



Michael John Simmons

July 18, 1942 - March 5, 2013

Michael John Simmons, age 70, of Smithville, was called home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at The Cleveland Clinic with his loving wife by his side, following a brief but courageous battle with cancer. He was born on July 18, 1942 in Akron to Nelson and Mary (Pickle) Simmons. He married Janeena Lee Phillips on November 21, 1964 in Barberton. Prior to a 2012 retirement, Mike enjoyed a successful career performing various managerial roles for Rubbermaid, Sterilite, and A.R.E. Accessories. Mike was an active member and leader of his community. Through the years he was involved in the Wooster Jaycees, Wayne County Soap Box Derby, and served as a Scout leader. Mike was also a high school football official and part of the line crew for The College of Wooster football. He had a love for all things aviation and was an active member of the Wayne County R/C Flyers and most recently a tour guide for MAPs Air Museum. Mike shared his love of baseball and softball with many young athletes serving as both a coach and mentor. He was known as the voice of Smithville Smithie football and basketball announcing games for over 20 years. In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by sons, Scott (Barbara) Simmons of Mesa, Arizona, and Shawn (Wendy) Simmons of Dalton; a daughter, Kelleigh (Matthew) Allen of Wooster; grandchildren Chloe and Meileina Simmons; Madeline, Emmaleigh and Jacob Allen; and a sister, Linda (Russell) Murphy of Akron. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by an infant child and his faithful canine companion, "Harley". Mike touched many lives with his quiet strength and amazing sense of humor. He

was a loving husband, father and grandfather and loyal friend to many. He will not be forgotten by those that had the privilege of knowing him. Services will be Saturday, 11:00 a.m. at Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster with Rev. Dan Hostetler and Pastor Randy Moomaw officiating. Interment will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Akron. Visitation will be Friday, 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to: Haven Of Rest Ministries, 175 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio 44308. Words of condolences may be shared with the family at <http://www.custerglenn.com/>.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, Inc.
2284 Benden Dr.
Wooster, OH

Tribute Wall



“ The definition "secular" is not my definition. It's the definition of a culture that still considers faith in a god to be the default, and therefore needs to tag as "Other" anything that deviates from that default. And since we're living in a Jewish state, that default defaults (::snort::) to Judaism. I am an atheist. I am only "secular" in the same way that gay people are "sick" to homophobes. Your question is like the one of the aforementioned homophobes asking a gay person "why are you sick."##imported-begin##Priscila##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 05:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to Mr. Simmons family and friends. I used to see Mr. Simmons around the gym at SHS.

Sincerely,

Denise Perry

Pearce Perry##imported-begin##Denise Perry##imported-end##

March 20, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ I spoke to Mike several times at MAPS museum, and am so sorry for your loss.
Sadly cancer has touched our family also with the loss of our father in 2007. Pops was a B-26 Marauder Pilot in WWII and was our Rock--- as am sure Mike was to you all. Only Happy that I met Mike and shared a few stories with him and smiles at the museum when we did. Will be missed by all.##imported-begin##julie Adams##imported-end##

March 12, 2013 at 09:12 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mike was only a member of MAPS for a short while but he made a lasting impression on all of us that got to know him. He loved being there and it showed. He will be missed but has gone on to a better place. God Bless his family.##imported-begin##Kim Kovesci##imported-end##

March 11, 2013 at 12:03 PM



“ My sympathy goes out to all who are so deeply saddened by your loss, our whole Smithville community loss. It seems like just yesterday, I was speaking to Mike at a Smithville soccer game. He caught me up-to-date on his wonderful family, including the talented grandkids he will look upon from his heavenly home. Prayers and thoughts - Bethany Douglass Horst##imported-begin##Bethany Douglass Horst##imported-end##

March 10, 2013 at 09:22 PM



“ MAY THE GOOD LORD APPRECIATE HIM AS MUCH AS WE DID.##imported-begin##JAMES CUMMINGS##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ To Mike's Family and Friends, Our deepest sympathies go out to you. May God, and the many good memories, sustain you; now and also in the future. Mike was a SPECIAL man. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your families. Sincere condolences from Art Beerys, Smithville, Ohio##imported-begin##The Beerys##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 08:28 AM



“ Simmons Family,
I would like to send my condolences to you all. The loss of Mike leads a void that can never be replaced, but the community of Smithville has lost a friend. Time can only heal this loss as I know full well. There is not a day that goes by when good thoughts of by dad pop into my head. Shawn, I remember the good times on the baseball field with your dad learning the game he loved to teach us. I just want to encourage and pray for you this week and the coming weeks ahead. A verse that comes to my mind is from 1 Corinthians 15:55: "Where O Death is your victory, Where O Death is your sting". Mike has his Victory with the Lord in Heaven today!
Sincerely,
Lee##imported-begin##Lee King Family (Michelle and Raigan)##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 07:27 AM



“ The MAPS Museum is saddened by the loss of Mike. Mike just joined MAPS in early November and instantly became an active member. He fit right into our membership, trading jokes, getting in the first "jab" at the kidding around that we like to do. He rapidly fit right in as a great tour guide, taking numerous visitors through the museum. I met Mike on his first visit to the museum and he was excited right from the start to be part of our membership. Condolences to Mike's family, I am very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Robert Schwartz##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 06:30 PM



“ Scott, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. With deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Kim Perez

TRW##imported-begin##Kim Perez##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 03:42 PM



“ Janeena: You and your family are in our prayers during this difficult time. Jim and Patricia Thomas##imported-begin##Jim Thomas##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 02:47 PM



“ My condolences to the Simmons family and to my friend Shawn.##imported-begin##Bob Matthews##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 02:09 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear about Uncle Mike's passing. I will always remember his goofy humor and love for all of you, and I will miss him. My heart goes out to all of you, Aunt Janeena, Scott, Shawn, and Kelleigh. I'm sorry I can't be with you right now, but know that loving thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you.

Jenny, Ameet, Olivia & Madeline##imported-begin##Jennifer Shah##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 01:26 PM



“ Dear Janeena and family. I was so saddened by Michaels passing. I know he fought a good fight because that is the kind of person he was. He ran the race, he fought a good fight and now is reaping his heavenly reward. Please know that Dougs and my prayers are with all of you, especially you, Janeena as I know he was your everthing. So sorry cannot attend the funeral because of illness. (if you don't remember, I am Billie Pickle's sister).##imported-begin##Jackie Allen##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ I got to know Mike the last few months as we both volunteered at the MAPS Air Museum. He was a gentle and cheerful man. He loved talking about his family and most of all, flying RC planes with his grandson. He truly blessed us all with his presence. To his family, thank you for sharing him with us, however brief. My you be consoled knowing that when Jesus saw him in heaven He hugged Mike and said "Welcome home friend". God bless you##imported-begin##Jim Boyea##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 07:22 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy, Janeena, to you and your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*
Love, Donna##imported-begin##Donna Finch##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 06:55 PM



“ *Janeena,*

I am so sorry for your loss. You were always there for my mom and I appreciate it as much as she did. It has been a year since my mother has been gone but I don't think you ever get over it. God Bless you and if you need anything please give me a call. I will say a prayer for you.

Douglas Ludwig##imported-begin##Douglas Ludwig##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 06:14 PM



“ *Scott -*

Our heartfelt prayers are with you and your family in this time of loss.

with sympathy,

Rebecca and Matthew##imported-begin##Rebecca and Matthew Acton##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 05:03 PM



“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Millard (Bill) Driscoll##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 02:16 PM



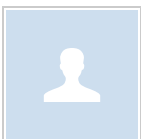
“ In Loving Memory,
Ryan Knight and Family##imported-begin##Ryan Knight##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 10:42 AM



“ Dear Matt, Kelleigh and families,
Our deepest sympathy to each of you in the loss of your dad. Our prayers and thoughts will continue with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Keith & Ann Kline##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 09:16 AM



“ Shawn, Wendy & family, We enjoyed getting to know your dad at A.R.E. So very sorry for your great loss but we know where he is spending eternity and that we will see him again someday. What would we do without this hope? Our prayers are with you. Aden & Esta##imported-begin##Aden & Esta Miller##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 09:03 AM



“ Mike was a good man and will be missed, I enjoyed out talks about football and basketball. it was good to hear his voice at two of smithvilles basketballs games this year. From the family from the Viator family u have our sympathy.##imported-begin##Scott and Michelle Viator##imported-end##

March 07, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ What can I say, but that I am so sorry! What a fun guy! Keep your memories close and withdraw on them often! Mike was such a good buddy to me! I will miss him! May you feel Our Lords loving arms holding you.##imported-begin##Debbie mead##imported-end##

March 06, 2013 at 08:41 PM



“ It will be the little things that we remember; the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. And, although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again.
Words, however kind, cannot mend our heartache; but those who care and share our loss wish us comfort and peace of mind.
May we all find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. May God keep us all safe and from harm in His loving arms until we meet and see Michael again...
Love, Linda##imported-begin##LINDa MURphy##imported-end##

March 06, 2013 at 07:00 PM



“ My thoughts and Prayers are with all of you!##imported-begin##Wanda Abercrombie (Renee)##imported-end##

March 06, 2013 at 06:35 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I will miss Mr. Simmons greatly. He always had something kind to say to me. He had the right thing to say at times when I desperately need it. I can't wait to see him again someday. He was a great man.*###imported-begin###Tyler Bates###imported-end##

March 06, 2013 at 06:23 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences are with you upon the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. We are privileged and honored to serve you.*###imported-begin###Custer-Glenn Funeral Home Staff###imported-end##

March 06, 2013 at 06:10 PM



“ *Our condolences to your family. We know his illness was an unexpected turn of events, and he will be missed in the neighborhood. May God bless you with His peace and comfort during this time of grief.*###imported-begin###Norma & Jim Trotter###imported-end##

March 06, 2013 at 05:25 PM