



## Douglas Morgan Simmons

July 6, 1946 - April 5, 2021

Douglas Morgan Simmons, 74, of Menard, passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021 in Abilene surrounded by his loved ones. Doug was born in Menard to Paschal and Ola (Stephens) Simmons on July 6, 1946. He married Dianne Baker on July 7, 1973 in Menard. They celebrated 47 years together.

Doug was loved by so many. He was blessed to have so many good friends and family. He was always picking on everyone, especially the waitresses. He was always cutting up. He was known for his love of old country classic music and guitar playing. He played in many bands alongside his brother. They played in the band called The Wheels alongside his good friends. He also played with the County Choice Band among many others. Doug was active in the Friends of the American Legion and played many benefits and jam sessions. He was active in the Menard Jaycees, Menard Gun Club and played a mean game of pool. He played at Jim Bowie Day trail rides and played at Menard Manor Nursing Home. He enjoyed the Turkey Shoots and would always win more than one turkey. He enjoyed target shooting, hunting, and fishing with his friends and family. He worked many years in the oil field and doing carpentry work.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Georgia Matthews, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is survived by his wife Dianne Simmons of Menard, brother, Donnie (Donna) Simmons of Junction, In Laws, Jo Ella Castleberry and Joe Edward (Sissy) Baker, nephew, Gene Matthews, nieces, Lannie (Richard) Dorman,

and Deborah Matthews, nephew, Donnie Simmons Jr. (Wendy), Deanna Bessent (Mark), Becky Walker (Clint), Stephen Simmons (Lee), Patrica Minyard (Michael), Mark Minyard (Carol), Amber Henke (Joseph), Ashley Baker, Dorothy Aguirre (Ricardo), Jason Castleberry, Joe Castlebery (Paulina), Jason Doyal (Tandis), Jewel Petty, Marcie Benavides (Paul), many great nephews and nieces, & great great nephews, and nieces.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, April 9, 2021 at Rest Haven in Menard.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home of Menard.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rest Haven Cemetery  
Hwy 83  
Menard, TX 76859

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Doug in the tail end of the 80's when he and Donnie were a team around Lincoln,NH. Soon he & I joined forces doing finish carpentry @ LL Bean DownEast in Maine plus some ski resorts here in NH. He was super respectful of others and adored his wife Dianne.

I recall an incident in Freeport,ME where I was about to get in a scrape with some plumbers on the job and Dougie had my back if they decided to misbehave. One look in the eyes of that man from Menard and they wisely got lost. My son, now in his forties, still loves that story about my old compadre!

I deeply regret I didn't attempt to look him up earlier but hope his family has found a peace. With respect, from Whitefield,NH.

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**Bob DiBlasi** - December 09, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Douglas Morgan Simmons.



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April 08, 2021 at 10:09 PM

RB

“ Douglas and I played guitar together and traded guitars once. I recall that Wheels was his band's theme song and his wife was tired of it.

Douglas was the proverbial "Good Guy." I wish that I could have spent more time with him. I remember that they, he and brother Donnie, had a billy goat named Billy Sunday because he was a billy goat and they got him on a Sunday.

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**Randy Bishop** - April 08, 2021 at 06:22 PM

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“ *Rest in Peace old friend.*



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**Tracy Terry** - April 08, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Douglas Morgan Simmons.*



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April 08, 2021 at 03:31 PM

EK

“ *Have hope in tomorrow, have faith in the everlasting, and take comfort in the love of friends and family. You're in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers. Ed and Carolyn*

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**Edward Keith** - April 08, 2021 at 02:13 PM

SL

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Dianne and family...I feel fortunate to have known Doug and worked by his side as a kid...he was a horse that could move in his day...RIP*

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**Scott Ligon** - April 08, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Douglas Morgan Simmons.*



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April 07, 2021 at 05:21 PM