



## Charlotte A. Simons

August 23, 1934 - March 22, 2020

Charlotte A. (Wood) Simons was born on August 23rd, 1934, in Chicago, IL to Dr. Willard and Edith Wood. While she was growing up, her family traveled between 3 homes: in Chicago, in Florida, and on the Chain of Lakes in Spread Eagle.

She played basketball in high school, and although she didn't consider herself a musically inclined person, she could throw down on the piano and clarinet.

In the summers of her youth, on the Chain at Spread Eagle, she rode around on a pontoon boat, or which she called the "Party Barge." She said it was big enough to hold a piano, (no really, it had a piano on it that she played), or she could be seen cruising around in her pink convertible, "Pinkie." Always on the go, she would arrive at the Svecia club late for dinner, and she considered it a badge of honor when the elders clinked their glasses in disapproval.

She received her Master's Degree in Education and taught in various locations before teaching 1st grade at Woodland Elementary. Char dearly loved her students and could remember most of their names years later. Crayon eaters can rest comfortably knowing their secret is now safe.

As a 4 H instructor, she taught knitting, and her knitting stitches were perfection. She continued to knit and sew throughout her life.

She was a voracious reader and was well known at the Dickinson County Library, averaging about one mystery novel every other day.

Pets were always welcomed at her house, and she recently adopted a cat from the wonderful organization, Barn Buddies. The cats, Cora and Dilly, will be kept in Char's family.

Watching the Green Bay Packers with her son, his wife, and granddaughters was something she looked forward to. We wanted the Green Bay Packers to be her pallbearers, so they could let her down one more time. It is hard to believe that her beloved Cubs were the team that won the last championship of all of her favorite teams.

Char, or Gramma, was the Badwater Ski-Ters Waterski Show Team biggest fan, and she rarely missed a show. She had no qualms about telling the show directors (son and granddaughters) what she did or did not like about the show, and we thank her for that. She made the shows even better.

Char and her friend Mary started the juried Spread Eagle, Wisconsin Art Show, "Art Show in the Woods." It was the very first art show in the area.

Retirement, after of 30 years of teaching, was followed by a second career as a webmaster for Exploring the North. She worked up until her death as a webmaster, and she never was one to believe the stereotype that the elderly and technology did not mix.

She is on her way to reunite with those who have passed on: her parents, Willard and Edith; her younger sister, Vivian; and many cat, dogs and one caiman waiting for her on the rainbow bridge.

She is missed by her sons, Jim Martin (wife Jeneen) and Dave Martin (wife Donna); daughter, Sally Carlson (husband Dan); granddaughters, Dr. Nicole Martin and Halee Martin; and her best dog friend, Echo.

A private graveside ceremony will be held Wednesday and in lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in her name to the Almost Home Animal Shelter.

Condolences to the family of Charlotte A. Simons can be made online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

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“ 😞 my Dear Friend, Inwas thinking about you today and was searching for your phone number and found this. I am sorry I missed saying good bye. We have great memories of you and the girls would like to paint your deck again , I'm sure you'd like that 😊 NOT . Miss you Dearly. All my Love to the family for a speedy healing. 😊

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**arleen** - June 10, 2020 at 11:13 PM

MH

“ So sorry to read in the Daily News of Char's demise. Char was a neighbor of mine in Spread Eagle who I really liked. After reading her obit I wish I had known her while she was at the Svecia club. My condolences all all her family.  
Maddie Meyers Holcomb

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**Maddie Meyers Holcomb** - March 26, 2020 at 07:45 PM

LC

“ Please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother and grandmother. We are sure you all have wonderful memories that will stay in your hearts forever.  
Sincerely  
Scott and Linda Chanlynn

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**Linda Chanlynn** - March 25, 2020 at 01:53 PM

KK

“ I only saw her once a year at "Char's" Art Show in Spread Eagle. She was special and I always thought that the world needed more people like her. She will be missed.  
Kathy Kuczek

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**Kathy Kuczek** - March 25, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JM

“ *Jim, David, Sally, so sorry to hear that your mom died. I remember her wonderful spirit and generosity. Always so welcoming.*  
*Judy Martin*

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**judy martin** - March 24, 2020 at 10:22 PM

KL

“ *My sincerest, heartfelt condolences to all..*

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**Kristen Lindholm** - March 24, 2020 at 07:37 PM

SM

“ *Dave, Sally and Jim,*  
*Will always have fond memories of your wonderful Mom.....peace to you all.*  
*Shelby and Pete*

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**Shelby Merckx** - March 24, 2020 at 05:09 PM

KB

“ *Sending our deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom! Love and prayers from the whole Balzola Family* ❤️❤️❤️

*Paul and Kelley Balzola*

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**Kelley Balzola** - March 24, 2020 at 12:17 PM