



Randell "Randy" Lee Sims

May 9, 1952 - December 8, 2024

Randell (Randy) Lee Sims, 72, of Louisville Kentucky, passed away surrounded by family on December 8, 2024. He was born on May 9, 1952 to Margaret Braden Sims McGimpsey and Joseph Chestine Sims and was the oldest of 7 children. Randy became the man of the house at age 14 after their dad died and was always a great support to his momma over the years. His siblings considered him the best most loving big brother.

Randy joined the United States Army in 1973 and served 3 years in Germany. There he made friends with whom he remained close throughout his life and had adventures that made for great stories later in life. While home on leave in 1974, Randy met the woman who was destined to be his best friend for the next 50 years, Donna. They married in 1978, settled in Jeffersontown, welcomed their first child, Natalie, in 1980 and in 1989, they welcomed their son, Dylan. Randy became a grandfather (Papaw) for the first time in 2013, then again in 2014. Randy loved his family fiercely and considered them his greatest blessing, especially Donna.

After he left the Army, Randy worked at American Emblem Tool Company in Shelbyville, KY until it was sold to Black & Decker, and he remained with Black & Decker until 1993, when restructuring eliminated his position. Randy decided it was time for a new career path. He'd always wanted to either own a small hardware store or to sell cars...so he went into the car business. He

started at Craig & Landreth, then moved to Neil Huffman Dodge, and finished his career at Neil Huffman Subaru, retiring in 2019. Randy's reputation was one of honor and integrity, a man who was known for doing the right thing. Some people wonder how they're ever going to buy another car. (But he did retire in 2019 – they should've figured it out before now.)

Randy loved (a non-exhaustive list, in no particular order): rock 'n roll (The Beatles), fast cars (Mustangs and Jaguars), Star Trek, history books and documentaries and biographies, Louisville during Derby Week, UK Basketball, on-demand cable television, a good meal at a nice restaurant, dessert, playing chess, watching a good movie for the 15th or 24th time, crossword puzzles, current events, long drives with nice scenery, the air in Adair County, playing poker 3-4 nights a week, sharing stories of good times with old friends, family gatherings at the holidays and family reunions, an ice cold Coca-Cola Classic, vacation trips, hearing about his grandchildren's accomplishments, and any opportunity to spoil Donna.

Randy was a loving, kind, fair, humble and honest man. He was a beloved Son, Husband, Father, Brother (to his born siblings and to Donna's), Grandfather, and Friend. His loss is deeply grieved among those who loved him and were loved by him. The world is a better place because he was here.

Randy is preceded in death by his parents and brother Joseph Sims.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, his best friend and the love of his life, Donna Sims; daughter, Natalie Fowler (Jimi); son, Dylan Sims; grandchildren, Geneva and Cora; brothers, Barney Sims (Raye), Mike Sims (Cherryl); sisters, Malea Warden (Rick), Karen Goodman, Laura Ann Jones (Richard) and a host of family and friends.

Memorial Visitation from 9am-1pm on Friday December 13, 2024 at Owen

Funeral Home Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road, Jeffersontown, Kentucky 40299 with a memorial Service at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or The Healing Place in Louisville, KY, in honor of Randy Sims.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown
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Louisville, KY 40299
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<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

KZ

“ Kevin Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randell "Randy" Lee Sims.

Kevin Z. - December 15, 2024 at 04:49 PM

RF

“ Randy & Stacy Foster purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Randell "Randy" Lee Sims.



Randy & Stacy Foster - December 12, 2024 at 09:41 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randell "Randy" Lee Sims.



December 11, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Randell "Randy" Lee Sims.*



December 10, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ *So many stories with Randy, I'll start when I first met him. He was the new guy that just got stationed at McCully Barracks in Wackernheim Germany and helped him set up his area. I believe it was 1973 and we forged a friendship for the remaining time. I never met anyone who loves everybody like him, that's why he was so easy to get along with.*

He never backed down from a new challenge and did it with excitement, we climbed the Zugspitz, highest mountain in Germany, we raft from Maintz to Koblenz on the Rhine river.

Repelled the walls of a castle.

Lived in a Villa in Bingen Brook, while in Germany.

We had all kinds of adventures with more to come after the Army.

Now that love he had for Donna is unmatched, a bunch of the guys went to the Strange Machine, an underground club for drinks and dancing, when someone asked where Randy was, then someone said he was homesick to the point of possibly hurting themselves, so we all loaded up in my VW beetle and drove to find him. We spotted him on a walkway where you can't get to by car, but my little bug drove us down the embankment, across the swamp and on to the walkway where we caught up with Randy, he was so upset and he wasn't homesick, he was lovesick, we screamed and argued a bit then the poilitzi dragged me off and he was better after that.

I agree with Mark that nothing would compare to his love for his Donna

Bill Downs - December 10, 2024 at 02:18 PM

DS

Bill, that's a great story, don't recall hearing it before tho I probably did. Glad he felt better after you were arrested, lol.

Donna Sims - December 12, 2024 at 08:20 PM

KH

Dear Donna and family

I am so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. I don't have any stories to tell like Bill Downs, but I do know how very much he loved his family. He was one of the good guys!

Kim Hargis - December 14, 2024 at 09:49 PM