



Ralph Sims

September 22, 1912 - September 29, 2004

Ralph M. "Curly" Sims, 92, Topeka, passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2004

He was born on September 22, 1912 to Milton N. Sims and Stella Herndon in Topeka, KS.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Alice McGinnis Sims and their son, John Sims and daughter Jody Bigler, grandchildren Jeni, Laurell, Malia, Haley and Luke, great-grandchildren, Sam, Bella and Jackson. He loved his family and they adored him.

Curly played and coached baseball and was one of the co-founders of the Shawnee County Amateur Baseball Association (SCABA). During WWII, as a member of the U.S. Marine Corp, he was injured in the battle of Guadalcanal. He retired from the State Printer in 1977. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and DAV.

The family will greet friends and relatives on Sunday October 3, 2004, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday October 4, 2004 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Vitiligo Foundation, 700 Olympic Plaza Circle, Suite 404, Tyler, TX 75701.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Sims*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dad. It's been a year and a half and we all miss you so much. I am working on getting Luke to the lake to play ball. I know that is what you wanted. I love you , Always will! Jody*

jody bigler - June 29, 2006 at 12:24 AM



“ *Grandpa,*

You were the best grandpa and great-grandfather that me and my daughter could have ever asked for. I'm so thankful for the time you got to spend with Bella.

I am so thankful for all the time I got to spend with you, especially growing up. You were ALWAYS so much fun. Every day I'd look forward to you picking me up from kindergarten and we'd have a trip to the zoo and a ride up the old elevator in our Capitol Building....and we'd always stop to look at the painting of John Brown. These are memories that I will hold onto forever.

I love you more than words can say and will miss you forever.

Someday, after I pass, I hope you will be there to greet me in heaven.

I love and miss you grandpa.

Haley Craig - March 07, 2006 at 08:27 AM

SB

“ John, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I have pleasant memories from my childhood of Curly, your mother and Jody. It was always fun to be at Aunt Dorothea's and Uncle Jessie's and wander over to your house with Nancy or Terry.
Susie Buchan

Susie Holloway Buchan - November 09, 2004 at 01:40 PM



“ Ralph Sims

November 09, 2004 at 01:33 PM

NF

“ Thank you so much for remembering the National Vitiligo Foundation during your time of loss. The contributions we receive will go toward our mission of funding research to determine the cause, provide better treatment, and hopefully someday, find a cure for vitiligo.

National Vitiligo Foundation - October 11, 2004 at 12:28 PM

KL

“ My condolences to Mr. Sims family. I lived across the street from him and his wife for the last 16 years. They always took the time to wave as they drove by. Mr. Sims would stop me now and then when on a walk and tell me a story or two. The neighborhood won't be the same without him.

Kirby Lester - October 05, 2004 at 07:12 PM

PM

“ *Curly was a great man and a great competitor. He inspired and challenged many young men in those informative years when we gathered at Lake Shawnee to learn about life through baseball. Our condolences to family and especially John and Mrs. Sims. We are sorry for your loss but are grateful to have known Curly.*

Paul and Doug Muxlow - October 03, 2004 at 09:55 PM

PA

“ *Curly was a great friend of the family. I remember him and Alice coming over to Mom and Dad's house, and us going to his house. I last saw him at Dad's 75th birthday party. Our lives were blessed to have known him. He was a great person and will be missed. My condolences to his family.*

Patti (Balthazor) Artzer - October 03, 2004 at 08:36 PM

CI

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Curly Sims. I played baseball for him when I was growing up in Topeka and I am sure that he was instrumental in developing me as a baseball player (although I never could hit a curve ball) and instilling a love for the game. I have carried that love of youth sports with me and have been the president of the Danville, Virginia soccer club for the past 15 years. Helping young people learn to play team sports is one of the most important things we can do and he was the best.*

I am sorry for your loss.

Charles Wright III

Charles Wright III - October 02, 2004 at 05:35 PM