



James John Sims

August 27, 1946 - August 21, 2025

James John Sims, age 78, of Advance, Missouri, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2025, in his home surrounded by loved ones.

He was born August 27, 1946, to Nathan and Dortha Sims.

Jimmy was in the Advance High School class of 1964, where he was later inducted into their Hall of Fame. He graduated from Southwest Missouri State University in 1969, with many track honors and continued to run for decades. For 38 years, Jimmy worked within the Chicago Pipefitters Local 597.

He was a life-long learner, with a particular interest in cars, the Civil War, and the places he visited. Throughout his life, Jimmy was known for his acts of service. He knew no stranger when it came to helping others. Many affectionately called him Uncle Jimmy because he was so involved with his community. His special chocolate chip cookies were loved by everyone.

Loving survivors include his daughter Trish (Mike) Palacios, son Ryan (Jocelyn) Sims, two grandchildren Olyvia and Max Palacios, sister Sharon (Ron) Spane, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother Nathan, three sisters and brothers-in-law, Patsy (Earl) Jenkins, Billie (David) Harris, Gaynell (Robert) Fowler, and

two nephews, Ren and Chris Jenkins.

Please gather with us on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, any time between 1:00 and 4:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 33925 State Highway 91 in Advance, Missouri, to pay tribute.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

<https://vfoundation.donordrive.com/campaigns/J-Sims-Tribute>

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Knights of Columbus
33925 State Highway 91
Advance, MO 63730

Tribute Wall

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“*Teachers carry the memories of many students, but some leave an especially lasting impression. Jimmy John was one of my fourth graders, and even after all these years, he was one I vividly remember from that large class. He was kind and always well-behaved, always dependable, and the kind of student who made teaching a true joy. Rest In Peace, Jimmy John.*”



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