



## Edward M. Simmons

March 14, 1953 - December 15, 2023

Edward "Eddie Beau" Simmons, age 70, of Rhinecliff, NY sadly left us on December 15, 2023

following a courageous bout with lung cancer.

He is predeceased by his mother and father, Dorothy and Edward Stanley Simmons. He is

survived by his wife Regina, his stepdaughters, Nicole Brown (Spencer, Mason, Ruby), Linden

Scheff (Douglas, Elowyn) Lily Hatch (Nathan) and Nina Scheff (Cannon), his sister Laura Pflum

(Phil) and nephew Christopher.

A wake will be held in his honor on Thursday December 28, 2023 from 11am-2pm at Bates and Anderson Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation Hours

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
110 Green Street  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-3371  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you already Eddie Bo. You were my first friend when my family moved to Rhinebeck. We were in 5th grade, the Beatles were a new band, and as huge fans we were compelled to learn and play their songs.*

*We were close all thru high school and we stayed in touch our entire lives. Last year we got together in Rhinebeck to catch up. What a great person he was. Although he passed away he will always live on by holding a special place in our memory and in our hearts.*

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**Chris Foss** - January 02, 2024 at 07:24 PM

KS

“ *Eddie Beau was my first young love . We dated on and off for 5 years from when I was 13-18 . In many we ways we grew up together in our teenage years . I was crazy about him . He was so gifted in so many ways . A great drummer ! I was his number one groupie . He would always have his guitar on him and sing Beetle songs to me . I have a vivid memory of him sitting on the front porch of my home singing Yesterday . Hey Jude was our song! Everybody loved Eddie Beau! My condolences go to his wife Regina and his step children and sister . Thanks for the great memories , Eddie Beau!!!*

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**Kathy (Milroy) Sappie** - December 29, 2023 at 08:57 AM

DC

“ To Regina, Laura and all the family,

*I am also saddened to hear of Eddie's passing. An all around good guy, I was fortunate to get to know Eddie Beau in high school when he started playing music with my friends Howie Kelly and Mike Fletcher in Ron McDonald's great room. In the ensuing years I would often run into Eddie at Williams Lumber, always stopping for a chat that left me glad I had seen him again. It was in more recent years I got to spend more time around Ed when he began playing music with Rich Lloyd and Pat Slater (and Regina). An aspiring guitar player myself, I loved watching Eddie play and loved even more listening to him sing.*

*Ever cool and soulful, Eddie Beau Simmons you are greatly missed. Sincere condolences to the family.*

*Darrell Chlystun*

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**Darrell Chlystun** - December 28, 2023 at 03:07 PM

RM

“*Eddie Beau and I were close back in the day, and he was my best man at my wedding in 1989. We were "Beatle buddies", huge fans of the Beatles, and we literally cried in our beers at the Rhinebeck Tavern the day after John Lennon was killed. Twelve years later when I came into a pair of tickets to see Paul McCartney at Giants Stadium through a radio station I was working at I immediately called Ed and invited him to go with me. It was a blast, and I was so happy to share that experience with him! Ed was a top notch drummer, as good as any of the pros, with a style that reminded me of Levon Helm (Eddie Beau was already good at 17, playing with Gary Splain and the Rockets, and then with his best friend Tommy Dawson-no slouch himself on the organ!- in the local group Train (not to be confused with the later famous group with that name) [and I loved the use of the strobe light when Train played!]). Ed became an accomplished guitarist later, even as he continued working at his day job as a carpenter (which he also was very good at). Carpentry was his trade but music was his passion. He was kind, witty and loyal (and quite the dashing ladies' man in his youthful heyday!). Anyone who knew him greatly enjoyed his friendship, and his loss will be felt deeply by many, myself included. This kind of loss happens more and more often at a certain age, but this one is particularly sad for me personally. My condolences to Ed's family.*

*Randy Milroy*

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**RANDALL MILROY** - December 28, 2023 at 07:05 AM

TH

“ *Class of '71'... Eddie bo was a close friend, our friendship started way back in our single digits. We both were rhinecliffers, dockrats through and through...rode the same school bus from kindergarten to high school. We both played on the rhinecliff little league championship years. We were both in Den 4 for cub scouts, my mother was the den mother.*

*As time moved on, and a new era was coming in, taking all of us with it, with music that was focused on the youth of America and the world. Some of us tried to imulate what we were hearing on the radio and records, so in the 5th grade we started little band called, The rhythmic 6...which consisted of Chris Foss, Eddie bo, Dave Wanzer, myself and two others that escape me right now. We used to rehearse in an empty office at the school during lunch break, until the crowd of listeners outside the office grew so large, we were told we couldn't rehearse there any longer. So we would go to Eddie's parents house, and rehearse in the living room. Since he didn't have a drum set, he used his mother's pots and pans.*

*As bands go, things fell apart, we all went our separate ways. But once you get bitten by music bug, you are hooked for life...our paths crossed on and off over our high school years supporting each others musical paths,*

*Always looked forward to Eddie bo and our band of locals on the corner by the Hudson Valley Department Store for the memorial day parade ... many fond memories...they say, people who die, are never dead, as long as they are never forgotten...long live Eddie bo, because he will never be forgotten...RIP old friend...*

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**Tom Holsapple** - December 28, 2023 at 04:40 AM

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**Tom Holsapple** - December 27, 2023 at 09:13 PM

TD

“Eddie: “My Man” - My friend - My buddy, Friends who pass to the next life are waiting for us each time we close our eyes. A true friend will do anything for you. Give you the shirt off his/her back, loan you money knowing full well that you will never repay them, come to your rescue when you have a flat tire on I-87 at 3 o'clock in the morning. I just described you Eddie! I'm devastated and still can't believe you're gone. The world seems a bit emptier without your infectious laughter and incredible kindness. I feel so blessed to have called you my friend, and I am forever grateful for the precious time we spent together. God has more work for you to do, while he continues to bless your family here.

Your buddy forever...

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**Tom Dawson** - December 21, 2023 at 06:29 PM

JD

To Eddie Beau's Family,  
I am so saddened by Eddie's passing. Our family (the Roome's) lived right next door to the Simmon's family in Rhinecliff. The little hamlet of Rhinecliff was a beautiful, tight knit family. Everyone looked out for each other and helped one another. Eddie was a very special, caring and giving person. I had not seen him in years, but have always had a special place in my heart for him and the family.

Sending Prayers & Condolences to Eddie's Family & Friends 🙏  
JoAnn DeFile

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**JoAnn DeFile** - December 28, 2023 at 09:16 AM

CJ

We have lost a very special member of our Rhinecliff family ... hadn't seen Eddie Bo in years, but remember him as a kind, talented person ... always with a smile and who always spent quality time with all who knew him. RIP Eddie Bo ... see you on the other side.

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**Christine (Durie) Jeffreys** - December 30, 2023 at 11:39 AM

RG

*I was saddened to hear of the passing of Eddie Beau . My thanks to JoAnn for sending and posting those pictures from his memorial . Noticed many of the pictures from our music trio at the DeMolay Convention . Eddie , Howie Kelly and myself won 1st Prize performing 3 CS&N songs . Like Tommy Dawson , so many of us loved music . Eddie was so good , both on guitar and drums . I have fond memories of just how nice he was . Always kind . My condolences to his Family & Friends .*

*Ray Gmeiner*

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**Raymond Gmeiner** - December 30, 2023 at 03:48 PM

JF

*Like many of the fine folks who have posted a tribute to Eddie Beau, I too grew up with him in Rhinecliff. He was a few years older than me so at first we did not hang out together all that much, but i recall following him and whatever band he was in around, and looked up to him as a great drummer and musician. Eventually we did play in a band together, The South Street Mixers with Al Wolcott, and George Clark. The band name came from the fact that we would rehearse on South Street on the second floor of O'hans barn. Such great fun. I always got a kick out of how low he used to sit behind his drums, but he made it work and it was a pleasure having him in our rhythm section. As show biz would have it, eventually we went our separate ways musically, but remained close friends. He was a very kind and gentle man and I will miss him. So long my brother Ed until that day when we will meet in heaven and play great music together again. Our condolences to his family.*

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**Jeff & Trista Loeber and Family** - January 02, 2024 at 12:41 PM

RS

*A Renaissance man if ever there was one--  
Talented, smart, innately funny ,and kind.  
His wit was boundless and I have many fond memories of listening to music with him. And an indelible one of singing "Helplessly Hoping" with him and Mike Carl  
Rest well, Troubadour!  
Rich Sterrs*

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**Richard Sterrs** - January 03, 2024 at 10:38 AM

BM

*I'm sorry to hear about Ed's passing...I had been thinking about jobs I'd had back in the day and remembered working for Chester Satz co...delivering office supplies and Ed was hired and became my co-pilot on the truck...so I decided to look him up tonight because I found his business card....and learned of the loss of very cool dude....We talked alot about music and as a musician myself I appreciated his musical knowledge(he taught me the correct way to play "Blackbird"...I remember he convinced me to stop at a roadside stand that sold bison burgers...I wasn't sure I would go for it but it was a great burger! My condolences to family and all of the friends who posted here...(I do know who some of you are)and I can tell he was very well loved ....Bobby Morano*

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**Bobby Morano** - May 02 at 08:36 PM