



## Renee Lester Simmons

February 27, 1973 - December 22, 2020

Renee Suzanne Lester Simmons, 47, of Bland, Virginia, died December 22, 2020, from complications of COVID 19. She was preceded in death by her doting grandmother, Helen Cumby Sanford, and her father Griffith Ross Lester.

Renee was born in Bluefield, West Virginia, February 27, 1973, to Griffith Ross Lester and Linda L. Landreth, Bluefield, West Virginia.

Renee graduated from Bluefield High in 1991, attended Catawba College in North Carolina, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and Bluefield State College. She held a Virginia Horticulture/Pesticide License, ServSafe Food and Protection Certification, and she was OSHA Construction and Plumbing Qualified. For several years, she had worked in retail sales.

She is survived by her husband Jeffery Todd Simmons of Bland, Virginia, her daughter, Kari Elizabeth Helen Rose and grandson Branson Steven Crockett Rose, of Knoxville, Tennessee, her mother and stepfather Linda and Leon Landreth of Bluefield, West Virginia, step brother and sister Jared Landreth of Settle, Washington, and Leann Landreth of Savanna Georgia, several cousins, and loving friends.

Renee was generous, loving, kind, intelligent, capricious, impetuous, unique individual who often gave her heart away to, and for, others. She was ambitious with a fun loving sense of humor. She loved the warmth of summer and the fall tree leaves of the brightest orange.

For many years, she battled the all-encompassing evils of addiction and

incarceration with little help from authorities for rehabilitation. Recently, she was free to live a positive lifestyle when she contracted COVID 19. She was gone too soon to prove she could be the best mother, grandmother, daughter, wife, and friend she believed she could be for those who dearly loved her. A private memorial service was held for Renee, Wednesday, December 30, at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Renee Suzanne Lester Simmons.

# Tribute Wall



“ Renee Lester Simmons

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Growing up in a small town..... There are so many memories of you. My earliest best friend. From school to the “haunted house”, crab apples til our bellies acted and the diving into leaf piles every fall. Watching Scooby Doo, having living room dance parties with all the furniture pushed out to the walls so we had room to dance and sing. You playing “Eyes without a face” so loud the entire street could hear it. Having “junk” food for snacks because your mom would buy it n mine wouldn’t. I still can’t see or eat a fruit roll up without thinking of you. Getting in trouble almost daily, because you lived the other side of Orchard.... Where I wasn’t allowed to go without supervision but regardless couldn’t stay away. We had many adventures and shared a true love for one another. I honestly can hardly come up with any childhood memories you’re not a part of. I love you, wish your family peace and light this candle to commemorate your birthday tomorrow. Rest easy, sweet lady. Your smile lit up rooms and was as infectious as your laugh. I can certainly say you touched my heart and life in ways that only one other soul on the planet could understand because she was there, day in and day out. The 3 musketeers. We had a lot of fun and shared a lot of love. You’re so loved and missed by more folks than anyone can fathom. 💕💕💕



Jordana Angles - February 25, 2022 at 01:13 PM

 Sherry Williams

“ *My bestie you knew me better than I knew myself. I can't believe it's been a year .God knows a part of me died when I left. You are forever a shining star I will see you again one day my dear friend*

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**Sherry Williams** - December 19, 2021 at 06:06 PM

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“ *you would always light up a room when u walked in. Im so glad i got the pleasure of knowing you. REST IN PARADISE BEAUTIFUL...*

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**dawn mandola** - October 03, 2021 at 08:12 PM

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“ *I am sincerely sorry to Renee's family for the loss of one of the best friends I've ever had. Her love and loyalty to her family and friends are a stand-out trait that I can only pray that I have adopted. Larger than life, Renee's laugh, smile, and spirit were infectious; you simply could not be unhappy when you were with her. No matter how down, worried, sad, angry, or depressed you may have been, she was the one person who could ALWAYS turn it around for you and make you feel better! 😊*

*Renee refused to let me talk down on myself... She made SURE to give me the confidence, courage, and strength to handle life. She was never afraid to tell you what was on her mind, and she was and will remain someone that I look up to, admire, and only pray to be like.*

*I am unable to express the gratitude and grief that I feel for having known and lost her. Kari & Branson--she loved you guys with everything she had!! I love you, Renee. One day, I expect a warm, loud welcome when I join you up there, and eternal great times to come! You will be on my mind and dearly missed.*

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**Mary Beth Alderman** - January 04, 2021 at 03:26 PM