



John A. Simmons

July 15, 1929 - August 3, 2020

John Albert Simmons, husband of the late Nancy Kendrick Simmons, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in his home on the morning of Monday, August 3rd, 2020.

Born on July 15th, 1929 in Surrey, England, John survived the London Blitz and emigrated to the US in 1952. He was drafted into the US Army and obtained his citizenship before serving a tour of duty in Korea. After his service to his country, John settled in his new home in the Upstate of South Carolina where he became a successful businessman, entrepreneur, and land surveyor for many national and international corporations that settled in the Upstate.

Soon after arriving in the Upstate, John was quickly smitten with a young Furman student, Nancy Kendrick. The two were married November 14, 1958 for 61 years.

John was actively involved in his adopted community, taking an active role at both Memorial United Methodist Church and later at Greer First Baptist Church. He also served as a board member and longtime volunteer with Greer Community Ministries. A consummate storyteller, he was always willing to make time to share a story, a laugh, or to brighten someone's day.

John was predeceased by his three brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by a daughter Carole Rogers (L.B.) of Greer; a son, David Simmons (Paula) of Williamsburg, VA and three grandchildren, Charlie Rogers (Ashton), Trevor and Wilson Simmons.

His family would like to thank John's extended family at Phoenix whose love and support added immeasurable joy to his final years. The family would also like to thank Homestead Hospice for allowing him to come home and pass comfortably with his family.

Private family graveside services will be held at Wood Memorial Park.

Mr. Simmons body will be in repose for public viewing on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P.O. Box 1178, Greenwood, SC 29648.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of John A. Simmons*



The Wood Mortuary - August 04, 2020 at 03:25 PM

TG

My heart hurts. Such sweet memories. Prayers for you and your family! John was loved by many

Tina Glenn - August 04, 2020 at 06:13 PM

VS

That's is awesome for a Great A Gentleman pretty dog gone Handsome in his days. Nan knew what she wanted.

van swafford - August 04, 2020 at 07:16 PM

TS

Loved that smile!! We will miss you Mr.John! Thank you for always loving my kids!! I always knew they were happy when they went to see Mr John and Nan 😊

Tina Swafford - August 04, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MA

This man was precious. I so enjoyed listening to his stories. He always had a smile on his face. I always looked forward to him coming to the office.

Missy Arrowood - August 04, 2020 at 08:29 PM



Such a great guy always a friend, a person that you could always count on for a smile and a laugh. He will be missed

John Burnett - August 05, 2020 at 10:48 AM

NF

What a treasure John was. I will always remember his kindness, support and ability to make anyone smile. Rest in perfect peace John!

Nancy Faust - August 05, 2020 at 07:56 PM

RJ

Mr Simmons was one of a kind. He was such a sweet man with a heart of gold. I will definitely miss him. Heaven will never be the same now that he is there. Untill we meet again "my friend".....

Rachel H Johnson - August 05, 2020 at 10:51 PM

JM

What a wonderful tribute to such a sweet man with such a kind heart. He was such a gentleman and loved by everyone. So thankful I got to know him. I will always remember his big smile.

Jo Ann Mabry - August 09, 2020 at 09:30 PM

WC

“ *A rare gem - a man who knew the meaning of true joy, peace and love. The twinkle in his eyes never faded and his life brought happiness to everyone who knew him. Mr. Simmons was a giant among men and I'll never forget him. My love and prayers to his family.*



Wallace Cook - August 06, 2020 at 09:03 AM

DC

“ *Carole, we are praying for comfort for your sweet family. What an incredible man your Dad.*
Billy and Denise Campbell



Denise Campbell - August 05, 2020 at 10:21 PM

NE

“ *When my mother went to Thrive (now Phoenix) in February of 2019, Mr. John was one of the first residents I met & he was so friendly. When he ask me my name & I told him, "Nancy" he told me he would Not forget it b/c his wife's name was Nancy. Of course, I remember his tears when he let me know of her passing. So thankful, you know he has gained his reward in Heaven with the Lord & has joined his wife, as well.*
My sister & I have recently lost our Mother, also. She left Phoenix July 15th & entered her eternal home in Heaven. I do believe 2020 has been a year No one will forget!
Prayers for Mr. John's family. May God's arms of comfort, peace and strength carry you through... We will see our loved one's again!
Bless You!



Nancy Evans - August 05, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MB

“ *Carole and David, I'm so sorry! I have so many great memories of John from when I would go to work with daddy when I was younger.*

Michelle Beck - August 05, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Simmons.*



August 05, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Hearing John's voice always put a huge smile on my face, he loved to tell you about his life stories which were extremely interesting. I know he is at peace with Nancy in the arms our Lord Jesus Christ. Remembering you all in my prayers.*



Carol Olson - August 05, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *The Gordon family prays together for you peace during this time. John was a joy to be around and we will miss him greatly. Know that he is whistling to Nan as he enters the gates to Heaven!*

Paula G. White - August 05, 2020 at 07:42 AM

JC

“ Carole,

It has been several years since I have seen John or Nancy, but they were both always so kind to me. It saddened my heart to see today that he had passed but after watching the video I was so glad to see how you were with him right until the end and how he lived such a long and full life. There were so many pictures of happier, simpler times which I hope we can find again but there is much comfort in knowing that this is not our final home. Someday we will be united again in a far better place and I am confident that both your parents are there already. May God bless you, LB, David, and the rest of your family.

Jack Coggins

Jack Coggins - August 04, 2020 at 09:18 PM

RL

“ *John was loved by everyone that knew. He was the first to tell you that he was truly blessed and marvelled at how wonderful God had been to him and his beloved Nan! The stories he could tell! The laughs that we shared! He was an amazing man. I will truly miss him! But I know he is with Nan again and that was all he wanted! Prayers for the family. Love you Carole! Rita*

Rita Lynch - August 04, 2020 at 08:48 PM

TF

“ *Tina Fowler lit a candle in memory of John A. Simmons*



Tina Fowler - August 04, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - August 04, 2020 at 03:23 PM