



Arthur "Willie" Simmons

February 8, 1950 - January 24, 2024

Arthur "Willie" Simmons, of Rolla, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 peacefully at his home surrounded by his family at the age of 73. Willie was born in Rolla, Missouri on February 8, 1950 to the late Charles Edward and Joann (Duncan) Simmons.

Arthur Willie Simmons was united in marriage to the late Ann Crain Simmons on February 2, 1973. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Willie was a longtime member of the Ridgeview Christian Church in Rolla. He and Ann were very active in the church, and he served as a deacon for many years. Willie was "famous" for his barbecue and he enjoyed spending summers at barbecue competitions. He has won several awards for his barbecue sauce. He had a little smoker on wheels that he would pull behind his truck. He was also very gifted with wood working; he made and gave many of the walking sticks he made to friends and family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was one color away from a black belt in Taekwondo. He taught his nieces Jacey, Lacey, Acelyn and Kaylee to tie their shoes, drive a car and cook. He was always there for them and never missed a ball game or special life event. He loved them like his own. Willie was a people person. He never met a stranger and was always ready to help someone in need. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, and will be forever remembered, and always loved, by those that knew and

loved him.

Willie is survived by his daughters, Tonya Moersch and husband Randy, of St. James, MO, and Christel Woodall, and husband Dave, of Salem, MO; brother, Roy Simmons, and wife Pat, of Marshfield, MO; sisters, Alice Christy, of Sylva, NC, and Jeannie Werner and husband James, of Rolla, MO; grandchildren, Mallori Kelly, and Zachary Kauffman and Jordan Kauffman ; 2 great-grandchildren, Tailor Kelly and Jadstin Cooper; numerous nephews and nieces; and special nieces, Jacey, Lacey, Acelyn and Kaylee; extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, Charles and Joann Simmons, and his wife of 41 years, Ann Simmons, Willie was preceded in death by his brother, Arnold Simmons and his sisters, Roberta and Patricia Simmons.

Funeral services for Willie will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the Rolla Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary at 1:00 PM with Pastor Adam Bloch officiating. Interment will be at the Rolla City Cemetery where he will be laid next to his beloved Ann. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service from 11 AM until service time at 1PM.

Cemetery Details

Rolla Cemetery

1601 E Hwy 72
Rolla, ND 65401

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Tribute Wall

BH

“ Betty Hpdriges lit a candle in memory of Arthur Simmons



Betty Hpdriges - January 28, 2024 at 02:15 PM

JH

“ jerry higgins lit a candle in memory of Arthur Simmons



jerry higgins - January 27, 2024 at 06:51 PM

FM

“ From, Jaime & Brandy McCoy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Willie" Simmons.

From, Jaime & Brandy McCoy - January 27, 2024 at 05:40 PM

FM

“ From, Jaime & Brandy McCoy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arthur "Willie" Simmons.



From, Jaime & Brandy McCoy - January 27, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JN

“ *Willie and Ann's dear friendship is something we will cherish forever. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
John and Darla*

john and darla noble - January 27, 2024 at 04:53 PM

BP

*Always enjoyed Willy. And Annie
Prayers for all the family
RIP*

Beverly Pogue - January 28, 2024 at 03:01 PM