



Jo Ann Sims Raper

December 2, 2007

Jo Ann Sims Raper, age 60, of Morrilton, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2007. She was born July 21, 1947 in Morrilton, Arkansas a daughter of the late Shorty Sims and Virginia Williams Sims. She was a homemaker and member of Lonoke Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Randy Raper and wife Renee' of St. Vincent; daughter, Cindy Gatling and husband Blake of Springfield; brothers, Sammy Sims of Martinville and Eddie Sims of Center Ridge; sisters, Judy Dalton of Conway, Sabra Murphree of Bee Branch, Sue Duncan and Robbie Stevenson both of Damascus; grandchildren, Morgan, Rylee and Grant Raper, and Maggie and Will Gatling. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Roxanne Mitchell Raper and brother, Tommy Sims.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at Lonoke Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Dennis Holmes officiating. Burial will be at Martinville Cemetery near Springfield by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Ann Sims Raper*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *She will be missed very much , what a strong woman and a even stronger faith in God. We are blessed to have known her.*

June 30, 2018 at 12:53 AM



“ *Happy Birthday Jo, I love you and miss you!!*

July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *T.J., Cindy and Family - I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.*

December 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *TJ Cindy and Family.. Im so sorry about the loss of your mother and wife.. She will be missed very much. Her memory will live on in your hearts thru all the special memories we create in life.. God bless you.. and our thoughts and prayers go out to you..*

December 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Randy & Cindy, I realize that words will never comfort you enough at this time. The real comfort comes in the fact that Jo is with our Lord, and will never hurt again, & that one day you will be reunited with her. The great memories are what she would want you to be dwelling on now. She held a very special place in my heart, and will always! I feel as though I am a better person in some way just to have been able to call her my friend! God bless you both and your families, now and always!!

December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy I am sorry to hear about your Mom. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayer.

Allen, Rebecca (nutt) and Austin womack

December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ T.J. and family.
I want to extend condolences in your loss of Jo Ann. I know the loss is hard to accept. Karene and I are sending sympathy and Christian Love.

*LeMoyne and Karene Jones
North Little Rock*

December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Randy & Cindy our heart grieves with you in the loss of your mom. you are in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult times. We will miss your mom greatly, but we know we shall meet again. Your mother was a wonderful person and a great christian. We loved her very much, she always had a great spirit and a sweet smile. We were blessed to have her as a member of our family. She always made us feel welcome when we dropped by for a visit. We will miss those sweet times we had with her. May God bless and comfort your hearts in the days to come.

December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Randy & Cindy,
With Sympathy & many prayers that God will give you His help, His strength, and His hope during this time of sorrow.

December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy and family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do, let us know. Tracey, Tracie, & Avery Stobaugh

December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a very sweet lady and a good friend. She was a blessing to me in a lot of ways. I will miss her sweet smile. Just know that your mom will never have to suffer again here on this earth. She is in heaven running and laughing with the angels and sitting at Jesus feet. Your family will be in our prayers during this difficult time.

December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cindy, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Stay strong.* ”

December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM