



## William "Bill" Simmons

May 3, 2011

William A. Simmons, 78, of McClure, IL, died Tuesday, May 03, 2011 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born December 5, 1932 in Gale, IL to William Roy and Ida Corzine Simmons. He and Willa May Wright Simmons were married December 17, 1981 at Cape Girardeau. Bill served as a Navy Seal (UDT) from Feb 7, 1952 to November 14, 1955. Mr. Simmons worked as an Auto Mechanic owning and operating McClure Wrecker Service. He also owned El Patio Lounge in McClure and Willas Getaway in McClure. He was an avid fisherman and loved farming and gardening. He especially loved his dogs Scutter, CJ, and Dolly and his cat, Sassy. He was a member of Jonesboro Masonic Lodge 111 for 38 years. A life member of V.F.W. Post 3838 and a Shriner Club Member. Survivors include: Wife Willa Simmons, Mc Clure, IL Son William T. (Patty) Simmons, Mc Clure, IL Son Cliff (Sharon) Simmons, Cape Girardeau, MO Son Mark (Karla) Simmons, Olive Branch, IL Son Jr. Wright McClure, IL Daughter Teresa Charles Jr.) Birk, Cape Girardeau, MO Daughter Sherry (John) Owen, Winchester, KY Daughter Tammy (Troy) Hamilton, Cape Girardeau, MO Sister Marie Snell, Gale, IL Sister Reba (Tom) Enderle, Cape Girardeau, MO Sister Sherry Reynolds, Mc Clure, IL 2 granddaughters, 12 grandsons, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a sister, and a brother-in-law. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be at 11:00 AM Friday, May 6, 2011 at Ford & Sons

Sprigg St. Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau with the Rev Phillip Roop officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes, IL. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ Willa I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am to hear of Bill's passing. I know you and the kids must be devastated. I've always considered Bill a good friend and really do wish I was home and able to join Kathy at the services. Hang in there Willa and God Bless. Tom

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**Tom Kelley** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Bill was a Good Man, and will live long in the hearts of those who had the opportunity to know him, including myself and his Grand Son Leevi. Men like Bill only come along once in a lifetime, and I am lucky to have had the chance to call Bill my Friend. My heart goes out to all his Friends and Family, and may God help to relieve the Pain and Sorrow of your Loss and mine. Sincerely and Always, Mark Grammer

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**Mark Grammer** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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**Mark Grammer** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Remembering all of the "Simmons Kids" from our childhood days in McClure, and keeping you in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Marty (Moore) Sadler - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Willa & Simmons Family, My deepest sympathy to each of you. Bill will be greatly missed by all. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

Lynn Anderson - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Ed Woodard asked that I contact you. Ed was in the hospital at the time of Bills passing. Ed is unable to be at the wake or the funeral as he is recuperating from pneumonia. He told me of a long friendship with your family

dorothy klein for edgar woodard - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ We have only known Bill about 12 years now, but he became a dear friend and an inspiration. With recent news, he and his Navy Seals days were on our minds, even though we did not know he was ailing. We will miss him dearly, and miss he and Willa singing "Jackson", and his "the Letter to Momma"

Fred and Tina Higdon - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ You will be missed. Rick and I are deeply beholden to you for all your kindness over the years.

Phil & Rick Stull - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ HE WAS A FRIEND FOR 25 YEARS AND WILL BE MISSED.  
DEEPLY SORRY .OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU,WILLA

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**JOHN,JOHNNY,DAWN & GAYE PARCHEM** - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Christy Moore** - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Willa & Family, So sorry to hear about Bill but now another family angel is there to watch over and us. My prayers are with you and the family since it is impossible to be there with you. Love always your sister-in-law, Les

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**Leslie May** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Mark The Stretches and all the people at HSG are saddened at your loss. Our hope and prayers go out to you and your family.

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**Tony Stretch** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM