



Melinda Lou Simmons

February 8, 1948 - December 29, 2025

Melinda Lou Simmons, age 77, of Atascadero, passed away on December 29, 2025, in San Luis

Obispo due to complications from multiple sclerosis. She was born February 8, 1948, in

Alhambra, the youngest of three children born to James and Donna Simmons.

Melinda spent her

childhood in Downey.

In her early 20s, she moved to Cayucos where she met and married Stuart Sheeler in 1970. They

later moved to Atascadero, and together they had two children, Brice and Lindsay. After her

marriage to Stu ended, she met Steven Babeshoff in 1990. They remained together until Steve's passing in 2004.

Melinda began her career at the Atascadero State Hospital in 1977. Her work there was varied,

involving aspects of patient care and computer technology. After more than 30 years of service,

she retired in 2008.

Melinda was preceded in death by her parents James and Donna, her sister Sharon, and her

partner Steve. She is survived by her brother Donald (Jacqueline), her

children Brice (Marc) and
Lindsay (Beau), her grandchildren Soquel and Kieran, and her nieces and
nephews Rick, Kelly,
Kim, Chrissy, Doug, and their families.

Those who knew Melinda are invited to join her family for a farewell gathering
at the Morro Bay

Community Center on Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In
lieu of flowers,

Melinda's family invites you to make a donation in her honor to the National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society.

Donation link: <https://donate.nationalmssociety.org/campaigns/In-Honor-of-Melinda-Simmons>

Previous Events

Farewell Gathering

FEB 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Morro Bay Community Center
1001 Kennedy Way
Morro Bay, CA 93422

Tribute Wall

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“ *Stu purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melinda Lou Simmons.*



Stu - February 07 at 05:27 PM

BP

“ *Brady Porter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melinda Lou Simmons.*

Brady Porter - January 28 at 11:26 AM

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“ *Brady Porter purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Melinda Lou Simmons.*



Brady Porter - January 28 at 11:26 AM

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“ *Please accept our most sincere condolences. My husband Harry and I both worked with Melinda throughout the years and we were always struck by her great intelligence and wit. She was so fun to be around and work with.*

Karen Swangler - January 26 at 07:52 PM

BS

“ 3 files added to the album Melinda



Brice Sheeler - January 26 at 02:29 PM

MD

Your Mom helped me through some rough times. She was a phenomenal Friend. She loved you and Lindsey very much, Bryce. You guys were the light of her life. She will be missed.

Michele Duff - January 27 at 10:33 PM



Melinda was a wise, hilarious and loving friend. Her advice and counsel were always appreciated and I will miss her very much. She was inspirational in her strength and determination.

Cy Cheryl McPherrin Haynes - January 31 at 07:29 PM