

Active Pallbearers

Jeffrey Hill
Tyler Hill
Jai Sims
Jaxon Sims

Ronald Sims, Jr.
Savion Sims
Lorenza Small
Rodney Tucker

Honorary Pallbearers

James Atkins, Jr.
Ted Atkins

Damon Buckingham
Tahir Forte

Elton Blakes

Interment

Gracelawn Cemetery
Edmond, Oklahoma

Special Thanks

The family of the late Earl Sims, Jr. would like to express gratitude to the congregations and individuals listed below who collectively provided the meal and location for the Repast. You are welcome to join the family immediately following the Interment for food and fellowship in the church Fellowship Hall.

Creston Hills Church of Christ, Bro. Mark Vaughn, Minister
Darnell and Lena Davis

Eastside Church of Christ, Bro. Gary Jones, Jr., Minister

Edmond Church of Christ, Bro. Kent Risley, Minister

Estes Park Church of Christ, Bro. Roy Montgomery, Minister

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In Loving Memory Of **Earl Sims, Jr.**

October 19, 1947 ~ January 17, 2022



Services

Saturday, January 29, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Edmond Church of Christ

801 South Bryant Avenue
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

BRO. TUCSON D. REDD, OFFICIATING

Obituary

Earl Sims, Jr. was born to Earl and Leola Sims on October 19, 1947 in Brooks, La., where he grew up with three brothers and four sisters. He graduated from Capitol High School in Baton Rouge as Salutatorian of his class. He earned an associate's degree in electronics technology while serving honorably in the U.S. Navy and as a Vietnam Veteran. Along with his military service, Earl served as an operator at the Exxon Refinery in Baton Rouge for 25 years. Following his time at Exxon, Earl was a Regional Developer for Subway Sandwiches & Salads; with Subway, he owned four stores and developed 30 throughout the state of Louisiana.

Earl met Dorothy Baker in the little town near Erwinville, La. They married in August of 1972 and added two children (Damon and Diandra) to their union. Together, they raised Earl's nephew, Wykedrick Sims. Along with his family, Earl's other great love was the Lord's church, where he preached faithfully for more than 40 years. He served as a member of two church plant teams. First at the Hollywood Street Church of Christ where he ministered for 21 years. There, he served as an elder for the congregation that met originally in their home and grew to more than 150 members. Second, at the South Edmond Church of Christ, which was renamed Providence Church of Christ upon its relocation from Edmond to Oklahoma City. He ministered to this church for more than 15 years and served as the minister at the time of his passing.

Earl enjoyed watching westerns and sports, going fishing, and spending time with family. He believed in helping people and followed the mantra, "do all the good you can while you can." He especially enjoyed his grandchildren; with them, he focused on spirituality and education. He prayed with his family and others daily.

Earl departed this life on January 17, 2022 in Oklahoma City at the age of 74; he was surrounded by the love and presence of family who deeply love him.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Earl and Leola Sims; his brother, Ronald Sims; his sister, Deborah Sims; his son, Wykedrick Sims; and his grandson, Damon Anthony Sims II.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 49 years, Dorothy Sims of Edmond, Okla.; his son, Damon Sims (Jeanetta) with three grandchildren (Maicel, Savion, and Jaxon Sims); his daughter, Diandra Bankhead; his brothers, Lionel Sims and Robert Sims (Linda); and his sisters, Brenda Jack (Ronnie), Beverly Sims, and Gail Sims, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, church members, Navy buddies, and admirers.

Order of Service

Bro. Tucson D. Redd, Officiating

Processional	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
Congregational Hymns	Bro. Tahir Forte
Opening Prayer	Bro. William Goolsby
Old Testament Scripture	Bro. Darnell Davis
Minister's Reflection	Bro. Phil Sanders
New Testament Scripture	Bro. Damon Buckingham
Obituary Reading in Silence	
A Son's Reflection	Bro. Damon Sims
Congregational Hymns	Bro. Tahir Forte
Resolutions	Bro. Mark Vaughn
Reflections	Family and Friends ~ Limit to two minutes please. ~
Ministerial Salute	Bro. Roy Montgomery
Congregational Hymns	Bro. Tahir Forte
Eulogy	Bro. Tucson D. Redd
Video Presentation	
Closing Prayer	Bro. George McCleskey
Recessional	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY OF EARL SIMS, JR.

You may have shed a tear for us or prayed during the day.
You may have sent a note or cooked to help along the way.
You may have done some small, good deed to see us through this time.
For every thoughtful act we say thank you for being kind.