



Audrey Simmons Bensemon Wells

November 17, 1922 - October 24, 2015

Audrey Simmons Bensemon Wells, age 92, passed away October 24, 2015, in Ivins, UT. She was born November 17, 1922, in Elmore, MN to Milo G. Simmons and Irene M. Wicken. She married Milton Bensemon January 22, 1946, who passed away February 12, 1985 in Las Vegas, NV. Audrey married William Wells in 1993, who resides in Washington, UT.

Audrey was born in Minnesota, but was raised in Oelwein, IA. She served in the US Marine Corps from March 1943 to January 1945, earning the rank of Sergeant. She served in Washington DC and Virginia where she became the first Drum Major of the Women's Marine Corps Band. After leaving the service, she moved to Chicago and worked in a modeling studio. From there, Audrey moved to California where she worked with several newspapers. She moved to southern Utah in 1979 and joined the American Legion, serving for over 30 years. She was the first female Commander of Post 90 and District Commander of Area 7 for Southern Utah. Audrey was instrumental in the establishment of the Air Force Junior ROTC unit at Dixie High School in St. George, UT.

Audrey is survived by: her husband William Wells of Washington, UT; her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Alice Bensemon of Pleasant View, UT; five grandchildren: David, Darla, Matthew, Jeremy, and Kira Bensemon; 5 great-grandchildren; two surviving sisters, Shirley Maxine Hulse and Judith Ann

Morgan; and one surviving step-son, Milton Anthony Benzamin.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Elmer "Buzz" Simmons; 3 sisters: Patricia Joan Olson, Ardis Elaine Clemens, and Sharon Lea Landingham; step-mother Nora Alvina Simmons; and step-son, Russell Elias Benzamin.

A memorial service will be held on November 13, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the Southern Utah Veterans Home 160 N 200 E Ivins, UT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dixie High School Air Force Junior ROTC for the American Legion Cadet Scholarship fund.

Arrangements and memorial tree planting are with Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, (435) 986-2085. Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

Southern Utah Veterans Home
160 N 200 E
Ivins, UT 84738

Tribute Wall

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Serenity Funeral Home - November 14, 2015 at 08:05 AM

DC

“ Dear Bill,
It was with a heavy heart that I read of Audrey's passing yesterday. LaRene and I could feel your combined love and energy for each other. She will surely be missed, but I know you will treasure your fond memories of well-spent years with each other. Bill, I'd love to go flying again with you when and if you feel like it would be fun to do. My cell number is 435-467-3095. It's been a while since we've connected. I want you to know that I hold, and will always hold you in the highest regard. Thank you for being a friend. Please let me know if there is anything that we can do to be of any help or assistance at this time.

*Love,
Dean & LaRene Cox*

Dean Cox - November 10, 2015 at 09:47 AM

DM

“ Dear Bill,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

You and Audrey were a wonderful couple - your love, concern and respect for one another was obvious! I know that you are blessed with many cherished memories of a life well lived.

*Warm regards,
Dan Madsen MD*

Dan Madsen - November 08, 2015 at 05:16 AM



“ *May The Lord watch over you ALWAYS Audrey I will never forget you In 2004 you were my Adjutant for District 7 I Counted on you very much RIP you are one of the fondest Patriots I will ever Know
George A Strutzel Jr Apple Valley UT*

George Strutzel - October 31, 2015 at 05:30 PM