



Mr. W. Bridges Simmons

June 10, 1932 - January 25, 2016

Mr. W. Bridges Simmons, 83, of Albany died Monday Jan 25, 2016 at his residence.

His funeral service will be held Saturday 3:00PM at the Walden Chapel of First United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Dr. Don Adams will be officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday from 1:30 to 2:45PM at the Ford Hall in the Church.

Born in Rebecca, GA, Mr. Simmons graduated from Albany High School in 1950. He retired from the Dougherty County School system after 30 years where he served as Assistant Principal at Radium Springs Middle School. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Dougherty Lodge #591 where he received his 50 year pin. Mr. Simmons was also a member of the Albany Exchange Club for 51 years and a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas Edward Simmons and Emma Bridges Simmons; his brother Herbert Simmons and a nephew Bobby Simmons.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years Janice Simmons of Albany; two sons Mark Simmons and his wife Carmela of Cypress, TX; Dr. Kent Simmons and his wife Susan of Albany; a daughter Jan Simmons Dahler and her husband Gary of Dallas, GA; his sister Wisteria Simmons Houston and her husband Warner of Savannah, GA; a brother in law Bob Chastain and eight grandchildren; and special Care Givers Calvin Curry, Jeanette Jones and

Mary Vaughn.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Exchange Club prevention of Child Abuse, 810 S. Westover Blvd. Albany, GA 31707 or First United Methodist Church, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. W. Bridges Simmons*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. W. Bridges Simmons*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM

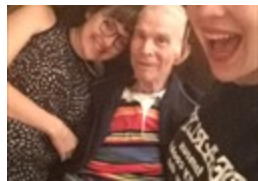


“ *Mr. W. Bridges Simmons*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



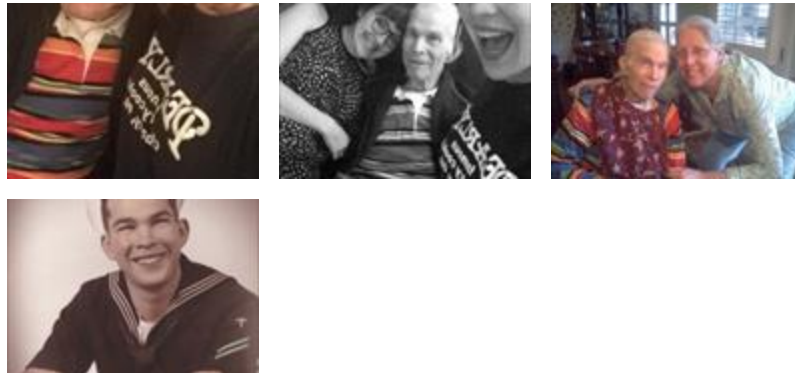
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Mark S Simmons - February 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

MS

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Mark S Simmons - February 08, 2021 at 08:36 PM

PM

“ *Janice:*

I am so sorry I just learned of Bridges' death. I have enjoyed seeing you and Bridges at church for years and years, and am so sad to hear of his passing. I know you and your sweet family have trillions of wonderful memories to hold onto and that will keep his sweet spirit alive always. Know we share you sympathy and are praying for you all.

Patsy Martin - February 01, 2016 at 07:33 PM

NB

“ *Remember always the gentle smiles, laughing eyes, and loving heart. Sharing your memories and your sorrow. So sorry I couldn't be there. I especially have fond memories of Bridges in the 20 years we worked together at Radium Springs School.*

Norma Burdette - January 31, 2016 at 07:26 PM

NR

“ *Thinking of this family at this time!*
Nancy Reimer
DCSS

Nancy Reimer - January 30, 2016 at 01:01 PM

TS

“ *To Aunt Janice and cousins Mark, Kent, Janice and their families,
as well as all of the Simmons and allied families: our sincerest
sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with you today.*

Uncle Bridges will be greatly missed.

Much Love,

Tom, Kim, Joel, Luke and Sean Simmons
Castle Rock, Colorado

Tom Simmons - January 30, 2016 at 08:09 AM

DH

“ Bridges and Warner used to take me hunting when I was a boy.

Bridges killed a large buck one morning when I was eleven. I watched the deer cross the field throwing his head back and forth as he marched straight toward Bridges' stand. I had borrowed my grandfather's 12-gauge Remington® made on a Browning® patent and had it loaded with five double ought buckshot. This was a heavy gun for an eleven-year old and I was afraid that it was going to stomp me into the ground if I fired it. In those days, we didn't hunt from tree stands. We just stood still in one spot, hoping a deer would come in range. Bridges was hunting with a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with buckshot. When the deer came in range he fired five times. Warner and I ran towards Bridges' stand. When we caught up with him he was looking at his empty shotgun hulls. The brass was split on every one of them. Bridges said that they were very old and that he had gotten them from his dad. We began to track the deer. When we found the deer he was down; but struggling to regain his feet. Warner fired his surplus bolt-action "Jap rifle" into the deer's neck and he went down for good.

Warner and Bridges would argue for years over whether the deer was going to get up or not. We loaded the deer on the hood of a car and drove to downtown Albany. Someone from the Albany Herald Newspaper came out and took our picture with the deer and it was published. Now days there are far more deer than there were back then.

Dan Houston

Dan Houston - January 28, 2016 at 04:51 PM

MS

Dan, Thank you so much for this memory.

Mark S Simmons - February 08, 2021 at 08:19 PM

CM

“ *Mr. Simmons was my assistant principal at Radium Middle school. He was always a very kind and decent man, even to those of us who weren't exactly the perfect students. He will be missed. Blessings to his family and friends.*

Catherine McKinnon - January 28, 2016 at 03:56 PM

DJ

“ *Mr. Simmons was assistant principal at Radium Springs when I was there in the '80's, those were the good Ole days. May God bless his family with a peace beyond all understanding.*

Drenda Jackson - January 28, 2016 at 03:12 PM

DI

“ *Kent and family ,so sorry for your loss. Your daddy brought smiles to all he came in contact with.*

Diane - January 27, 2016 at 06:28 PM

LL

“ *Janice and Family am so very sorry and my prayers are with you, I have so many wonderful memories of First Methodist and all the Great people at 1st. Methodist.*
Lou Johnson Lee

Lou Lee - January 27, 2016 at 02:59 PM

SW

Janice, I am so very sorry. Bridges was so special. Know that I have you & your family in my prayers.

Sheila Whitfield - January 27, 2016 at 04:06 PM

PW

“ To the Simmons' family, with deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. It has been good to have Mr. and Mrs. Simmons as our neighbors for many years. We will miss Mr. Simmons and our prayers are with Mrs. Simmons and family during this difficult time.

*From Your Neighbors,
Pastor Arthur Lee and Mrs. Virginia Wright*

Pastor Arthur Lee and Virginia Wright - January 27, 2016 at 12:58 PM

DS

“ Mark and family, so sorry to hear about your Dad. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Your Dad left such a wonderful legacy for his family and friends. He touched so many lives through his teaching and his community service. We were all blessed to know him!

Debbie TenHagen Sutton

debbie Sutton - January 27, 2016 at 11:50 AM

RC

“ Mark and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that you will feel God's presence and peace during this difficult time. Praying for you all.

*Rita Brown Cline
Westover High School Class of '77*

Rita Cline - January 27, 2016 at 07:02 AM

JS

“ Bridges would come out to Colorado to hunt elk with his brother Herb. He always looked forward to this trip and we looked forward to having him. Bridges was a kind, thoughtful, generous, gracious, gentle man and I will miss him. I envision Herb and Bridges sipping on single malt scotch in a camper in the sky! Jean Simmons, Littleton CO

Jean Simmons - January 26, 2016 at 05:44 PM

MS

Thank you Jean. Sorry for the late reply. I hope you are doing well. We still love you and think of you.

Mark S Simmons - February 08, 2021 at 08:23 PM

IS

“ Ivey Spears lit a candle in memory of Mr. W. Bridges Simmons



Ivey Spears - January 26, 2016 at 03:10 PM

IS

Mr. Bridges was a light to every room he entered- he will be truly missed. I am sure he telling some good jokes in heaven!

Ivey Spears - January 26, 2016 at 03:11 PM

BB

Bridges was truly an inspiration to me as we made comments back & forth. I will miss him but what a mentor he was to see him with all of his troubles attend the Exchange Club meetings despite his problems. He was faithful and was a pleasure to be around. HE WILL BE MISSED. May God provide the family with comfort, peace and strength as we say so long for now to a GIANT of a man.

Bill Banks - January 26, 2016 at 03:27 PM

JA

Mrs. Simmons and family, So sorry for your loss!

Joni J Dunn - Heart & Hands of Albany - February 01, 2016 at 03:01 PM

MS

Bill, I just want you to know that dad thought the world of you. I mentioned you all the time back then.

Mark S Simmons - February 08, 2021 at 08:25 PM

AN

“*Angie lit a candle in memory of Mr. W. Bridges Simmons*”



Angie - January 26, 2016 at 01:46 PM