



## William "Bill" Simmons

September 6, 1956 - April 25, 2020

William "Bill" Simmons, 63, of Excelsior Springs, MO passed away April 25, 2020. He was born September 6, 1956 to Ronald and Jean Simmons in Dover, New Jersey. Respecting pandemic restrictions the family will have a private graveside service at Maple Hill Cemetery. After the pandemic restrictions are lifted, the family will have a celebration of life for Bill. He is preceded in death by his father Ronald Simmons and his beloved dog Bob. He leaves behind his daughter Elizabeth Simmons (Michael Carlson) of St. Joseph, MO; his son Logan Simmons of Hoffman Estates, IL; their mother Cynthia Simmons of St. Joseph, MO; his mother Jean Simmons of Blacksburg, VA; his sister Ann Simmons of Los Angeles, CA; his sister Sharon Carpenter (Randy) of Fort Walton Beach, FL, stepson Brad Thomas; two grandchildren Preston and Brynn Cooper, numerous cousins, family members, friends, lifelong friends Jerry and Bob and his beloved cat Frank.

Bill was an avid pool player (the best in our opinion) and a lifetime Harley rider. He got his first motorcycle at 16. Bill never knew a stranger and enjoyed giving everyone a hard time. His favorite language was profanity and he had colorful nicknames for everyone. He loved classic cars and classic rock. His favorite, all time car, was his dad's red Ferrari. His favorite pastime was in the boat with his family. He was an animal lover to the fullest. Bill drank coffee like "no one's business". He enjoyed bartending, most recently at the Brass Rail and the Atlas in the Kansas City/Excelsior Springs area. He worked for Ryder at the Ford plant in Claycomo, Mo.

Bill was a free spirit and lived his life to the fullest on his own terms. He will be missed dearly by his children, family and numerous friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ William "Bill" Simmons

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ William "Bill" Simmons

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ My memories of Bill include first meeting him at the Buzzard Beach in Westport. He was the bartender and there was a lot of people who frequented there on Friday nights from St. Luke's hospital. He had the nice long hair and a huge smile. His laugh was so unique! And, let's not forget his "bling"! He put up with all of the intoxicated people at the bar with no judgement. I have a lot of good memories of those days and throughout his life!



*My heart goes out to his children, Liz and Logan. And, to my very good friend Cindi and her oldest son, Brad. And, to his Mother, sisters and the rest of his family!*

*Rest in peace, Bill!*

Karen Fasl - May 03, 2020 at 03:54 PM

MT

“ Never met a nicer man than Bill. I am one of the church ladies who loved him very much. He always took good care of us. No one messed with his church ladies. We knew he wouldn't let anyone mess with us. He will be missed always. God bless him. We know he is with the angels Marcha tietjen

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**marcha tietjen** - May 01, 2020 at 06:25 PM

SM

“ I met Bill at the Atlas Saloon quite a few years ago. We (the church ladies) would congregate their every Wednesday and Bill became a good friend to us. He was always friendly and made us feel special! He will be sorely missed. God Bless you, Bill, and God Bless your family.

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**Shannon Morgan** - April 30, 2020 at 04:32 AM

BP

“ *Bill was one of the first people I met when I moved to Missouri in 2005.*

*We worked at the same company twice and the rest of the time we were doing similar work for different companies.*

*When you drive a truck delivering to the auto manufacturers , you sit and wait...a lot.*

*Over the years we shared countless hours of stories, jokes, hardships, feelings. Spoke of all the things most people avoid discussing... religion, politics, sex, dating. We laughed, we argued, we rode bikes ,we smiled, we got mad at each other. Things friends do.*

*In 15 years, it was rare that more than a month would pass when we didn't talk on the phone or see each other.*

*We had our differences in opinion and we had many things in common.*

*Billy was a good man with a good heart, always ready with a joke or sarcastic insult to let someone know he cared.*

*He will truly be missed.*

*Rest well my friend.*

*Boyd Patterson*

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**Boyd Patterson** - April 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM

MS

“ *Bill was Always loving and kind. He Always greeted me with a hug and wonderful conversation. I admired his no nonsense candor and his passion for the things he loved. He will be greatly missed, by many people.*

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**Mary Seneker** - April 29, 2020 at 03:09 PM

TW

“ I met Bill while running pool tourneys at the Brass Rail in 09, he often helped me run the tourneys and was an instant friend. Bill was an accomplished player and really enjoyed the big 9ft tables. We called him Wild Bill which he loved to differentiate him from the other Bill's and after playing with him on the big tables I called him Big Table Bill and his stroke was well suited to the big tables. We often joked about how everyone was a Champ on the Barboxes. His long hair and a beard appeared gruff but once you talked to him he was such a polite intelligent guy. Couldn't even get near him without a big smile appearing on both our faces. God Bless ya Bill, hope a Big Table upstairs just opened up for you!

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**Todd Ward** - April 28, 2020 at 01:37 PM

JT

I first met Bill in 1973 when he was working at the Farmers Daughter (pool & billiards) in Salt Lake City. I have too many good memories to even begin to list, and I'm so sorry that I didn't make it there in time to look him in the eye and tell him how much I valued his friendship. It was always there and unconditional. I wish we had had a couple more years of the retirement side of life to do some rides, Missouri in the spring and fall, Arizona in the winter, but it just didn't quite work out. I know what Boyd means, we didn't always agree, but that never meant anything to the friendship. I miss you already

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**Jerlad Turpin** - May 13, 2020 at 12:47 PM

TW

“ I met Bill around 2009 at the Brass Rail while I was running pool tourneys there. Bill was an accomplished player and preferred the Big 9 ft Tables. He often helped me run the tourneys and we started calling him Wild Bill to differentiate him from the other Bills. And after spending time playing with him on the 9fters I started calling him Big Table Bill too. He was such a intelligent considerate person, just the way he spoke and listened you could see what good guy he was, just one those guys that had you smiling whenever you ran into him. Gonna miss ya Bill. God Bless



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**Todd Ward** - April 28, 2020 at 12:13 PM

LS

*Thank you for the kind words about my Dad*

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**Liz Simmons** - April 28, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Simmons.



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April 28, 2020 at 10:06 AM

CR

“ My friends and I ("The Church Ladies") met Bill when he was bartending at The Atlas, where we regularly congregate on Wednesday nights. He was always so sweet and attentive. Even after he stopped working there, he would sometimes call on a Wednesday night to see if we were there, and we'd pass the phone around and say hello. On one of our most recent get-togethers earlier this year, Bill stopped by before going to work and it was so fun to see him in person.

*Bill took his job seriously and didn't discuss his personal life very much, so I'm grateful for the insight provided by your honest and heart-warming obituary. May God comfort Bill's family and all who loved him, and may we all know how blessed we've been to have known this good man.*

*Cindy Roth*

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**Cindy Roth** - April 27, 2020 at 10:20 PM

LS

*Thank you for the kind words about my Dad*

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**Liz Simmons** - April 28, 2020 at 08:51 PM

HS

“ I've known Bill for a short time at work with Ryder, always talked as if we'd been friends for life, with the same interest in riding our motorcycles. I'll miss our talks, Bill was kind and willing to help if needed with anything. I'm truly sorry for your loss, an Pray the Lord gives you comfort and peace. God Bless

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**Helen Storey** - April 27, 2020 at 07:29 PM

LS

*Thank you for the kinds words about my Dad*

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**Liz Simmons** - April 28, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Simmons.*



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April 26, 2020 at 11:18 PM