

## **Marilyn Simons 1950–20**

Marilyn was welcomed into the world on 4 March 1950 by Percival and Edith Humphries at Neithrop Hospital, Banbury. She lived at 5 The Paddocks, Hempton Road, with her siblings Alan, Albert, Bryan and Christine.

She attended Deddington Primary School followed by Windmill Secondary. After finishing school she worked at the Co-op. She enjoyed time with friends and family and played darts at the British Legion. It was here that she met her husband of 50 years, Pete Simons. They got married in 1970 and soon started their own family, welcoming Cheryl in 1971, quickly followed by her brother Martin in 1972. Around 1976 they moved to their own home at 17 Windmill Street and this is where they stayed.

Around the time that Martin started at the Primary School, Marilyn took on the role of a dinner lady. She continued this and became the caretaker, working at the school for 40 years. She is known by many generations as Mrs Simons and one ex-pupil referred to her as 'the best dinner lady ever'.

Marilyn was pleased to become a nan, firstly to James in 1998 and then again in 2000 to Dan. She and Pete took great pleasure in looking after them as they grew up and they had a very close and special relationship. She was a devoted nan and extremely proud of their achievements and the young men they have grown into.

Marilyn was a family person and loved nothing more than spending time with her family. She was a kind, caring person. Her door was always open and she would be pleased to see you.

In 2013, Marilyn experienced a heart attack and the family feared the worst. They were overjoyed when she regained consciousness on Christmas Day which may have been due to Pete and Gemma singing Christmas songs to her and she just wanted them to stop singing. Marilyn and her family feel very fortunate to have been able to enjoy an extra seven years of her life, thanks to the medical professionals and quick reactions of her neighbours.

Marilyn was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, nan, auntie, and friend to many. She will be greatly missed and the love she showed to people will not be forgotten.

***The Simons Family***