



Mrs. Edith "Edie" Margarete Simmons

May 2, 1923 - April 30, 2019

Edith Margarete Rosner Simmons, 95, of West Columbia, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 30, 2019, after a full and dedicated life of serving God, her family and others.

She was born in Einbeck, Germany on May 2, 1923 to Carl and Martha Rosner. At 6 years of age, along with her parents and younger sister, Erica Hoyt, she left Germany and relocated to the United States. Edie met Pete Simmons at Providence Bible Institute in Rhode Island. They were married on June 20, 1947 and felt a mutual call to serve the Lord among the Ashéninka tribe, in the Amazon rain forest of Peru, S.A. with the South America Mission. They arrived in Peru in 1952 along with their 2-year-old son, David, and served for 20 years with that tribe, during which time Debbie, Jon, Dan and Linda were added to the family. Their ministry included evangelism, discipleship, church planting and leadership development.

In 1972, there was a need for a director at the Bethany Bible Institute, located in Satipo, in the foothills of the Andes mountains, and Pete and Edie were asked to go there to lead that ministry. After 5 years, while in the US on furlough, Pete was called home to be with the Lord on September 20, 1977, at 54 years of age. Edie returned to Peru that following year to serve at the missionary kids' school in Pucallpa for 1 year and later relocated to the capital city of Lima at the Evangelical Seminary of Lima, where she served as dorm mom and teacher of several courses. She also was very involved in ministry at the local prison. Later, she served as hostess for the mission guest house in Lima.

In the late 1980's, Edie retired from Peru and went to Spain for 1 year to help her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and David Frank, with the ministry there, then returned to the US and continued serving in ministries to women until she retired. She lived with her daughter, Linda, for almost 4 years until it became necessary for her to receive assisted living care.

Her life has been full of serving and loving others. She has been faithful to the Lord, her husband, children and their offspring for many years. While her family misses her terribly,

they also rejoice, knowing that she is with Jesus. They are grateful for the legacy of life left to all of them and are humbled at the many lives that have been impacted as a result of Edie's (as well as Pete's) faithful, persevering dedication to follow Jesus and serve Him with all their hearts. Edie's prayers and love were such a blessing and were vital to the daily lives of her family and others.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Pete Simmons, Sept. 20, 1977; and is survived by her five children, David (Marilyn) Simmons, Debbie (David) Frank, Jon (Cindy) Simmons, Dan (Debbie) Simmons, and Linda McCallister; 13 grandchildren, Matt, Stephanie and Michael (children of David); Jeremy, Tafie and Tami (children of Debbie); Kimberly (daughter of John); Andrew, Adrienne, Aaron and Alexander (children of Dan); Chase and Chad (children of Linda); 23 great grandchildren, Liam and Leeci (children of Matt); Naia, Anya and Kaitlin (children of Stephanie); James (son of Michael); Shanya and Wyatt (children of Jeremy); Alanna and Kiara (children of Tami); Thomas, Zella, Ava and Evelyn (children of Kimberly); Chris (son of Andrew); Brooke Anne, Michael, Connor and Savannah (children of Adrienne); Holly (daughter of Aaron); Porter and Bennett (children of Chase); and Thea (daughter of Chad); her sister, Erica Hoyt; nieces, Becky and family and Bonnie and family.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the doctors and staff for the love and compassion that was shown to Edie while she was at NHC Healthcare in West Columbia.

Her Celebration of Life will be held at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 5637 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC, 29212, at 3 o'clock on Saturday, May 4th.

Memorials may be made to South America Mission, 1021 Maxwell Mill Road, Suite B, Fort Mill, SC 29708 or online at southamericamission.org.

Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edith M. Simmons.



May 03, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Such a beautiful woman with a beautiful smile and such a beautiful heart. I will be lighting a candle in her memory tonight. She is rejoicing now in the presence of our Saviour as she reunites with her beloved husband. Prayers for the family in this difficult time.

Melinda Sawyer - May 02, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edith M. Simmons.



May 02, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ Murphy & Grantland, P.A. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Edith M. Simmons.



Murphy & Grantland, P.A. - May 02, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ Amy Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith "Edie" Margarete Simmons



Amy Hamilton - May 01, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the entire family. She was a beautiful lady who boldly shared her faith and demonstrated her love for Christ fully in her life. What a beautiful legacy. Love to each of you.

Cheryl & Tom Shofner - April 30, 2019 at 11:15 PM