



## Roger Allen Simmons

August 9, 1955 - August 31, 2019

Heishman Funeral Home, Inc. sends condolences to the family of Roger Simmons.

It is with great sadness that the family of Roger Allen Simmons (Rockin Roger) announce his passing in Woodstock, Virginia of pancreatic cancer August 31, 2019 at the age of 64 years. Whether you met Rockin Roger in a grocery store line, at the Shenandoah County Free Clinic where he volunteered, or at Irvin's Wholesale or Radio Shack where he worked, you would find him to be talkative, funny, and likable. Roger loved music. He wrote and recorded his own original pieces which will live on with his many friends who have his recordings. He was a Deadhead for most of his life, enjoying nothing more than listening to and remixing Grateful Dead music. Roger will be lovingly remembered by his mother, Marilyn, and father, George; his sister, Elaine (Philip) La Chappelle and their children Lianna, Roy and Nicole; his uncle, Ed DeCristofano; and his cousins, Mark DeCristofano, Lynn (Andy) McKee, Jenna (Ethan) Bradley and Caleb, Alisa (John) Finney in Colorado and Mike (Vickie) Brewer in Alabama. Roger's sister, Gaile, passed away in 2014. He will be sorely missed by his close friends who enjoyed his company and shared a love for music. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 26 at Heishman/Valley Funeral Service, 14116 South Middle Road, Edinburg, VA. For those who wish, donations may be made to the Shenandoah Free Clinic in Woodstock. Online condolences may be made at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com) Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral

Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Bowmans Crossing. Sign the Guest Book at [www.nvdaily.com/obituaries](http://www.nvdaily.com/obituaries)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry I did not know Roger, but did know Gaile at UofW. My deepest condolences for your loss (many years late).*

John - April 23, 2025 at 04:52 AM



“ *Roger Allen Simmons*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Roger Allen Simmons*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *I knew Roger from the Free Clinic. He helped train me to do intake. He was always so kind and cheerful, a lovely person to be around. I will remember him fondly. My condolences to his family.*  
*Kathy Doyle*

Kathy Doyle - October 05, 2019 at 06:20 PM



*Thank you Kathy. He loved volunteering at the Free Clinic and it gave him joy to help others as he had been helped by the clinic. You do great work for the community - thanks for all you do.*

Elaine La Chappelle - October 25, 2019 at 05:41 AM



“ Roger was such a good person and easy to like. I will always remember when Gaile would bring me to Elaine's house in the country, and the whole family would come together. Elaine's kids weren't quite teenagers yet and Roger and I would sneak away from the adults and be off playing whatever the game of the day was with the kids. Everyone loved Uncle Roger. Those were fun times.

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**Kevin Perry** - September 05, 2019 at 11:42 PM

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*And you were such a wonderful part of it Kevin. Thanks for sharing the memory. Can't wait to see you at the memorial.*

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**Elaine La Chappelle** - September 21, 2019 at 09:39 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Crazy Lane Band*



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**Ann Wendle** - September 03, 2019 at 09:38 PM

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*I love these pictures! Thanks for sharing them. So nice to have met you and had a chance to play with you guys!*

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**Elaine La Chappelle** - September 21, 2019 at 09:42 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Ann Wendle** - September 03, 2019 at 07:58 PM

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“ Roger and I had so many good times, we usually went cross border Christmas shopping for family members. One year, he kept putting me off and we never went., He spent Christmas at this family's in the States so we were always apart. On Christmas at my parent's, I open Roger's present, He had made up Roger-A-Way Tours with \$75 US to spend with a couple rules,,I had to be nice to the "driver" and had to spend all the money on myself!! No one has ever done such a kind thing for me, Greatest Christmas present ever!! Remember the day we went there was a big snowstorm and somehow we got lost and were heading south to Buffalo. Finally had to get directions from a toll operator!! He was very special person and I was truly honoured to be part of his life. He will always be in my heart.....

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**Elaine Hunt** - September 03, 2019 at 05:42 PM

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*That sounds like Roger* ❤️

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**Elaine La Chappelle** - September 21, 2019 at 09:43 AM