



Yolanda Batten-Simmens

February 28, 2021

Yolanda Batten-Simmens, 91, formerly of Penns Grove, NJ, peacefully passed away in her new chosen home of New Bern, NC on February 28, 2021 with her son and daughter-in-law and best buddy, Gizzie, lovingly by her side.

Yolanda was born in Penns Grove, NJ, attended Penns Grove High School and was the youngest of ten children. At the tender age of 4, she stood on a box to bunch asparagus along with family members who worked on the local farms. Later, as a teenager, she worked at the Riverview Beach Park selling tickets for rides and amusements. She had worked in many different capacities throughout her adult life from packing glassware at Anchor-Hocking as a teenager to clerking for various business entities. She loved the personal interactions of working with the public as she was normally a very shy person. She always had such a wonderful work ethic that her former bosses never wanted her to leave their employ.

Yolanda was a voracious reader of books but suffered poor vision in later years. She became totally captivated by the fact that she could read any book with the assistance of the Kindle, adjusting the size and print to her needs effortlessly. Also, as many can attest, she was the consummate shopper of clothes, jewelry, shoes, etc. She took great care with her appearance and when she dressed, her ensemble was impeccably matched, head to toe.

In recent years, she had moved to a new home in New Bern, North Carolina with her son and daughter-in-law and Gizzie. She fell in love with North Carolina and readily adopted their bird, the Cardinal, as her favorite and was always enthralled whenever one would come to visit her.

She is survived by her son, Michael and his wife, Bobbie. By her grandchildren: Laura Healy and her husband, Patrick; Michael Batten and his wife, Bethany; Nicole Miller and her husband, Mike; and Lisa McConnell. By her great grandchildren: Cassidy Batten; Ashlin, Ella, Addie McConnell; Jacob, Eli Miller; Lola Healy (granddog) and Gizzie Batten (soulmate.) She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and other countless family and friends that she held close to her heart.

She is preceded in death by her son, James Andrew Batten (Jimmy); and by her former husbands: Bobby Simmens and Michael Batten, Sr.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday night, May 21, 2021 from 6 to 8 PM at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098 with a chance for friends and family to celebrate and reflect on Yolanda's life at 7 PM. There will be a graveside committal service at 11 AM on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Riverview Cemetery in Penns Grove, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Yolanda's memory to The Seeing Eye, Inc., 1 Seeing Eye Way, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Virginia Avenue & Pitman Street
Penns Grove, NJ 08069

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home (Woodstown)
64 Broad St.
Woodstown, NJ 08098
(856) 769-2220

Graveside

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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