



Robert "Bob" Simons

January 29, 1922 - July 6, 2015

Robert Francis Simons "Bob" passed away in his sleep July 6, 2015, at the age of 93.

Bob was born January 29, 1922, to Walter and Elizabeth Simons in Wabaunsee County KS. He was the oldest of nine children.

He joined The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at the age of 17 in 1939, serving for 18 months. He joined the Navy in May 1941 at the age of 19. He served our country for six years as a Machinist Mate 3rd Class serving on the USS Lowry and USS Tulsa during WWII. Upon discharge in 1947, he returned home to Topeka KS.

Bob worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for one year before leaving to work at KPL/Westar from 1948-1985. He worked at Tecumseh Energy Center for 30 years before transferring to Jeffrey Energy Center where he retired as Foreman.

He met the love of his life, Charlotte Belle Blossom, shortly after returning to Topeka, and they were married November 15, 1947. She preceded him in death in November 1974. He married Louise Hornecker in June 1975. She preceded him in death in September 1998.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Jack, October 1997; step-son, Jerry and siblings, Peggy, Bud, Katie and Annie.

He is survived by daughters, Kathy Ayres (Jim) Ft. Worth TX, Patti Esser (Jim) Meriden KS, Gerianne Wise (Randy) Leander TX, Jill Simons Topeka KS; son Pat Simons (Vicki) Meriden KS; daughter-in-law Chris Simons-Riggles (Craig) Topeka KS; step-daughters, Sue Smith (Rob) Etna OH and Thea Walstrom (Dan) Platte City MO, eight grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim Simons (Rosemary); sisters, Jessie Russell, Eleanor Slusser (Gordon) Topeka KS, and Alice Bauer, Glendale AZ; sister-in-law, Mary Anne Blossom, Omaha NE and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church and Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, family vacations and camping trips, hunting, traveling, and time at the casino.

Bob will lie in state noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614, where the family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m., with a parish rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th St, Topeka KS 66618. Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery with military honors.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka KS 66675

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Simons



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 08, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ Robert "Bob" Simons

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ To all of the family, We are sorry we are unable to attend Bob's services or to meet with the family, but please accept our condolences...We thought so much of Bob and loved it when, even in his chair, he would sit outside and wave as we went by. We pray God will comfort all of you and that loving, warm memories of Bob will help you through this difficult time.

Harold & LaVon Langston - July 09, 2015 at 11:03 PM



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Billie Esser - July 08, 2015 at 05:54 PM

CD

“ *Jill, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cheryl (Martin) Dew

Cheryl Dew - July 08, 2015 at 05:39 PM

JR

“ *To Family of Bob Simons: He was a very kind man. He was a supervisor to me when I first started at Westar many years ago. Always helped with anything you ever needed. I never meet a man like him before. Just a couple years ago I ran into him at the casino and we sat and talked for over an hour just about old times. He always had time to visit. God has taken a very very good man to be an angel in heaven. Now you will all have an angel to be by your side always. May he Rest in Peace and God Bless you all. You have my Deepest Sympathy. Jim Esser you had a fantastic Grandpa and I am so sorry for your loss.*

Jean Roth

Jean Roth - July 08, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“ *Garden To Go Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Simons.*



July 08, 2015 at 12:00 PM

CD

“ Dear Geri & Family - So sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Connie (Stewart) & Paul DiPasquale

Connie DiPasquale - July 08, 2015 at 09:10 AM

JS

“ Dear Friends of the Simons Family - We share your sorrow on the passing of your dad. God's blessings to you all. You'll certainly be in our prayers.

John & Lori Spain - July 08, 2015 at 09:00 AM

PD

“ So sorry for your loss. Many fond memories of him and Aunt Louise. He will be missed.
Blessings,
Peg Davis

peg davis - July 08, 2015 at 08:37 AM