



## Willis "Willie" Simmons

March 24, 1933 - April 13, 2011

Willis (Willie) Leroy Simmons, 78, passed away on April 10, 2011, surrounded by his loving wife, Helen, of 55 years and his children. He was born on March 24, 1933 on the family farm north of Delia, Kansas to Ray Simmons and Anna (Bennett) Simmons. Life on the farm was hard with no modern conveniences. He attended Prairie View grade school and graduated from Soldier High School in 1951. He joined the Army during the Korean conflict and was stationed in Japan for a majority of his tour. In 1959 he joined the Topeka Fire Department and served as a fire fighter for the next 33 years. He was promoted several times during his years of service and achieved the position of District Chief in March of 1991. Willie retired on December 18, 1992 and is honored for his many years of service to the Topeka Community. A devoted husband and father, he constantly put his family's needs before his own. His loving smile will always be remembered by all who shared his life. Willie and Helen were avid square dancers with Top-Kan Twirlers. Willie was involved in the Boy Scouts as a Webelo leader in Pack 610 and committee chairman for the Boy Scout troop. Survivors include his wife, Helen of 55 years; sons, David (Tamy), Alan, William (Kristy), Kenneth; and daughter, Karen (Allen) Stieg; grandchildren, Piper, Hunter, Amy, Nathan, Nicole, Lexi and Chris as well as five great-grandchildren; and his sister, Ella (Bob) Lester. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 13th at Sacred Heart Church from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Parish Rosary at 5:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday April 14th at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Interment will

occur at a later date. Special thanks to Stormont-Vail staff, Dr. Shawn Magee, Dr. Austin and Dr Wu for their attentive care. Donations in honor of Willie can be made to Sacred Heart Church or Fireman's Auxiliary, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614.

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“ Willis "Willie" Simmons

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Please accept my condolences. God has loving concern for you. Psalm 146:9 states "...The fatherless boy and widow he relieves". God does not plan for us to suffer from sickness and death. He promises that one day he will "swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:8,9) We will also have the opportunity to be reunited with our loved ones. According to scriptures such as Isaiah 26:19, Hosea 13:14, John 5:28,29 and 1Thessalonians 4:13,14 there will be a resurrection. We can place our hope in this because "...it is impossible for God to lie"(Hebrews 6:18) May these thoughts bring you comfort, hope and encouragement.

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“ David & Tamy, Karen and the Simmons family,  
I pray God's comfort and peace that passes all understanding to each of you. Having recently lost my father I know this time is most difficult to endure. Lean on God, He'll get you through it. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammy Demmitt - April 11, 2011 at 11:01 PM



“ I will miss his smile and his charming ways. All my love and prayers to the Simmons Family.

Denise (Fouraker)Cook - April 11, 2011 at 09:04 PM