



Bill R. Simmons

November 19, 1939 - March 2, 2025

Bill R. Simmons, age 85, of Doran, VA, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2025, following a lengthy illness at Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, KY.

He was born on November 19, 1939, in Raven, VA, to the late Roy William Simmons and Wanda Gladys Short Simmons.

Bill served his country in the US. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a former coal operator for Simmons Equipment and Taylor Hydraulics. He loved to work, and if not for his illness in 2024 that slowed him down, he would still be working. He devoted twenty years as a beloved coach for the Richlands Little League. Bill has always tried to attend the Richlands Football games, and was a proud supporter of Richlands Sports. He was an avid fisherman and loved to hunt. He enjoyed playing the guitar, singing, and spending time with his family. He attended the Richlands First Assembly of God and was a lifetime resident of the area.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, George T. Simmons and his wife, Bernice; Bernard R. Simmons and wife, Loretta; and Dennis B. Simmons and wife, Billie Sue; and sister, Norma Simmons Lee and husband, Robert Lee.

Bill is survived by:

His Loving Wife, whom he was proudly married to for 59 years, Linda Smith Simmons of Doran, VA

Sons:

Billy Simmons, II and wife, Crystal of Bristol, TN

Shane Simmons of Abingdon, VA

Ben Simmons and his wife, Cindy, of Lynn Haven, FL

Sisters:

Sandra Simmons Spruell of Maryville, TN

Renee Simmons and husband, Tucker of Bluefield, VA

Brother, Jack L. Simmons and wife, Phyllis of Richlands, VA

Grandchildren:

Vince Simmons, Sean Simmons, Levi Simmons, Kennedy Simmons, Logan Simmons and fiancée, Olivia, Will "Joey" Simmons, and Rianna Simmons

Step-Grandchildren:

Sadie Martin, and Shaylen Shrader

Many beloved nieces, nephews, relatives, and longtime friends also survive.

Funeral services for Bill R. Simmons will be conducted Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia, with the Rev. Buddy Herald officiating. Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum, at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be John Simmons, Matthew Simmons, and grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be Charlie Simmons, Maurice Perkins, Randy Prater, David Bandy, Doug LaForce, Scott White, and Mark Griffith. Members of the Casey-Shortt VFW Post #9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Friends may visit with the

family from noon until the time of service at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Samaritan Purse; P. O. Box 3000; Boone, NC 28607.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill R. Simmons



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - March 09, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ Jack Eunice Breeden lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons



Jack Eunice Breeden - March 11, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ Rebecca Street lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons



Rebecca Street - March 08, 2025 at 09:56 PM

JB

“ After Dad passed, Uncle Bill would call me to talk about Richlands sports, local news, and then he would mention he saw something and thought about Dad and how much he missed him. He let me know in those moments he loved Dad and loved me, and he will never know how much I love him and treasure those calls.

Jennifer Brown - March 05, 2025 at 07:55 PM

TM

“ Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - March 05, 2025 at 07:24 AM

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“ Uncle Bill had a great sense of humor. He was visiting Dad when he was having chemo in Bristol Memorial. Dad lost his hair and Bill, in front of several people, showed Dad his hairpiece and told Dad that he should get one. He had everyone, including Dad, laughing. We sure will miss him. My prayers for comfort especially for Linda.



ALISA SIMMONS-SNAPP (Neice) - March 04, 2025 at 09:03 PM

AB

“ Alisa, Bridget, and Brooke purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Bill R. Simmons.



Alisa, Bridget, and Brooke - March 04, 2025 at 08:54 PM

CA

“ *Cathycordle@roadrunner.com lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons*



Cathycordle@roadrunner.com - March 04, 2025 at 05:23 PM

TS

“ *The Shorts purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bill R. Simmons.*



The Shorts - March 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM

TS

“ *The Shorts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill R. Simmons.*

The Shorts - March 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM

BB

“ *Brad & Deb Breedlove lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons*



Brad & Deb Breedlove - March 04, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ Curt&kay Brown lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons



curt&kay brown - March 04, 2025 at 10:07 AM

ES

“ Eric & Donna Shortt sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill R. Simmons



Eric & Donna Shortt - March 04, 2025 at 09:29 AM

BW

“ Brian Wright lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons



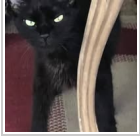
Brian Wright - March 04, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons



TonyanEdgar Wicks - March 03, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons*



Davie Horton - March 03, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ *Thomas Peak lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons*



Thomas Peak - March 03, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ *April Berry lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons*



April Berry - March 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Rip coach simmons...*



Christopher Ryan - March 03, 2025 at 06:38 PM

KS

“ Prayers of comfort



Kathy Sneed - March 03, 2025 at 06:36 PM

CH

“ Carl And Karen Hale lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons



Carl and Karen Hale - March 03, 2025 at 06:10 PM

AG

“ My deepest condolences.



Amita McGlothlin Gibson - March 03, 2025 at 05:48 PM

BJ

“ Linda and family, I was so sorry to read this. Please know you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Bill and Naomi Joyce - March 03, 2025 at 05:30 PM

BM

So sorry for the passing of Bill. May the Lord comfort you in this difficult time. With love and prayers, Benny & Brenda McGhee.

Benny McGhee - March 04, 2025 at 08:55 PM

FB

“*Freda Breedlove lit a candle in memory of Bill R. Simmons*



Freda Breedlove - March 03, 2025 at 05:26 PM

BS

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss Lynda and family. He was loved by many and not soon forgotten. My condolences to his immediate family and extended family and all who loved him .

Bernetta Simmons - March 08, 2025 at 12:54 PM