



Donald Eugene Simmons

August 6, 1946 - November 30, 2018

Donald Eugene Simmons, son of the late Claude William and Mary Ethel Vernon (Cropp) Simmons, was born August 6, 1946, in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away November 30, 2018, at his home north of Waynoka, at the age of 72.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Scott Ware officiating. Interment will be at Memorial Hill Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be a visitation with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, December 3, 2018, at Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Don graduated from Waynoka High School in 1964. He attended NWOSU, where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Education. He was a teacher and coached basketball and football during his early career in education. He earned his Master's Degree in educational administration and was Superintendent at schools in Oklahoma and Kansas.

He was an avid historian and outdoorsman, and he loved the OU Sooners.

He was preceded in death by three brothers: Burl Simmons, Robert Simmons, and Albert Simmons; four sisters: Clare Bell Brock, Verna Lee Chambers, Nettie Mae Koutz, and Maxine Hale.

Don is survived by four children: Shannon Dawn Simmons of Lawrence, Kansas, Derek Claude Simmons and wife, Sheri, of Woodbury, Minnesota, Ailie Bryana Scanlon and husband, Chris, of Leavenworth, Kansas, and Caela Simmons Wood and husband, David, of Manhattan, Kansas. He is also survived by brothers Claude William Simmons, Jr. and wife, Marjorie, of Enid; Paul Simmons of Waynoka; one sister, Louise Whitney and husband, Everette, of Waynoka.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, Jackson Claude Simmons, Teegan Jeffrey Simmons, McKenna Christien Scanlon, Tabor Kinley Scanlon, Maitland Jameson Simmons Wood, and Ogden Malachy Simmons Wood; other relatives and many friends.

Don was married four times: On November 24, 1964, to Sandra Terbush in Alva; on Aug. 6, 1977, to Sandy Stoner in Woods County; and later to Patti Coffey in Elkhart, Kansas, and then Jana Herrmann in Kinsley, Kansas.

After his retirement from school administration, he moved to Freedom, Oklahoma, and then to a farm north of Waynoka, not far from where he was raised.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the NWOSU Foundation.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Hill Cemetery

Waynoka, OK 73860

Previous Events

Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home Chapel
230 Flynn
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Eugene Simmons*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Don's passing. My deepest condolences. Donald and I graduated together from Waynoka and went to N.Western in Alva together. He was a good friend.*

Rudy Sabedra!

Rudy Sabedra - December 04, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sending my sympathy and love to the Simmons family for the death of Donald. I have precious memories of the Simmons family in band and in school. May God be with you and comfort you in this very sad time for your family and friends.*

Sandie Olson

Sandra Olson - December 04, 2018 at 12:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Simmons.*



December 03, 2018 at 02:50 PM

RW

“ Rita Routzong Wood purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Donald Eugene Simmons.



Rita Routzong Wood - December 03, 2018 at 01:44 PM

LB

“ Condolences to the family.
Leota Betts



Leota Betts - December 03, 2018 at 11:49 AM

TM

“ The Fellas: Cav, Crutch, Rob, Swanny, Whit & MattE purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Eugene Simmons.



The Fellas: Cav, Crutch, Rob, Swanny, Whit & MattE -
December 03, 2018 at 11:05 AM

JB

“ Joss and Megan Briggs purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald Eugene Simmons.



Joss and Megan Briggs - December 03, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Simmons.*



December 03, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ *God Bless, Brenda and I enjoyed the time we spent with Don at lunch, last time we were up*
Buddy Ross

Buddy Ross - December 03, 2018 at 07:51 AM



“ *Shared many school bus rides, memories and did our homework together on the bus. Phil Buckland*

Phil Buckland - December 02, 2018 at 09:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 02, 2018 at 07:55 PM

JS

“ I am so very sorry for you loss. I had no idea that when Donald called me while was in OKC and said I needed to head South as a winter storm was on its way that this would be the last time we would speak. So so much more I would like to say to him now. Rest In Peace my brother.

Jr Simmons - December 02, 2018 at 04:48 PM

BH

“ Becky Hill lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Simmons



Becky Hill - December 02, 2018 at 12:17 AM

BH

Sleep well, Friend.

Becky Hill - December 02, 2018 at 01:18 AM

SA

Our thoughts and prayers to your families at the loss of Don.

Shirley, AK Aarmstrong - December 20, 2018 at 09:43 AM