



## Laura Simmons

April 17, 1926 - August 17, 2011

Laura L. Simmons, 85, of Holdrege, died Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at Christian Homes in Holdrege. Private services will be held at Prairie Home Cemetery in Holdrege. Memorials are suggest to Christian Homes in Holdrege. On-line condolences maybe submitted to [osafh.com](http://osafh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. She was born April 17, 1926 in Achilles, KS to William and Alma (Fox) Wentling. She was the second of eight children. Her parents farmed in Kansas and moved to California in April 1935 due to bad sand storms in Kansas. She attended school in Achilles through third grade and Santa Paula, CA through eighth grade. On August 9, 1941, she married J.L. Simmons in Las Vegas, NV. They owned and operated J and L Grocery store in Hendley from 1971-1981. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Holdrege and currently attended the Presbyterian Church in Holdrege. She was a member of the Women's Circle. She enjoyed baking, sewing, knitting and crocheting. Survivors include her son, Harry Dale Simmons and wife Shirley of Scott, AR and their children, Desmond, Kim and Laura; daughters, Janet Porter and husband Jerome of Holdrege and their children, Jerry and James, and Yolanda Voorhies and husband Gene of Bellingham, WA and their children, Amber and Crystal; sister, Margaret Starne of Benicia, CA; brothers, Wiley Wentling and wife Carolyn of Beaver City, NE and Earl "Ervin" Wentling and wife Ruth of Kingman, AZ; brother-in-law, Paul Evans of California; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; 4

infant sons, Bobby Joe, William Leslie, Desmond Jay and Bruce Lamar; 4 sisters, Lila Meeks, Wilma Evans, Sharon Fitch and Mary Ellen Wentling; and brother-in-law, Jack Starne

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Simmons*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Janet we remember your mother well, she was a wonderful person. We were sorry to hear of her passing. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless and Keep you all.*

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**Marvin and Clara Schluntz** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Laura's passing. I (Kaye) just visited with Jennifer Porter on Tuesday. My Dad (Wendell and Goldie Wentling ) live near Hendley, so we were at the store in Hendley many times when they were the owners. And of course we know Wiley well. Our sympathies to all of you.*

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**Doug and Kaye Linner** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Dale, Janet and Yolanda, I have very fond memories of Aunt Laura. Still don't know how she made the giant pancakes in the cast iron skillet. Riding the Shetland pony on the farm was always a treat. I hope Uncle Jay is there to greet her with a song! I would like to get in touch with Yolanda but do not have your address. My prayers are with you, Valerie*

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**Valerie Wentling Stols** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM