunday School, played the piano, went on mission trips and was involved in the Food Pantry there. She was active in the Harmony Homemakers Extension Club and lead 4-H groups for many years. She and Joe spent many hours river fishing and were able to travel together during their retirement years. She went to almost every school and sport event and extracurricular activity in support of her daughters and grandkids. She loved to help take care of her great grandchildren by reading them books, playing pretend, going on nature walks, making milkshakes and eating cutie oranges, corndogs or leftovers together. She made daily trips 'across the yard' to Donna's house for family dinners and to 'check on' the greatgrands where she made sure they did their 'tradition' of kissing each other goodbye through the glass door. Her motto was 'just write me a message in my dust' because she would rather be spending time with Jesus and her family and friends than doing any more housework than was absolutely necessary. Every memory made is cherished. We know we will see her again in Heaven so our tears are only shed because she will be greatly missed here on earth.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Joe of the home; brother, Robert Potet of Tulsa, OK, daughters Donna Pianalto and her husband Vernon and Debbie Gibson and her husband Larry of Springdale; grandchildren Jonathon and Sara, Anthony and Elizabeth and Jeremy and Tera Pianalto and Chase and Jordan Gibson; and 5 great grandchildren, Emalena, Norah, Elsie, Ian and Addison.

The drop-in Visitation will be 6-8 PM on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 and her Celebration of Life Service will be at 10AM on Wednesday, December 5, both at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in her memory to the Arkansas Children's Hospital of NWA,

the Harmon Methodist Church or your favorite charity or ministry.
Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
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Funeral Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Virginia Simco*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mary Virginia Simco.*



December 04, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ *Joe, Donna, Debbie and whole family, our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. Gigi will be more then missed. What a beautiful lady she was. It was our privilege to know her and to share our family with her and all of you. Virginia was a light that always shown brightly no matter what was happening. I loved her smile and her quick witted words. I felt truly excepted and loved from this sweet lady. Ya'll are in my prayers. ❤️ Kimberly and Shawn*

Kimberly Brand - December 04, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Virginia Simco.*



December 04, 2018 at 02:48 PM

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“ *Debbie and family, Gabriell and I are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Please know that we are praying for your comfort in the days and weeks ahead. I am thankful for good memories and I'm sure you have lots of them to cling to as you go through this difficult chapter. Please give Larry a hug for us as well.*

In Christ's love,

Richard & Gabriell Mills

Richard W Mills - December 04, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Virginia Simco.*



December 04, 2018 at 01:36 PM

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“ *Joe and family
So sorry for your great loss. She was a very sweet and loved lady.
She will be greatly missed.
God has just gained another angel under his wing.*

Tom and Betty McCawley - December 04, 2018 at 11:37 AM

MP

“ My heart is breaking for the loss of my dear friend. I remember when she first came to Plainview-Rover School. She sat by me her very first day there and we immediately bonded. We became the best of best friends. Spent the nights with each other time and time again. played basketball together, and I was treated just like a member of her family by her mother and father. My grades improved after becoming friends with her. We have stayed close friends all these years. After Joe and Virginia married, I was invited to come visit and they took me to my first football game. After our 50th Class Reunion we were all invited by classmate Monte Hopper and his wife Cindy to meet them in Mt. View in Sept each year for a mini Reunion and that became a tradition which we kept until this past year. What memories were made with the Class of 55 all those years. She was a very Special person and will be missed by so many people. My prayers go out to all her precious family members.....Martha Ornsbey Paine

Martha Ornsbey Paine - December 04, 2018 at 12:45 AM

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“ I remember coming home from my honeymoon to find a quart of Ginna's Strawberries sitting on my doorstep with a sweet note welcoming me to my new home and to being her next door neighbor. What a blessing to have this warm, friendly, knowledgeable, sharing, wise, talented, generous woman as my closest neighbor. We shared meals, walks, Razorback games, church, and chats on the back porch. She encouraged me as I learned how to be a godly wife. I know I will see her again in heaven. She will always be my hero. I love you sweet Ginna!

Candy Odglen - December 04, 2018 at 12:36 AM