



Cletus Simons

May 10, 1924 - December 18, 2016

Cletus Nicholas Simons, 92, Topeka, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2016.

Clete was born May 10, 1924, in Alexandria, South Dakota, the son of Thomas and Josephine Kies Simons. He served our country in the US Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII. Clete was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and returned to the front line after a short time of healing. He received the Purple Heart as well as many other decorations. In 2013, Clete was awarded the French Legion of Honor medal, authorized by the President of France, for his efforts to liberate France.

On January 25, 1951, Clete Simons and Carmen Reynoso were united in marriage. He was an Iron Worker and member of Local 10. They moved several times to different parts of the country before settling in Topeka in 1957. He retired after 48 years of service in that profession. They enjoyed almost 65 years of marriage.

He was a member of Mater Dei Holy Name Church. Clete was a great brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Carmen; their children, Gary Simons, Joseph Simons (Jan), Pat Simons (Sharon), Carol Main (Frank) and

Tim Simons (Beth); 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews. Clete was preceded in death by his parents and all his siblings; Hazel, Don, Mike, Bob, Dorothy, Joanne, Bill, Monica, Tom, Everett and Arlene.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where family will greet friends one hour prior to service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cletus Simons



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 21, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *Cletus Simons*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Carmen, Gary, Joe, Pat, Carol, and Tim,
So sorry to hear about Clete's passing, being so far away we just heard about it. We always enjoyed visiting with him and you when we were there in Topeka. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Love to all, Steve, Diane and Stephanie Wrenn*

Steve, Diane Stephanie Wrenn - March 24, 2017 at 12:58 PM

KB

“ My condolences to you Carmen and Gary, Joe, Pat, Tim & Carol. What a good example to call Dad. So nice to share the video of Clete from days past, appreciate you sharing those. You are in my thoughts and prayers .

Clete will be with alot of family and friends in heaven this year and always. Blessings and prayers. KAren Bibb-Pierce.



Karen Bibb-Pierce - December 24, 2016 at 11:09 AM

CD

“ Tim, Carol and family,
My sympathies to all of you during this time of loss. May the Lord help you through this time of grief with his healing love. Always remember the happy times and laugh as much as you cry over the next few days especially.

Cheryl (Deghand) Deuser - December 23, 2016 at 08:18 AM

BS

“ To the entire Simon's Family, our deepest sympathy on the passing of your Father. Sending prayers for you all at this difficult time. Bob and Susie Sachs

Bob & Susie Sachs - December 21, 2016 at 06:58 PM

RM

“ Simons Family: Your Husband & Dad was such a wonderful person. He was a Great Uncle to me & the rest of the Mc Namara Family. When He live here in Waterloo he was Fun to Be with, always Joking & had such a great Smile; he was so good to all of us. We were so Thankful to have him in our Life's also. Always Remeber the good times you had with him. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you. God Bless Bonnie Mc Namara Messingham

Ronald Messingham - December 21, 2016 at 02:31 PM

TF

“ *The McNeal Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cletus Simons.*



The McNeal Family - December 20, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cletus Simons.*



December 20, 2016 at 09:30 AM

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of preparing annual income tax returns at H R Block for a number of years for Cletus and Carmen. Mr.Cletus was always the friendly and smiley person as depicted in his photo. I know he will rest comfortably in the life eternal.*

Bob D. May - December 20, 2016 at 09:00 AM

CN

“ *Carol, Pat and family,
So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. The Simon family was a strong force at Holy Name and Hayden. Many fond memories of shared times. Love, sympathy and prayers to you all. Your father left a strong legacy in you all.
God Bless!*

Cathy Novak-Wood - December 20, 2016 at 08:53 AM

KS

*Carol, Mrs. Simon and Gary, Joe, Pat & Tim,
I am so sorry about your loss. I wish I had known about all his service
to our country, I guess as a kid I did not ask about that, MY LOSS! You
are all in my prayers.*

Kim Bond Swain - December 20, 2016 at 04:55 PM

DB

*Carmen, Gary, Joe, Pat, Carol, and Tim,
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Such a hard time of year to lose a
loved one. Praying for comfort and healing for you all.
Dayla Bagley*

Dayla Bagley - December 22, 2016 at 09:53 AM

TM

*so sorry to hear of your loss, sorry nick nor I couldnt attend, the
weather was affull up here. nick was in an accident he was rear ended
and his shoulder made it hard for him to drive. again , we are sorry for
the lose you have gone thru. nick(butch) and terie mcnamara*

terie mcnamara - December 26, 2016 at 12:08 PM