



Mr. Michael James Simms

September 14, 1942 - May 28, 2017

Michael James Simms was born September 14, 1942. Preceding him in death were his parents. He was the youngest of his six siblings. Oldest sister, Gwendolyn Abernathy and two brothers, Barney (Sonny) and Donald (ToeBoy) also preceded him in death. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior as a young man.

Michael also called "Mickey" by many graduated from Soldan High School in 1960. He worked as a bartender for ten years in Gaslight Square and at Helen's Black Eagle. He worked 38 ½ years at AT&T (formerly Southwestern Bell) as a communication technician.

In 1970, he married Ellen Dunbar Cobbins. He was the dear father of two children, Denise Michelle and Stevan Gregory. In 1977, he met Brenda Shannon and they enjoyed a loving relationship for thirteen years prior to their marriage on May 22, 1991.

Michael never met a stranger and could be a friend immediately. He had a humorous nature and was passionate about playing pool, cards, and bowling. He enjoyed traveling here and abroad.

Michael became ill in 2015 and lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, May 28, 2017.

Left to cherish his memories are:

loving and devoted wife, Brenda

son, Stevan Gregory Simms of Tampa, FL

daughter, Denise Michelle Etienne (Lamarr) of Denver, CO

grandsons, Ashten Simms Alberti & Jaiden Joseph Etienne

sisters, Jean Ellen Turner & Francis Simms of St. Louis

dear and loving aunt, Ruby D. Carter of St. Louis

sister-in-laws, Connie Shannon & Eileen Thomas of Nashville, TN

and a host of nieces, nephews, friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request a memorial donation be made to BJC Hospice or National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation (NPCF).

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Outdoor Garden Mausoleum

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery
7600 St. Charles Rock Road
St. Louis, MO 63133
(314) 721-4900

Funeral Ceremony

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Brenda,*

I would like to convey my deepest sympathies for your loss.

Your UMSL colleague,

Malaika Horne

Malaika Horne - June 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

EB

“ *My prayers go out to Denise and Stevie for your loss. I love you guys and the Beater family is here for you. Sorry we couldn't be there.*

Love Edsel and Family



Edsel Bester - June 05, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Brenda,*

I am so very sorry to hear of Michael's passing. I wish you and your family peace and comfort.

Gwen Turner

G - June 05, 2017 at 08:26 AM

FO

“ *Ms. Pam thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort as you remember your Uncle Mickey*



Fonda - June 02, 2017 at 10:40 AM

PA

My condolences to family and friends. I remember Mike from Swb. God blessings and comfort for you all

Pat - June 05, 2017 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ *Michael Greene, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael James Simms*



Michael Greene, Sr. - June 02, 2017 at 09:41 AM

RS

“ *Richard and Marsha Staley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Michael James Simms.*



Richard and Marsha Staley - June 01, 2017 at 08:49 PM

RE

“ *Brenda, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time of loss.*

With Love - Robbie Engel

Robbie M Engel - June 01, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Simms.*



June 01, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Simms.*



June 01, 2017 at 10:13 AM

ET

“ *" When it comes to brothers-in-laws, you were the best. You were a welcome addition to our family from day one. I will miss your laughter and all your catchy phrases. I hope you take with you fond memories of me because that is all I have of you." LOVE,Eileen!!*

eileen thomas - June 01, 2017 at 06:17 AM

TT

“ Uncle Michael thank you for being a positive presence in my life. Thank you for your words of encouragement. Thank you for believing in me and reminding me that I can do anything I put mind to. I will forever love you!

To my aunt Brenda and the entire Simms family. I love you. I will continue to pray with you and for you all.

Love you you always!

Lil Momma💜



Talice Thomas - May 31, 2017 at 11:30 PM

SP

“ Brenda...
Our prayers are with you all 🙏🙏 Michael's kind heart, soul, and spirit will always remain with us.

May your love and special memories bring you comfort

We love you 💕💕

Sara and Thomas Paige & Family



Sara Paige - May 31, 2017 at 10:11 PM

UB

“ *Umsl-JCPenney Building purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Michael James Simms.*



Umsl-JCPenney Building - May 31, 2017 at 09:13 PM

MM

“ *The Walker family send their prayers for strength & comfort to Denise, Steven and Brenda. May God wrap his arms around you and Mikey's love get you through these hard days.*

Marsha Mitchell - May 31, 2017 at 05:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Simms.*



May 31, 2017 at 02:20 PM

RI

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



rip - May 31, 2017 at 10:27 AM

AB

“ *REST IN PEACE MICKEY, YOU WILL BE MISSED!*



Alesia Bryant - May 31, 2017 at 10:21 AM

DE

“ *Daddy I could not have asked for a better father. We share so many good times and wonderful memories. I will miss our conversations, your sense of humor and most of all your kind heart. I will always honor you. Gone but never forgotten. You will always be the wind beneath my wings. I love you with all my heart and soul. Denise (Chelle)*

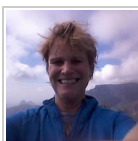
Denise Etienne - May 31, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Simms.*



May 31, 2017 at 06:56 AM



“ *We were blessed to have Michael and Brenda as neighbors for almost 30 years. I am so sorry for your loss of this kind man.*

Francie Broderick - May 31, 2017 at 05:59 AM



Michael and Lee were friend's for 50 years there was nothing that Mike wouldn't do Lee he will surely be miss.

Lee Payne - May 31, 2017 at 10:29 AM



Brenda my thoughts and Prayers are with you. Please know Michael is now resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His Spirit will remain with you, Spirit was never born therefore Spirit will never die. Love Your Aunt Emma L. Ivey

Emma L Ivey - May 31, 2017 at 10:49 AM



Michael and Brenda have represented strength, hope and love for many months. I am grateful Brenda is my friend and I get to vicariously share the memories of this great man.

Deb Miller

Deborah Miller - May 31, 2017 at 04:34 PM



RIP my friend and advisor...not only was he my best man at my wedding , he was the best man I knew.

Marvin Dale - May 31, 2017 at 04:39 PM