



Ray Sims, Jr.

January 16, 1948 - April 17, 2020

Ray Sims, Jr., 72, of Piedmont passed away Friday, April 17, 2020 at his home. Survivors include his wife, Jean Richardson Sims; three sons, Shane Sims of Piedmont, Hans Sims (Ashley) of Piedmont, and Karsten Sims of Hokes Bluff; grandchildren, Kendall Barron (Chase), Jake Sims, Crimson Sims, Mia Sims, Drake Cebrian, Avery Eubanks (Austin), Lottie Sims, and Hunter Sims; five great grandchildren; mother, Zeldria Sims; two sisters, Pamela Love (Bruce) of Piedmont and Rhonda Murphy (Clay) of Hokes Bluff; sisters-in-law, Rita Boose (Craig) of Piedmont and Nancy Hebert (Dave) of Gadsden; brothers-in-law, Jackie Knighten (Lisa) of Piedmont and Jerry Collins of Piedmont; nieces and nephews, Ashley Love, Mandy Barber (Jeff), Kennedy Lynn (Trent), Bo Schnebal (Felicia), Colton Harris, Amanda Otwell (Bobby Lee), Joey Grimes (Miranda), Dustin Knighten (Meaghan), Lindsey Shirley (Bo), Becky Collins (Mark), and Tammy Whitmore (Norman); several great nieces and great nephews; and caregiver, Jeannine Lareau. Mr. Sims was a longtime resident of Etowah County and retired from Redstone Arsenal. He was an avid University of Alabama fan and enjoyed NASCAR and hunting. He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Ray Sims, Sr. and niece, Sharon Byers. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Amedisys Hospice and nurses Angie and Randi. Graveside service for Mr. Sims will be private.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ My name is jeff Peterson, I live in E. Freetown, ma. I was stationed in Bamberg , Germany for 3 years. Ray was assigned to our Hawk Missile Assembly and Service Section. I knew him only a short time, but he was a great soldier and person. His best friend was Dave Green from Texas. The both of them had a record of changing out a VW motor on 4 hours. There was a legend of a pistol being buried in one of the berms in our section and Ray found it. He may have brought it home at the end of his tour. The other thing I remember is his story from high school when someone started a rumor that he said someting bad about another guy and some others said similar things about him. The groups expected a big fight, but when they met they denied saying those things and them they became best friends.

My sincerest condolences for you and your family. I know he is sorely missed.

My regards,

Jeff Peterson

Jeff Peterson - April 28 at 09:02 PM

KF

“ Kathy Fowler lit a candle in memory of Ray Sims, Jr.



Kathy Fowler - April 24, 2020 at 12:30 AM

NW

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Ray will definitely be missed. Norman & Tammy Whitmore

Norman Whitmore - April 21, 2020 at 07:22 AM

JP

“ Sorry for the loss of Ray he has been a great friend all my life. He will be missed. Our prayers go out to all the family may God protect and give peace to all. J.C.Pearson

J.C. Pearson - April 18, 2020 at 04:56 PM

BB

“ My name is Bill Bunn. Ray and I worked together at Anniston Army Depot and in Germany. We became good friends and created a lot of good memories with our families during our time in Germany. I am so sorry for your loss of a loving husband, father and grandfather. I lost my wife Rosie in July 2018 so I know the pain and sorrow you are feeling. There are no words that will ease your pain and each or you will find a way to deal with that pain and sorrow. You will have some comfort knowing Ray is no longer sick or suffering in pain, he has been made whole and is in perfect health. That is the only thing that is sure, but only helps with your sorrow, not the loneliness you will experience. I hope in the days to come, your family will remain close and support each other, that love will provide a foundation to go forward with your lives and live life as Ray taught each of you. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Bill Bunn - April 18, 2020 at 10:32 AM

BC

I am so sorry for the loss to your family. He was a wonderful Gpaw, father, son and husband! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him! RIP Ray! We love you!

Becky Coffey - April 18, 2020 at 07:58 PM

BT

My sincere condolences to the SIMS family on your loss. Our Bradley Team will miss him. Ray was a wonderful American Civil Servant and possessed a multitude of knowledge that he always shared with his teammates. His "GET R DONE" slogan and attitude is still instilled in all us.

Barry Thrower

Barry Thrower - April 20, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Ray Sims, Jr..*



April 18, 2020 at 10:10 AM

AV

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Ray was a good man, husband, father, and grandfather. He was a great friend!!*

Annie Vinson - April 18, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JS

As a fellow 68 graduate with Ray. He will be missed by all those who knew him. After losing Alan in December I can certainly feel for all his family members. It is so hard to loose the ones we love. Rest in peace my friend. Joan Langdale Sims

Joan Langdale Sims - April 18, 2020 at 10:12 PM