



Joanie McNabb Simmons

February 6, 1943 - March 21, 2021

1943 -2021

Joanie “McNabb” Simmons, age 78, “Earth Lost an Angel” on March 21, 2021. She was born to Violet & Clarence McNabb on February 6, 1943 in Clarendon, TX. and then moved in Dalhart, TX as a child prior to moving to Albuquerque to finish Jr. High and High School. Joanie was a talented seamstress and crowned “The Cotton Queen”. She began her career as a switch board operator for Mountain Bell at the age of 18. Joanie retired after 37 yrs. service as an HR Manager for AT&T. She was restless from retirement and decided to get a part-time position with La Vida Llena, which ultimately led to a full-time job for over 10 yrs. in HR. Joanie was the most selfless, beautiful and nurturing person. Anyone and everyone who knew her, loved and respected her. Her smile and positive attitude would brighten anyone’s day. She was married for almost 59 years to Harper Simmons and was a wonderful mother to Yvonne, Rodney and Justin. She has two grandsons, Gabriel and Evan. Joanie is preceded in death by both her parents, baby sister, Rebecca, and many extended family members. She is survived by her Nuclear family; her brother, Alfred McNabb and sister Peggy Collins; her brother in-law, Jimmy Simmons; two sisters-in-law, Dorthy Curtis and Patty Perkins, along with OH SO many nieces and nephews. She will remain in our hearts forever. Rest in Peace Sweet Joanie! In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Joanie’s name to the American Breast Cancer Association. Please sign Joanie’s online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero

Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Terrace Grove Crematory

1200 W Aragon Rd
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dear Simmons Family :I worked with Joanie at LVL for several years. I loved her and respected her for her kindness and ability to make everyone feel valuable. We always knew when Joanie was in the room, because we were laughing, She had the best sense of humor. I remember when she participated in a video we created for the Executive Director who was gone on a trip to Paris. All of the directors wore their pajamas and robes and pretended to not care about our daily morning meeting. We were also pretending to drink beer! Then here comes Joanie who acted in her role of HR,telling us we couldn't do that. It was not allowed at LVL. After giving us a hard time, she changed her tune and grabbed a beer can from someone and said "Oh well, this is more fun". Joanie always knew how to join in the fun and be spontaneous.

I had the pleasure of having lunch with Joanie and Billie Fellicetti a few times. Joanie was always so courageous. Even though she was going through awful treatments, she was still Joanie; sweet, kind and fun-loving.

My sympathies to your family. Joanie will surely be missed by all. Thanks for sharing her with me and so many.

God Bless,
Linda Miller

Linda Miller - April 15, 2021 at 01:11 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Joanie McNabb Simmons



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - April 08, 2021 at 06:50 PM

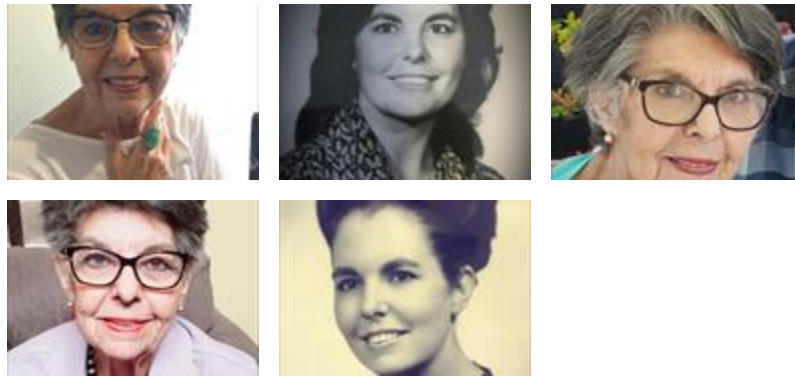
KS

“ I am so sorry that this angel on earth has left us. I will always remember her sweet and loving ways. The times when she & my mother would tease and get so tickled over something so silly and get us all laughing. I treasure the time she was living in Corsicana and we got to be close to her. I'm so sorry your dad you all have lost your angel but heavens gained so much. Love prayers for you all.

Kathy Harvard Sizemore - April 02, 2021 at 09:57 AM

YS

“ 5 files added to the album Joanie Simmons



Yvonne Simmons - March 30, 2021 at 11:30 AM

KS

Love these pics.

Kathy Harvard Sizemore - April 02, 2021 at 09:59 AM

CR

“ I worked with Joanie at La Vida Llena for several years. I will have to say that she was the best listener that I ever met. It didn't matter how much work she had, if I or any employee came to her office she would set everything aside and give us her undivided attention. She was always smiling and always had a chipper outlook and an infectious laugh. We have missed her since her retirement from La Vida Llena. My condolences to her family and loved ones.

Carolyn Rupert - March 28, 2021 at 10:36 AM

PC

“ Joanie was my first boss at Ma Bell way back in 1968! I learned so much from her and she actually inspired me to build my own 30 year career with the phone company. She was the epitome of what a great manager should be - loyal to the company, fair-minded, friendly, smart and dedicated, and she had so much integrity! I loved her smile, and when something funny or strange would happen, she had the most wonderful laugh! We eventually became friends and she would talk about her family with so much love and pride! I'm not surprised that she built an amazing career for herself - she loved working and I know first-hand what a tremendous asset she was in her jobs and the companies she worked for. She was, indeed, a wonderful woman, and all who loved her, who shared her path in life, will miss deeply miss her. My prayers to her family and friends are that the emptiness in your hearts and lives will be filled with warm and loving memories of Joanie.

PATTIE CURRAN - March 28, 2021 at 10:06 AM

JS

“ *Our gentle, perfect, incredible, heroic, wonderful mother... I know the days and weeks ahead will be difficult, but we will always remember mothers love, laugh, friendship, personality, and positive outlook on life. She made an impact on every single person she met. I am grateful to have been a part of her beautiful life and to have shared a special bond and friendship with her.*

Justin Simmons - March 26, 2021 at 11:44 AM

SS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Simmons Family! I was blessed to have a long term friendship,love, and many deep laughters with Joanie!! How I will miss you!! How I will miss that hearty laughter,with so much joy!! Rest my friend! Much Love*

Sara Sanchez - March 26, 2021 at 07:47 AM

MC

“ *Our deepest heartfelt condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Marivy and Yoly*

Marivy Capo - March 25, 2021 at 09:50 PM

BD

“ *Condolences to the Simmons family, she will always be in your heart*❤️❤️

barbara dumenko - March 25, 2021 at 09:43 PM

PL

“ Sincere condolences to all who have known Joanie, especially those who love her still & miss her shining presence in there lives. Each time I was fortunate enough to meet up with Joanie, she offered a bright smile, a warm hug, & a kind word. When I remember Joanie, I smile. I am grateful our paths crossed. Rest in peace sweet Joanie. Watch over your wonderful family, they will miss you forever more.

Peggy Langenwalter - March 25, 2021 at 09:34 PM

PJ

Joanie always was a beautiful person inside and out. She was a shinning star in our family. So many happy memories of our childhood. I am so sorry for your loss. I know she will be in your heart and you will have many days that you will miss her. She no longer is in pain and I am sure her bright and beautiful smile is with all our family in heaven. Praying for your peace and for your remembering fun times with her. She lives on thruway of your joy in these memories. Love to you all.
Cousin Pattie Johnston

Patricia Johnston - March 28, 2021 at 04:44 AM

PJ

Praying for Joanie's family. She was always the bright and shinning star in our family. She always had a smile and compassion for others I will never forget the joy I had when she would come to Clarendon Texas to visit when I was a child. So many good memories of her. Remembering the Joy she shared with others. I will be praying for you and praying for healing as you remember the good times with her.

Patricia Johnston - March 28, 2021 at 04:55 AM

GO

“ Gloria Renfro O'Bryant lit a candle in memory of Joanie McNabb Simmons



Gloria Renfro O'Bryant - March 25, 2021 at 09:32 PM

DB

Love hugs and prayers of comfort for all who knew her. She was obviously a very very special soul who will be missed by many. Memories remain forever! My deepest condolences.

Diane Burns - March 26, 2021 at 10:38 PM

LH

I enjoyed meeting you in High school. So beautiful and funny and then we connected again by phone when you had cancer and I had cancer. I am so glad that we reached out to each other and had the wonderful time we did together on the phone. I will always remember you and your strength. God Bless you and I know you will take care of your family even while you are in heaven with our Lord.

Lorraine Hertel - March 27, 2021 at 09:37 AM

PS

Prayers to the family and my deepest condolences.

Penelope Ann Saul-Hall - March 27, 2021 at 06:11 PM