



Russell Lynn Sims

September 24, 1959 - December 6, 2023

Russell Lynn “Rusty” Sims, age 64 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Wednesday evening, December 6, 2023, at 11:07 P.M. at Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.

Rusty, as he was affectionately known to family and friends, was born September 24, 1959 in Wood River, Illinois. He was the son of Conrad Eugene Sims and Shelby Ann (Hunter) Sims.

Survivors include: children – Kala (Adam) Allen of Vienna, Randol (Heather) Sims of Vienna, and Andrew (Kayci) Smith of Carterville; grandchildren – Liam, Sawyer, Jade, Iris, Ellie, and Josie; a sister – Candy (Eddie) Anderson of Olive Branch; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Rusty was preceded in death by his wife and the love of his life, Karrie Sims; and a sister – Jackie Bledsoe.

Rusty was a graduate of Egyptian High School and had earned an associate degree from Shawnee Community College at Ullin. Rusty was employed as a correctional officer at Shawnee Correctional Center near Vienna. Prior to his retirement from the Illinois Department of Corrections, Rusty was assigned to the Bureau of Identification.

Rusty was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting. Rusty cherished time spent with his grandchildren and particularly enjoyed going fishing with them.

He was of the Christian faith.

In accordance with Rusty's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Ed Moake lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims*



Ed Moake - December 14, 2023 at 05:19 PM

TH

“ *Tara L Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims*



Tara L Hobbs - December 13, 2023 at 04:12 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims*



John Slack - December 13, 2023 at 09:37 AM

RH

“ *Randall Hammersley lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims*



Randall Hammersley - December 12, 2023 at 07:16 PM

MT

“ Mike Turner lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims



Mike Turner - December 12, 2023 at 06:44 PM

CG

“ Kala and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Carol & Randy George - December 12, 2023 at 11:50 AM

CH

“ Charles And Cindy Harner lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims



Charles and Cindy Harner - December 12, 2023 at 09:03 AM

DH

“ Dallas And Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Lynn Sims



Dallas and Charlene Harner - December 12, 2023 at 09:00 AM

TP

“ Love you brother!! Prayers to the family. Keep watch over those who remain. See you in the future!! RIP

Ty Petersen - December 12, 2023 at 12:03 AM

MC

“ So very sorry to Rustys family. He'll be missed.

Martha Childers - December 11, 2023 at 08:39 PM

KJ

“ Sending prayers to the family. I worked with Rusty for many years at Shawnee.

Kim Johnston - December 11, 2023 at 07:51 PM

RC

So sorry for your loss. Our love & prayers are with the family

Robert & Geneva Cuccatti - December 12, 2023 at 03:01 AM

KC

“ Rest in peace old friend.

Keith Collier - December 11, 2023 at 07:01 PM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims



Ernie Henshaw - December 11, 2023 at 05:30 PM

MD

“ Rest easy my brother, we have made fond memories that will be carried in my heart forever.



Mark Dillman - December 11, 2023 at 04:17 PM

BJ

“ Brittany Johnson lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims



Brittany Johnson - December 11, 2023 at 02:57 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims



Barbara Jeffress - December 11, 2023 at 02:35 PM

MH

“ Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims



Mary Lou Hynes - December 11, 2023 at 02:34 PM

TH

“ *Tamri Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims*



tamri huckelberry - December 11, 2023 at 02:19 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Russell Lynn Sims*



Sheri Robinson - December 11, 2023 at 01:08 PM

SH

“ *Rest in peace, my friend*

Scott Hunsaker - December 11, 2023 at 12:43 PM