



## Annie Mae Simon

January 22, 1930 - July 4, 2020

### Annie's Story

Annie Mae Simon was born on January 22, 1930 in Delhi, Louisiana to Fred Patrick Duckworth and Mittie Mae Coston. Both parents and all four of her siblings have preceded Annie in death. Annie Mae married the love of her life, Raymond Simon, on October 22, 1945, in East Carroll Parish, Lake Providence, Louisiana. She gave birth to their first child while she was still sixteen years of age. The couple faced many life challenges, but they stood strong together for fifty years, during which time they raised five children.

In 1953, with their first three children, Annie Mae and Raymond then moved from Louisiana to Northern California (Tulelake), to join Raymond's other family members. They then moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon. The birth of two more children added to their family soon after that.

Annie Mae stayed home to raise her pre-school children, but after all of her kids were in school, Annie Mae became a telephone operator in the small town of Merrill, Oregon in the 1960s. She continued to practice the same trade as a telephone operator in the larger city of Klamath Falls, OR, in the 1970s.

After the death of her husband, she lived at various times in the homes of her children. After her paralyzing stroke, she then came to Tacoma Washington where she resided for the past seven years, in a Nursing Home.

# Events

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**JUL**   **Visitation**                      10:00AM - 04:00PM

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Mountain View Funeral Home & Crematory  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA, US, 98499

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



Mountain View Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Crematory - July 09, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ This is a message our pastor and his wife sent to us. The things they saw touched my heart deeply and dearly.

Susie



Susie Gisselberg - July 30, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ This is a message our pastor and his wife sent to us. It doesn't seem to show up as clearly here, as the picture I took, but the things they saw touched my heart deeply and dearly. The card says, "Dear One's, I am so sorry for your loss. Danette and I noticed every Sundayhow



Susie Gisselberg - July 30, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ This one got posted by accident. Sorry about that!

Susie - July 30, 2020 at 09:50 PM

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“ Ready for our walk in the sun!



**Susie Gisselberg** - July 20, 2020 at 05:51 PM

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“ Hey Peeps! I've shared a few pictures of my momma in her later years, but all I know is to share are the links because they are on my google cloud. "/> Sorry! Hope you enjoy!

**Susan Gisselberg** - July 17, 2020 at 04:40 PM

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**Susan Gisselberg** - July 17, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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**Susan Gisselberg** - July 17, 2020 at 04:31 PM

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**Susan Gisselberg** - July 17, 2020 at 04:28 PM

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**Susan Gisselberg** - July 17, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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**Susan Gisselberg** - July 17, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ This is my grandma who gave me the Louisiana Purchase when I was a BBY. And funny thing how I wasn't invited to her funeral? Naomi Lynn Simon ( True live events that happened to me on google bloggers)

**Naomi Lynn Simon** - December 13, 2020 at 09:25 AM

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“ Annie was very blessed in her final years! Thank you, Shelia & Susan!

This comment is to acknowledge two of Annie's daughters, Shelia and Susan, who lovingly gave their mother the sacred gift of watching over her stay at the nursing facility on a constant basis come rain or shine.

Susan shared many activities throughout each week with her mother to include special celebrations at the facility or an occasional outing beyond the confines of the facility.

Susan also accompanied her mother to external medical appointments when needed, and never failed to make sure that Annie's grooming appointments were scheduled on a weekly basis. Equally important, both Annie and Susan shared a mutual enjoyment of Church services which they attended together on most Sundays. Susan always made sure a pretty outfit was picked-out for her mother to wear. When Annie's health began to further decline Susan was there to play her Mother's favorite music, hold her hands and gently talk to her. Only the Coronavirus Pandemic prevented Susan from being with her beloved mother in the last few months of her life.

Shelia was the one who constantly monitored the over-all care needs of her mother at the facility. Though she lives in California, Shelia never missed a Care Conference via phone nor did she shy away from dealing with many complicated issues that needed to be addressed at the facility. Shelia was critically instrumental in making sure that Annie's medical records reflected her daily care plan needs as well as her medication needs.

In fact, Shelia's knowledge of medication interactions prevented a few potential health problems for her mother. Shelia is also an excellent researcher, and in so doing, she located the best wheelchair to accommodate her mother's needs as Annie's health continued to decline. Each area of concern in Annie's over-all care was met with truly thoughtful and loving action be it clothing needs, medical needs or end-of-life needs.

Kudos to you ladies! Your mother would be proud.

Margo Clark



Margo Clark - July 13, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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Shelia Clark - July 13, 2020 at 05:11 AM

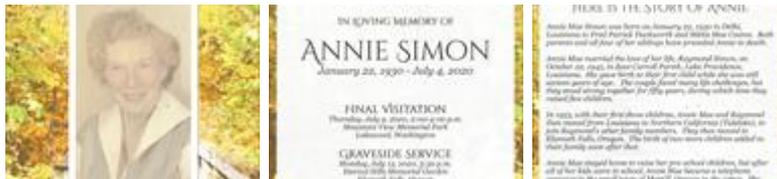


“ Just a fun memory of my Momma here. I remember one of the times when we went to Crater Lake with Momma and Daddy while my little brother and I were children. We walked down to the lake without any problems, but about half way up from the lake, Momma gave out, and I ran back to pull her up the rest of the way. My little brother also ran back and assisted in our endeavor. We each grabbed a hand and pulled forward. It was funny for us, at our young ages, to do that! Daddy continued out just fine. ☐:)

Susan Gisselberg - July 12, 2020 at 04:58 PM



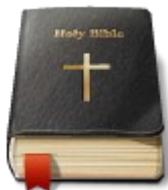
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Mountain View Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Crematory - July 12, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ Susan Simon Gisselberg sent a virtual gift in memory of Annie Mae Simon



Susan Simon Gisselberg - July 08, 2020 at 09:19 PM



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**Susan Simon Gisselberg** - July 08, 2020 at 08:01 PM

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“ Susan Simon Gisselberg sent a virtual gift in memory of Annie Mae Simon



**Susan Simon Gisselberg** - July 08, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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“ Momma was there for me when I needed her. Like the time when I went into labor with my first child, while my husband was at work. She immediately left the telephone office where she worked and came to drive me to the hospital. She also remained there with me throughout my labor and delivery. I will always cherish the memory of the first thing I heard when my son Adam was born. “Oh! It’s a little boy,” my momma exclaimed. I could hear her smile. J

After my Daddy died she decided instead of living alone, she wanted to move to live with my sister Judy, in Reno, NV. While I visited with her in Reno on one occasion, she told me she wanted to do everything she could to assist us in our family genealogy research. We had such fun together on our research trips, which she gladly and voluntarily funded, across the country!

One of my favorite memories of her is when she would do something that embarrassed or otherwise tickled her. I will never forget how her face would turn beet red and tears would roll down her face while she laughed. I never saw my momma upset over anything, although I know there were certainly things I did that should have upset her. She did cry when Daddy died, but she didn’t allow her grief to control her life. She instead shared her loving spirit with us and instead of remarrying, waited on her turn to join Daddy, where he waited for her in Heaven.

When I was a passenger in a near-fatal auto accident and suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury in 1979, I’m told she spent every day by my bed in the hospital until I woke. I have spent every day possible with my momma in the Care Center where she has lived since I moved her here to Washington State, from a horrible place in Louisiana, in 2013 so she could be by me.

I have spent my days there with my momma since then. And she has shared her beet red, teary-eyed face with me during that time, too. She also joined my church and attended with me on every Sunday. She was spunky and I’ve been told “feisty.” She even went to church all by herself on one Sunday while I was out of town, once!

Since Covid-19 infected her, I have likewise wanted to be by her bedside when she woke, but it wasn’t to be.

**Susan Simon Gisselberg** - July 08, 2020 at 06:32 PM

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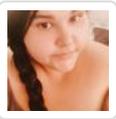


“ Jessica Larson lit a candle in memory of Annie Mae Simon



Jessica Larson - July 07, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ pictures of annie's great grand daughter and son and great great grand babies



Jessica Larson - July 07, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ We all love you so much great grandma. I wish i could have seen you again before you went to heaven.



Jessica Larson - July 07, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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“ Susan Simon Gisselberg lit a candle in memory of Annie Mae Simon



Susan Simon Gisselberg - July 07, 2020 at 04:12 AM

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Raymond Simon - July 06, 2020 at 11:21 PM

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Fred Simon - July 06, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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Shelia Clark - July 06, 2020 at 08:28 PM

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Shelia Clark - July 06, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ This Tribute from Angelique Ivy Crowe

Shelia - July 06, 2020 at 07:55 PM

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Fred Simon - July 06, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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Fred Simon - July 06, 2020 at 01:58 PM

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Shelia Clark - July 06, 2020 at 01:15 PM

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Shelia Clark - July 05, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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