



## Brenda Simmons

October 3, 1950 - August 12, 2012

DR. BRENDA JO SIMMONS, age 61 passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2012 at Walter Reed Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland.

Brenda was born on October 3, 1950 in Miami, Florida to the late Howard and Betty (Nolet) Smith.

Dr. Simmons received a B.S. and a PhD in Pharmacy along with an Executive Masters Degree in Healthcare. She was the Chief of Division for the National Children's Medical Center in Washington, D.C. where her staff meant the world to her. She enjoyed visiting Disney World and spending time with her family at their home in Las Vegas.

She is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, Phillip Simmons of Manassas, VA and her daughter, Sierra Simmons also of Manassas, VA.

A Memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 4:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. Interment will take place in Florida at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or donations to: National Children's Medical Center, 111 Michigan Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20010 in loving memory of Dr. Brenda Jo Simmons



# Tribute Wall

SH

“ I never got the privilege to meet her but she sent me the most beautiful blue topaz pendant as a wedding gift for my something blue when i married her step son in 1995. God bless you! I will treasure it always!

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**Shonda** - October 21, 2020 at 03:58 PM

NJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. May God continue to bless and watch over you.

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**Nancy Jackson** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

SJ

“ I was sadden to hear of BrendaJo's passing; when she was waiting for a meeting w/Max Coppes she and I would talk about her shopping on QVC, and our battle with losing weight. She was such a positive and energized person, I have missed her since she left Children's and thought of her often. May the Peace and Blessings of Christ be with the family at this time. Brenda Jo, it was a pleasure to work with you -- Rest in Peace.

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**Shirley Jones** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

KS

“ I am a nurse and worked at Inova with Brenda Jo; when she was leaving there, she said to me one day in the cafeteria, "Karen, you should really think about Children's, it seems like a great place to work." And about a year later I came. I always felt Brenda Jo was a straight shooter and I always appreciated that. We shared many shuttle conversations about her trips to Vegas. Be at peace.

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**Karen Sachse** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

ME

“ *She was strong leader and will be missed, my thoughts and prayers to her family.*

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**Mohammad E.Etesam** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

MS

“ *Brenda Jo is one of those people that you meet and immediately can sense what a great and caring person she is. I met Brenda Jo through our Pediatric Director of Pharmacy network and struck up an immediate friendship. She was such a positive and caring person. I loved our chats about reading books and finding new authors to read and enjoy. I will greatly miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Mel Stimson** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

RF

“ *Brenda Jo always had a smile on her face and was one of those colleagues that would always be willing to share her knowledge with you. On numerous occasions, I would call her for an honest and open opinion and would always get the very best information from her. Will miss her*

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**Richard I Sakaki, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCSHP** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JB

“ *I am thankful for having the opportunity to work and share knowledge with Brenda Jo. A terrific mentor and leader who cared deeply for her staff. My prayers are with her and the Simmons family.*

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**Jay L. Schwab, RPh, BCNSP** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

TB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You have my sincerest sympathy. If there is anything I can do, please, just ask. My thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of need.

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**Tina Bowser** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ Dr. Brenda Jo Simmons will be remembered as a strong leader and a strong woman. Her presence has left an indelible mark on the Pharmacy at Children's National Medical Center, as she reflected the epitome of striving for excellence. My deepest sympathies to her family.

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August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ I have fond memories of Dr. Simmons advocating for what was best for the safe storage and management of vaccines in the Goldberg Center. She has been truly missed! May God comfort you family and friends...give you beauty for the ashes...the oil of joy for mourning...and the garment of praise for a spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3).

Prayerfully yours,

Gayle Jones, BSN,MA, CNHP, FCN, RN

Manager, Parish Nursing

Children's National Medical Center

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**Gayle Jones, BSN, MA, CNHP, FCN, RN** - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM