



David Ray Simmons

June 9, 1982 - March 8, 2023

PLEASE NOTE, DUE TO FORECAST INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE LOCATION OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR 1 PM SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023, HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THE BELFORD FAMILY CEMETERY TO BAILEY FUNERAL HOME. INTERMENT WILL BE PRIVATE.

David Ray Simmons, age 40 years, a resident of Metropolis and a former resident of Johnson County, passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois.

David was born June 9, 1982 at the former Marion Memorial Hospital. He was the son of Michael Simmons and Kaye (Alsip) Simmons.

On July 12, 2020, David was united in marriage to Danielle Sharp in Metropolis, Illinois. She survives.

David is also survived by: his children – Kylea Jo Rae Simmons and Kamryn Christopher Wiley Simmons; his mother – Kaye (Dennis E.) Harris of Vienna; siblings – Erinn Bowman of Golconda and Miles Simmons of Vienna; many nieces and nephews – including Abby Sue, Kaylea Diane, Christopher, Chyenne, and Cristin; his father-in-law – Larry Sharp of Metropolis, his mother-in-law – JoAnn Lance of Vienna; aunts & uncles – including Nancy &

Billy Belford and James & Kim Alsip; as well as other relatives and many dear friends.

David was preceded in death by: his father – Michael Simmons; a daughter – Ella Rae Simmons; grandparents – Floyd “Shorty” Simmons, Rebecca Simmons Smith, Clella “Smitty” Smith; Harold Alsip, Linda Rudolph, and Tom & Juanita Harris; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

David attended Vienna High School. He was employed as a carpenter by Bailey Construction Company in Metropolis.

In his spare time, David enjoyed a number of hobbies, including knife throwing, woodcarving, performing magic tricks, and telling jokes. David is fondly remembered for his love of music and his artistic talent. He was also an accomplished tattoo artist.

David was of the Christian faith.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday afternoon, April 15, 2023, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home. Pastor Scott Harris will officiate. Those attending the service are invited to gather at the funeral home at 12:45 PM Saturday.

A Celebration of David's life will be conducted Saturday afternoon, June 10, 2023, at 1 PM at the Vienna City Park.

Contributions may be made to the family for a memorial which will be established and may be left in the care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Belford Family Cemetery

7560 State Route 146 East
Grantsburg, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **15**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Belford Family Cemetery
7560 State Route 146 East
Grantsburg, IL

Celebration of Life

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Vienna City Park
East Vine St.
Vienna, IL 62995

Tribute Wall



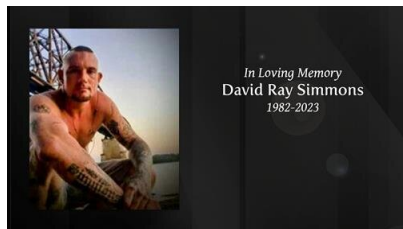
“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Ray Simmons



Bailey Funeral Home - April 17, 2023 at 09:48 AM



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Beautiful ❤️

Tami Hansen - July 20, 2023 at 03:41 AM

MG

“ *Marsha Grasher lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons*



Marsha Grasher - June 24, 2023 at 11:49 AM

MM

“ *If ever asked who my best friend was the name David Simmons was the one from my mouth.*

Michael Morris - March 20, 2023 at 04:44 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons*



Teresa Richerson - March 15, 2023 at 10:30 PM

SH

“ *We made a million memories together little brother... You will be greatly missed, but our hearts are all with you & your always with us! Much Love!*

Shawn Harmon - March 15, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Carol Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of David Ray Simmons*



Carol Bryant - March 13, 2023 at 10:02 AM



Sending Love and Comfort to Kaye, Dennis, Erin, Danelle and the children I only met David once, His family I've known a while but I saw how he Loved his family Dearly and such a kind polite young man . Heartfelt Condolences sent to you all

Carol Bryant - March 13, 2023 at 10:05 AM

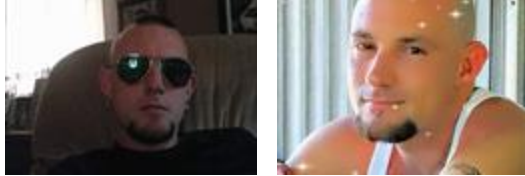
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“ *I took these pictures of u at my house..thats the same day u made me let u tattoo on me so u could practice..why i always fall for ur comedy and tricks because usually i ended up witj orajel or something in my toothpaste..u always new how to b a clown but always new how to make domeone smile..I miss you lil brother I can't believe this is real..when u get ther tell Austin Chad scottie Blake and everyone else that I love them and miss them too.. rip and keep your wife and babies safe and protected for they r going thru what Noone should ever have too.. love you always*

Conny Cunningham - March 11, 2023 at 09:00 PM

CC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Conny Cunningham - March 11, 2023 at 08:55 PM

CC

“ Conny Cunningham lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons



Conny Cunningham - March 11, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ David we love you bro you will all was be in the family no matter what you will all was be that's for your kids and wife rip David love you man god bless you are in a better world than we are

Larry Joe Sharp - March 11, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ Rest in peace to a good person and friend. It's hard to believe you are gone. We have listened to some good music together, and jammed out a many of times. It has been 20 years since I have talked to you. It's hard to believe I'll never see you again on this Earth. I am thinking about you and your family.

Matthew Cook - March 11, 2023 at 12:26 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons



Dennis and Pat Harner - March 11, 2023 at 10:17 AM

DH

“ It breaks my heart you have left us way too soon, one thing that helps is in our last conversation ended in the words I love you pop I love you to David rip son

Dennis e Harris - March 11, 2023 at 07:48 AM

CD

“ Didn't know you very well but, the time I had spent with you I enjoyed. You loved my Neice Danielle and your babies so very much that was known without one doubt.
May you rest in peace.
Watch over your wife and babies now and for all the days and years to come till you all reunite in heaven.



Carolyn Downing - March 10, 2023 at 06:47 PM

TM

“ Teresa Dove And Kevin Mcbride lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons



Teresa Dove and Kevin Mcbride - March 10, 2023 at 04:46 PM

GS

“ *Gina R Smith lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons*




Gina R Smith - March 10, 2023 at 03:07 PM

PO

“ *David I am so sad at your passing. I've known you since you were an infant. I wish that you rest in peace.*

Phyllis Oliver - March 10, 2023 at 03:01 PM

 Rachel Clardy

“ *R.i.p.*



Rachel Clardy - March 10, 2023 at 02:29 PM

AC

“ *David you were a awesome person ! I have known you for a while now and we have talked and u always wanted a family I know u did t want to go so soon !! U will be missed*

Angie carlton - March 10, 2023 at 11:28 AM

JJ

“ David was such a kind person, he loved his family so much.
May you Rest in Peace David
Prayers for all his family



Jo Johnson - March 10, 2023 at 10:56 AM

KA

“ David ... you will never be forgotten! The love you had for your children and family. I am so thankful to have called you nephew. Rest in peace.



Kim Alsip - March 10, 2023 at 10:24 AM

TT

“ Tasha Taylor lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons



Tasha Taylor - March 10, 2023 at 09:46 AM

UB

“ We will miss your sweet face David , we love you so much R.I.P.Sweet Boy



Uncle Billy & Aunt Nancy Belford - March 10, 2023 at 07:50 AM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons*



Diane Rainbolt - March 10, 2023 at 12:24 AM

CH

“ *CAROLYN HARRIS lit a candle in memory of David Ray Simmons*



CAROLYN HARRIS - March 09, 2023 at 11:36 PM

AM

“ *Love and Peace for all of David's friends and family. ❤️*



Amanda Ming - March 09, 2023 at 11:16 PM