



Martha C. Simons

July 29, 1959 - January 31, 2026

Martha C. Simons, 66, of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away on January 31, 2026, at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, following an extended illness.

Martha was born on July 29, 1959, in Ridgewood, New Jersey, a daughter of the late Calvin W. and Jeanie W. (née McKellin) Cronk. She was a graduate of Ridgewood High School. In 1984, Martha moved to Tampa, Florida, then to Naples in 1985, before finally settling in Bonita Springs in 1987, where she made her home for nearly four decades.

In 1985, Martha became a licensed massage therapist after attending massage school, a career that reflected her caring and compassionate nature. In 1990, she met the love of her life, William C. "Bill" Simons. They were married on November 11, 1990, at Unity Church in Naples, Florida, and shared 35 years of devoted marriage.

Dedicated to serving her community, Martha ran for Bonita Springs City Council in 2004 and was elected to represent District 5. She proudly served two terms, representing her district until 2012. Following her service on the City Council, Martha selflessly cared for her mother after she was diagnosed with dementia, relocating her from Sanford, North Carolina, to Bonita Springs. Martha lovingly cared for her mother until her passing on August 30, 2019.

Martha was a member of the Bonita Springs Lions Club, the American Legion Post 303 Auxiliary, the VFW Post 4254 Auxiliary, and the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.

In June of 2024, Martha was diagnosed with cancer. She faced her illness with grace, strength, and dignity until her passing on Saturday night.

She is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Bill Simons of Bonita Springs, Florida; her brother, David Cronk and his wife, Connie, of Wilmington, North Carolina; her sister, Maggie Cronk of Sanford, North Carolina; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy Cronk and Paul Cronk, and her sister, Mary Sue Cronk.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, February 8, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, Florida.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, Florida.

Interment will take place on Tuesday at 12:30 PM at Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Committal Service

FEB 10. 12:30 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72
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Tribute Wall

SA

“ I love you aunt Martha. You where a good person and definitely loved uncle bill so much. Fly high beautiful angel. We will miss you.



Sabrina - February 09 at 11:13 PM

LL

“ My husband Byron and I were so blessed to have known Martha for at least 20 yrs! She was such a loving and caring person and very enthusiastic with everything she did and every organization she was involved with! She also loved history and was always giving us extra information about Byron's Pioneer grandfather who came here in 1897 and his Great grandfather who came here in 1901. When I delivered some herbs to her house that I used that helped cure cancer if used quick enough, she showed me all around her beautiful yard that she loved working in. She will be missed but we know she is being held in God's loving hands and those loving hands are also holding you up Bill up during this hard time. But God promises that "Joy comes in the morning". We don't know when that morning is but it WILL come. For now it ok to grieve and mourn and we all grieve with you Bill. We pray you feel God's presence extra close to you during this time. 🙏❤️🙏
Love, Linda and Byron Liles

Linda Liles - February 08 at 04:37 PM

ST

“ Martha Simons always got a kick out of me whenever I entered the Lions Club to vote. If I spotted her there, I would always yell, "Martha Simons is in the house!"

She was the *FIRST* Councilwoman and the *BEST* representative Bonitians will ever have...*EVER!* She was always working for the citizens of Bonita Springs. She did her best to promote clean waterways and land conservation. When she noticed that several Bonita bicyclists had been hit by unaware drivers, she was instrumental in giving out *FREE* bicycle flashers to those in need, and accidents soon diminished. This hard-working lady really *DID* care about us! Every time I spot a bicycle flashing in the night, I am reminded of Martha's goodness.

Martha Simons is now in the House of the Lord. And the stars are flashing her Welcoming.

May Bill receive a sign that her Love continues.....



Sandie Treichel
Bonita Springs, FL

Sandie Treichel - February 07 at 02:36 AM

JZ

“ Martha was the most Bold, Unabashed, Straight-Up Honest person that I have ever met. I've known her for over 20-years and I was honored to have her and Bill as friends. It was always a treat to see her at Marybeth's legendary Halloween parties. She was always a fun loving person and full of life. I think perhaps Martha was like the candle that burned twice as bright but half as long. She definitely lit the way, setting a shining example of how a person should conduct themselves in this here life. I know she will continue to shine in the next life, the *REAL* Life, the *Eternal* Life!

Jaime Ziadie - February 07 at 01:49 AM



“ *Martha was a dear friend and neighbor who dedicated herself to serving others less fortunate in the community. She fought for the citizens of Bonita Springs with her tireless work as city council member and all round great human being.*

Together with her husband Bill, they were always front and center when hurricanes landed on our shores and beyond.

We are heart broken.

Our prayers continue for Martha and all her family.

Gina and Benito Crisalli

Giovina Galante-Crisalli - February 06 at 12:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha C. Simons.*



February 06 at 12:09 PM



“ *My husband and I are so privileged to call Martha and Bill our neighbors and friends.*

Martha was always front and center to get things done for the citizens of Bonita Springs. Whether it was as a city council member or just a great neighbor throughout the many hurricanes that landed on our shores.

She dedicated herself to serving others, always with a smile and a comforting hug. Bill was always there too.

We are heart broken.

We offer our thoughts and prayers to all her family.

Gina and Benito Crisalli

Giovina Galante-Crisalli - February 06 at 11:58 AM

KL

“ *Karen Laporte lit a candle in memory of Martha Simons*



Karen Laporte - February 06 at 09:46 AM

RM

“ *Martha, Pat McCourt, and I were elected together to the Bonita City Council. Martha was the hardest working, fiercely loyal to her constitutes, and just a great person to know. She was a veteran supporter, and she will be missed.*

Richard Ferreira, frm Dep Mayor - February 06 at 09:05 AM

SD

“ *I was privileged to be part of Bill and Martha lives for 6 months in 2025, living on their property. Martha asked me, out of the blue, if I would come and help her thru her journey of healing. We had not seen each other for many years, but we have known each other since the 80's, working at the same healing Center. Bill and Martha have been like two peas in a pod, and I am deeply saddened for his loss of dearest Martha.*



Suzanne Dumont - February 05 at 04:10 PM

PD

“ Dear Martha! Big Heart. Always bold and willing to speak up. Always willing to help. What a dear, dear woman..dedicated to her family, friends and community.

Pastor Tim Deaton - February 05 at 10:54 AM

CO

“ Martha was the kind of person if you needed help she was there. I seen her volunteer countless hrs to better our local VFW. She fought Cancer with all she had and with such a positive attitude. She was one of a kind and I am so proud to call her my friend. The love she had for Bill was obvious, she adored him. You will be missed my friend

cheryl ogle - February 04 at 09:09 PM