



Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons

July 20, 1936 - February 5, 2019

Mr. Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons, 82, of Jonesboro, AR, passed from this life on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Funeral services will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, at McBride Funeral Home, Ripley, MS, with Carroll Roberson officiating. Visitation with family will precede the service from 10 a.m. -noon.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Bryan E. and Falba Moss Simmons; brothers, Billy Simmons, James Simmons, Kenny Simmons and Bob Simmons and sisters,

Falba Thelma Estes and Lydia Mae Simmons.

Survivors include the love of his life of 53 years, Marion Elizabeth "Nancy" Hamby and her sons, Jeff Hamby, of Ripley, MS and Gregg Hamby (Debbie), of Madison, MS and their children, Ashley and Trace Hamby who adored their Pawpaw Pete. Other survivors include a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Pete was a native of Tippah County, MS and a graduate of Shady Grove High School. He attended Mississippi State University. The youngest of seven children, Pete was of gracious and generous spirit and his wisdom was valued by all who knew him.

He was a well-respected businessman in Weiner and Jonesboro, for 55 years. He was owner of Simmons & Belk, Inc. until 1990, when he sold his company and remained a valued consultant with Valley View Agri until 2018. He loved and valued his employees through the years and his co-workers in more recent years. He was well known in his community for his business acumen as well as his philanthropic efforts, particularly on behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He loved his family, both immediate and extended, always making time for all. A die-hard Ole Miss Rebel fan, he loved all spectator and recreational sports, especially tennis, racquetball and weight lifting.

Pete was a steadfast servant of Christ, whose greatest passion was reading and studying the word of God. His thoroughly worn Bible was always within his reach. He loved the life he lived with his beloved Nancy, and together, as a couple, they bettered each other and greatly impacted the lives of everyone around them through friendship and service.

Pete will be greatly missed by his family and friends but we are comforted and trust in God's promise of John 8:51, "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

Pallbearers will be Charles Berry, Karl Bullock, Trace Hamby, Don Montgomery, Craig Rickman and Stacy Simmons.

Honorary bearers will be Joe Estes, Bobby Estes, Bryan Estes, John Estes and Jerry Pugh.

Donations in memory of Pete may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at stjude.org/

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
206 N. Commerce St
Ripley, MS 38663
(662) 837-8101
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<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Cemetery Details

FEB 7.

Tippah Memorial Gardens
Hwy 370
Ripley, MS

Tribute Wall



“ *Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM

AB

“ *So, sorry for your loss Nancy and family. Pete was such a wonderful man, and I did not know him long, but he was just a person that was easy to be around and that you wanted to be around. And when I met him, I met Nancy as well. Where one was there was the other. Atleast we have peace knowing that he doesn't have to be sick anymore and fight. Just a blessing to have known this man.*

Amy Barker - February 07, 2019 at 12:22 PM

BH

“ *We were sorry to hear of your loss. May the Lord comfort you in the knowledge that he is at rest in the arms of Jesus.*

Brenda J Hopkins - February 07, 2019 at 09:48 AM

BF

“ *Bob & Cindy Chedville, First Consumers Financial purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons.*



Bob & Cindy Chedville, First Consumers Financial - February 06, 2019 at 07:39 PM

FF

“ *From Wilson+Miller Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons.*



From Wilson+Miller Family - February 06, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons.*



February 06, 2019 at 10:16 AM

TF

“ *The Sneed Family, purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons.*



The Sneed Family, - February 06, 2019 at 09:51 AM

SC

“ *Soulshine Crew purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons.*



Soulshine Crew - February 06, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edgar Earl "Pete" Simmons.*



February 05, 2019 at 08:51 PM

LW

“ *Greg, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers during this most difficult time.*

Lea Ellen Whitworth - February 05, 2019 at 04:31 PM

RM

“ Greg:

So sorry to hear about your loss.

Thoughts are with you and your family during this time.

Ron Michaels

Ron Michaels - February 05, 2019 at 04:07 PM