



Mr. Gary Simmons

July 9, 1963 - November 3, 2022

Graveside service for Mr. Gary Simmons, 59, of Hockley, Texas, formerly of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 11, 2022, at Zion Hill Cemetery with Rev. Frank Layne officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 10, 2022, at the funeral home.

Mr. Simmons passed from this life on Thursday, November 3, 2022, in Houston and is in eternity, whole and healed. Gary was born on July 9, 1963, in Texas City, Texas to William Ralph and Barbara Ann Walters Simmons. Gary served our country in the United States Air Force and while living in Germany from 1983 – 1986, he would call his parents “collect” to tell them all his new jokes. He loved telling jokes, good ones and corny.

Whatever new venture Gary took on; he knew every random piece of knowledge on the subject. He was a working encyclopedia. He saw life as an adventure. This bleed over into his jobs too. After the Air Force, he was a hotshot firefighter, a scuba diver, cleaned barnacles from ships, was a FedEx driver, owned a landscaping business, and had a goat farm and made goatmilk soap. Locally, he, to this day, is known as the “goat soap guy.” On his goat farm every goat had a name. There was Ave Goatbor, Scarlet, and Eva

Goatrade, who was named after his first wife. That was just a few of the 70 head of goat he had. He loved all animals. You never knew what baby critter would be living in the house. In his opinion, they were too young to be outside.

He loved music. When the whole family got together, they would crank up the 80's and 90's music. Which drove everyone crazy! He always had a smile on his face and never met a stranger. Gary was passionate about everything he did. Gary had no problem sharing his opinion. It did not matter if you, the listener, wanted to hear it or not. He talked tough, but was a very sensitive soul.

Gary witnessed about Christ to everyone. In more recent years, his yearning for Jesus was obvious. He and his sister often had discussions of Jesus, his teachings, and the need of witnessing to the world. He gave Spanish Bibles to some of his friends. He wanted them to be able to read God's Word in their language. They loved him for that. Gary just lived life to the fullest, but he did love and trust his Savior, Jesus.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Simmons; special friend, Reed Hunsdorffer; nephew, Kayden Moore; and niece, Jennifer Case.

Survivors include his mother, Barbara Simmons of Henderson; daughters, Aimee Cicchetto of Ohio, and Rachel Andrade Paresa of Hawaii; brothers, sisters, and in-laws, Lori Lockridge and husband Kevin of Henderson, Nathan Simmons and wife Nanette of Amarillo, and David Simmons and wife Terisa of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; former wife, best friend, and mother of his daughter, Eva Andrade of Hawaii; good friend, Dean Johnson of Hockley; grandchildren, who he cherished, Darien, Allee, Scott, and Ryan; his dog, Maxi; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Pallbearers will be Darien Cicchetto, Kevin Lockridge, Austin Lockridge,

Nathan Simmons, Darien Moore, and Jordan Case.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church at 410 N Marshall Street, Henderson, TX 75652 and/or to Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church at 3754 FM 3310, Henderson, TX 75654.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Cemetery

CR 368

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Graveside

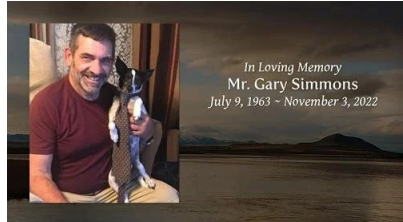
NOV **11**. 2:00 PM (AKT)

Zion Hill Cemetery
CR 368

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gary Simmons*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - November 10, 2022 at 09:25 AM

DJ

Gary Simmons....

Dean Johnson - November 11, 2022 at 03:20 AM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Donna Aaron - November 17, 2022 at 04:32 AM

JW

“ *We all miss you, Gary! Love and prayers to your wonderful family and friends!*

Jo Ann Stanford Walters - November 12, 2022 at 06:44 PM

JB

“ *Jill Bassett lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Jill D Bassett - November 12, 2022 at 09:18 AM

MC

“ *Milton Angie Christian lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Milton & Angie Christian - November 11, 2022 at 10:09 AM

DW

“ *I meet Gary through my brother Dean, he was such a nice man and he had the most Awesome smile. My sympathy to his family and to my brother Dean 🙏❤️ Dolly*

Dorene Wambach - November 10, 2022 at 11:00 PM

DJ

Thank you Dolly... love you

Dean Johnson - November 16, 2022 at 03:48 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Watts lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Lisa Watts - November 10, 2022 at 07:31 AM

RR

“ Rodney Angie Riley lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons



Rodney and Angie Riley - November 09, 2022 at 12:07 PM

CS

“ We are so sorry for your loss.



craig Paula Sweeney - November 08, 2022 at 07:28 PM

AL

“ Alfre lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons



Alfre - November 08, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ I'll miss my father very much. I'll miss him trying to make me laugh.



Aimee Cicchetto - November 08, 2022 at 02:39 PM

RS

“ *Russell Candiss Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Russell and Candiss Smith - November 08, 2022 at 10:09 AM

BB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was an old classmate and such a nice man.*

Britt Matthew Burt - November 08, 2022 at 06:32 AM

BB

“ *Britt Burt lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Britt Matthew Burt - November 08, 2022 at 06:30 AM

AM

“ *I gave him the nickname chuck Norris the first time I met Gary working on his jeep a few years ago at a friend's because for some reason I couldn't remember his first name . Always a cheerful hello, conversation and goodbye see you next time each time I saw him. He will always live in my memories. My deepest condolences and best wishes to his family.*

Alexander Martinez - November 08, 2022 at 04:51 AM

BM

“ So glad we got to see and visit with Gary at our 40th class reunion last year. He was such a nice, caring and funny classmate. Rest in peace my friend.

Becky Hudgins Massengale - November 07, 2022 at 10:24 PM

PS

“ Prayers for peace. comfort and strength during this time . ❤️🙏
Bob & Peggy Silvey



Peggy Silvey - November 07, 2022 at 09:59 PM

SP

“ Steve Renee Propes lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons



Steve and Renee Propes - November 07, 2022 at 09:39 PM

DK

“ We lost such an amazing man. Gary could light up a room with just his smile. You will be greatly missed.



Debbie Kline - November 07, 2022 at 06:58 PM

JM

“ *Jessie Mccumber lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Jessie Mccumber - November 07, 2022 at 02:06 PM

JD

“ *Julie Duke lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Julie Duke - November 07, 2022 at 09:57 AM

DK

“ *David & Dianna Kelley*



David & Dianna Kelley - November 07, 2022 at 09:28 AM

MJ

“ *Your family is in our prayers . Bro. Mark and Patty Johnson*



mark johnson - November 07, 2022 at 06:22 AM

JM

“ *Jessie Mccumber lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Jessie Mccumber - November 06, 2022 at 10:33 PM

LB

“ *Linda Brooks lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Linda Brooks - November 06, 2022 at 04:30 PM

EF

“ *Prayers for the family! I loved going to the goat farm when coming home. I would always make at least to visits out to see Gary. A friend that will be missed.*



Elizabeth Daniel Fulton - November 06, 2022 at 12:25 PM

TR

“ *Terry Carol Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Terry and Carol Rodriguez - November 06, 2022 at 12:41 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Mary Lowe - November 05, 2022 at 05:25 PM

RR

“ *Rhonda Roberts lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Rhonda L Roberts - November 05, 2022 at 03:28 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Annette Lochridge - November 05, 2022 at 02:42 PM



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Deana Griffith - November 05, 2022 at 02:06 PM

CN

“ *Charvelle Nugent lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Charvelle Nugent - November 05, 2022 at 01:40 PM

JC

“ *Gary had a smile that could light up the world. He was a very caring person who was a joy to be around. Such an intelligent guy who had many talents and definitely gone too soon.*



Janet Conway - November 05, 2022 at 09:39 AM

DJ

“ *I only knew Gary for 8 years... he could be one one of the most thoughtful, kind and caring people most of the time. Gary smile was a gift from God. He gave that smile freely and I know it brightened the days of many including me. You are missed Gary....*

Dean Johnson - November 05, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JB

“ *Joe & Margaret Green Brown lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Joe Dan & Margaret Green Brown - November 05, 2022 at 06:59 AM

LW

“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



Lacy Weaver - November 04, 2022 at 09:43 PM

DM

“ *Already miss our talks, sweet friend..
You were truly a Dear Friend*

Debbie Medford McDonald - November 04, 2022 at 08:32 PM

CH

“ *Such a sweet person, a light in this world that will be missed.*

CHRISTIE HYMAN - November 04, 2022 at 01:23 PM

CH

“ *CHRISTIE HYMAN lit a candle in memory of Gary Simmons*



CHRISTIE HYMAN - November 04, 2022 at 01:21 PM