



Michael Dean Simmons

July 31, 1949 - September 8, 2019

Michael Dean Simmons, affectionately known as “Beatle,” age 70 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Sunday morning, September 8, 2019, at 1:06 AM at the home of his son, David Simmons, near Joppa.

Mike was born July 31, 1949 in Robbs, Illinois. He was the son of Floyd C. and Rebecca A. (White) Simmons.

Mike was formerly united in marriage to Melinda Kaye Alsip on May 13, 1978.

Mike is survived by: his children – Erinn Lea Bowman of Golconda, Miles Eric Simmons of Vienna, and David Ray (Danielle) Simmons of Metropolis; grandchildren – Abby Bowman and Kaylea Simmons; 2 sisters – Floy Harner and Nancy (William) Belford all of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Mike was anticipating the birth of a granddaughter to be named Kylea who is due in November.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by: a granddaughter, Ella Rae Simmons, who died December 17, 2013; a brother-in-law – Ronald Harner; 2 nephews – Charles E. Mathis, Jr. and Michael Charles Mathis; and 2 nieces – Julie Harner-Thomas and Mindy Mathis-VanZant.

Mike attended Vienna High School. He earned an associate degree at

Shawnee College near Ullin.

Mike was a U.S. Army veteran. He served during the Vietnam era and was stationed in Europe.

Mike had been employed as a heavy equipment operator at the Southern Illinois Stone Company quarry at Buncombe and later on road construction projects. For over 30 years, Mike was employed in the healthcare field as a registered nurse.

Mike was a gifted musician, vocalist and guitarist. He was a talented artist and drew exceptional pencil portraits. Mike was a non-denominational Christian.

A gathering of relatives and friends celebrating the life of Michael Dean Simmons will be held Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 11 AM at the home of Mike's Sister and brother-in-Law, Nancy and Billy Belford, 7560 Illinois Route 146 East, Grantsburg, Illinois. Marsha Hayes will officiate with a time of sharing of memories by those attending.

Military honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 of Vienna and the Illinois National Guard burial honors detail.

Those attending the service are asked to gather at the family residence at 10:45 AM Thursday, September 19, 2019.

Private inurnment will be in the Belford Family Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family to assist with expenses and may be left in 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

Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Belford Family Residence
7560 State Route 146 East
Grantsburg, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Dean Simmons* ”

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Scott Hunsaker lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons* ”



Scott Hunsaker - September 16, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons* ”



Linda and Jeff Mathis - September 13, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons* ”



Dennis and Pat Harner - September 12, 2019 at 12:44 PM

FB

“ *Faye Bowman lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Faye Bowman - September 11, 2019 at 07:00 PM

PB

“ *Patsy Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Patsy Blankenship - September 11, 2019 at 01:13 PM

MH

“ *Marvin And Carolyn Harris lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Marvin and Carolyn Harris - September 10, 2019 at 11:23 PM

DH

“ *Dallas & Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Dallas & Charlene Harner - September 10, 2019 at 08:53 PM

Mark Johnson

“ *Some of my earliest memories include Mike and his family. Good times with Erin and Miles listening to our Dads play music. Prayers for all the family.* ”

Mark Johnson - September 10, 2019 at 02:27 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Whiteside Lay lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons* ”



Kathy Whiteside Lay - September 10, 2019 at 01:45 PM

KL

Steve and Kathy Whiteside Lay. Life is to short!!

Kathy Whiteside Lay - September 10, 2019 at 01:47 PM

KL

Nancy and Floy and kids, so sorry for your loss.

Kathy Whiteside Lay - September 10, 2019 at 01:49 PM

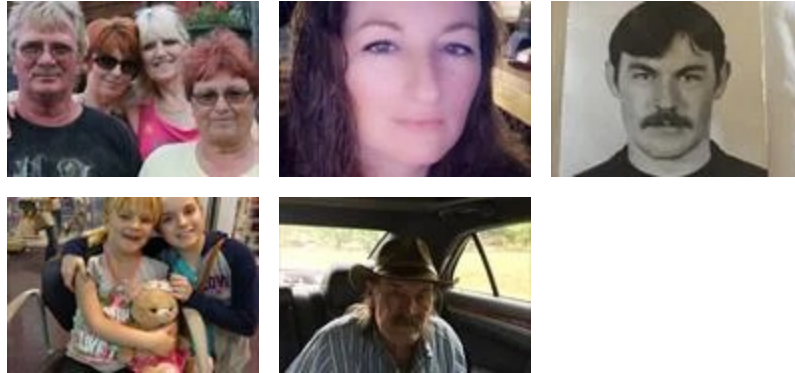
FB

So sorry to lose another cousin !!!

Faye Bowman - September 11, 2019 at 07:02 PM

WB

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Wm&Nancy Belford - September 10, 2019 at 11:53 AM

JP

“ *Floy, Nancy and Mike's family, Sorry for your loss. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time. Our sympathy and prayers for you. Jerry, Judy and Jay Phelps.*



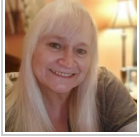
J Phelps - September 09, 2019 at 09:44 AM

MD

“ *Marsha Mathis Dodson lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Marsha Mathis Dodson - September 09, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ *Marlene Chapman lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Marlene Chapman - September 09, 2019 at 05:37 AM



“ *Faye Bowman lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Faye Bowman - September 08, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Mike Crews - September 08, 2019 at 05:45 PM

Mary Johnson

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Mary Johnson - September 08, 2019 at 04:01 PM

KH

Thank you Mary. Great pics

Kaye Harris - September 08, 2019 at 04:21 PM

MD

Thank You Mary for sharing these pictures of Uncle Mike. Love Marsha

Marsha Mathis Dodson - September 09, 2019 at 08:30 AM

MH

“ Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons



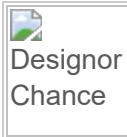
Mary Lou Hynes - September 08, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Designor Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Designor Chance - September 08, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *The seperation is temporary your bond eternal. You are loved. zions mailis@gmail.com*



Designor Chance - September 08, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Nancy, I am so sorry for your loss.*



Davis and Pat Prewitt - September 08, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Uncle Mike is in a better place now. May God be with you for always. We love you and will miss you!!*

Ron Harner, Jr - September 08, 2019 at 12:24 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



John Slack - September 08, 2019 at 12:24 PM

RJ

“ *Rita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Rita Johnson - September 08, 2019 at 12:18 PM

RJ

Sorry to hear of Mike's passing...God Bless

Rita Johnson - September 08, 2019 at 12:21 PM

RB

“ *Roger Brumley lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Roger Brumley - September 08, 2019 at 11:12 AM

MS

“ Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons



Mike and Nancy Solomon - September 08, 2019 at 10:59 AM

MS

Sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you and family at this time.

Mike and Nancy Solomon - September 08, 2019 at 11:00 AM

MR

“ Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons



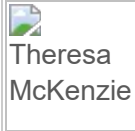
Mike and Teresa Richerson - September 08, 2019 at 10:44 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons



Bobby Rentfro - September 08, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *I'm So Sorry for your loss Sending Prayers*



Theresa McKenzie - September 08, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *Billy&NancyBelford lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Billy&NancyBelford - September 08, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ *Marsha Mathis Dodson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



Marsha Mathis Dodson - September 08, 2019 at 10:15 AM



Thank You Uncle Mike For Your Service to Our Country. I Will Never Forget the Day You Came Home and Brought me a Cedar Jewelry Box from Germany. And the nickname you gave me CRISCO 😊 I Love You

Marsha Dodson - September 08, 2019 at 10:23 AM

KH

“ *Kenneth And Rosie Hartlne lit a candle in
memory of Michael Dean Simmons*



kenneth and Rosie Hartlne - September 08, 2019 at 09:45 AM