



James "Jim" Simons

September 10, 1931 - July 3, 2025

James "Jim" W. Simons, 93, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Brewster Place Rehab Center.

Jim was born on September 10, 1931, in Manhattan, Kansas to Elizabeth (Hohn) and Walter Simons. He is also predeceased by brothers, Bob and Bud Simons, and sisters, Katie Morris, Peggy Heptig, Alice Bauer, Annie Mayer, Jessie Russell, and Eleanor Slusser.

Jim is survived by his wife Rosemary (Werner), Topeka. Jim and Rosemary were married November 8, 1958, in Newbury, KS. They had two daughters, Amy (Matt) Jennings and Christy (Jay) Roach. He was also preceded in death by Christy and step-grandchild Sarah Roach. Survivors include sister-in-law, Lorraine Werner; three grandchildren, Abby (Andrew) Faerber, Mitchell (Emma) Jennings, and Molly (Chris) Heady; two step-grandchildren, Hillary Roach, and Drew (Emily) Roach; five great granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim lived his life in northeast Kansas. Spending his early years in Manhattan and Eskridge before moving to Topeka. He attended Hayden High School. He was a proud Korean War Air Force Veteran, spending some of his service in Okinawa, Japan.

Jim initially worked for the City of Topeka, then completed his studies to become a journeyman plumber. He was a proud 50-year union member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 441. He ended his career as a master plumber for the Topeka 501 School District.

He had a passion for pheasant and quail hunting, catfishing, and later in life turkey hunting. In the off season he had a large vegetable garden. He enjoyed sharing the produce with family and friends. He was a sports fan, playing slow-pitch softball and never missed watching a Royals or Chiefs game. He enjoyed college sports too, always rooting for the K-State Wildcats. Jim and Rosemary were long time KSU football season ticket holders always tailgating before and after games.

He loved his family with all his heart, especially enjoying the little ones. He will be greatly missed.

All services will be on Friday, July 25, at Mater Dei Assumption Catholic Church, 204 SW 8th Ave, Topeka. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. and the Rosary will be prayed at 9:45 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by military honors. Burial of Jim's cremains at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Newbury, KS is at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mater Dei Parish or Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City and may be sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Newbury, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Assumption Church
204 SW 8th St
Topeka, KS 66603

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial and Military Honors

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUL **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Cemetery
32323 Cemetery Rd
Paxico, KS 66526

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Jim & I were on the vfw firing squad together many years, he was a good buddy, sleep in peace Jim!* ”

Leon R Dultmeier - August 12, 2025 at 05:08 PM

PE

“ *I met Jim through my Paxico "baby sitter", Rosemary Werner, when they married. What a wonderful man! Condolences Rosemary and your family in the loss of Jim!* ”

Pam Ensley - July 26, 2025 at 02:08 PM

MH

“ *Jim was my first journeyman plumber when I was an apprentice in 1978, what a great teacher he showed me the right way to do things and to be proud of my work. He always talked of his daughters and family and of course the K State wild cats and I was a Jayhawks fan times ribbing each other. I think of him on a regular basis . What a wonderful man Jim was and will be missed. RIP Jim* ”

Mark Hothan - July 23, 2025 at 10:48 PM

ES

“ *For the few years I was his neighbor, we would sit on the porch talking about my dad and grandfather as they were all plumbers and new each other. He had many memories and stories of them working together and apparently our families all came from the same area of Kansas. I always called him young man and he called me old man. Ed Smith* ”

Ed Smith - July 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM

LV

“ *May your faith and fond memories shared by family and friends comfort you in the loss of our dear Jim.*

Leo and Beverly Vogel - July 20, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ *Jim was the best father-in-law I ever could have hoped for. I will miss his great presence in my life but am comforted knowing he and Christy are now reunited in Jesus' presence!*

Jay Roach - July 17, 2025 at 12:27 PM

JR

“ *Jay R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Simons.*

Jay R. - July 17, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JR

“ *Jay R. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James "Jim" Simons.*



Jay R. - July 17, 2025 at 12:24 PM

AJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Jim Simons Memorial Video*



Amy Jennings - July 15, 2025 at 11:52 AM

DH

“ *Uncle Jim was a “rock” if ever there was one. Always pleasant always positive and dang near always smiling. He is the embodiment of the 9 Simons children he was a part of all of whom came through difficult times and some adverse parenting from their father to each become stellar individuals, parents, aunts, uncles, citizens!*

*The world needs more just like him. God Bless him and his family
RIP Jim Simons.*

Dan Heptig - July 12, 2025 at 01:20 PM

DB

“ *I met Jim and Rosemary at Perkins as their server and free pie monday and i was their requested server and he always ordered the same for dinner very seldom did he change his menu and he had a piece of peanut butter silk pie, he was a joy to wait on RIP my friend hugs to Rosemary and family.*

Debra Bahret - July 10, 2025 at 12:07 PM

RH

“ I remember fondly going to Simons picnics and the Uncles taking turns hitting fly balls to the cousins (somehow always had an available bat). I also remember the Uncles playing cards and slapping their cards on the table with serious authority. Always competitive. Thanks for the Simons genes for giving me and my family all of any athletic talent we have.

Rod Heptig - July 10, 2025 at 11:04 AM

BM

“ Uncle Jim was a wonderful uncle and godfather. I loved talking with him about family, fishing, hunting and Kansas State football and basketball.

Bryce Mayer - July 09, 2025 at 09:29 PM