



Reggie Simmons

August 3, 1944 - November 23, 2023

MARK REGINALD SIMMONS, AGE 79

And a resident of Franklinton passed away Thursday morning November 23, 2023 at his home. He was a 1962 graduate of Franklinton High School before obtaining a Bachelor's Degree from Southeastern Louisiana University. Reggie then completed his Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University Law School. He was a practicing attorney in Franklinton for 40 years and had even served as president of the Washington Parish Bar Association for a time. He also taught criminal justice classes at Southeastern for a few years. Reggie was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton, where he served as a deacon, sang in the church choir and taught the Gleaners Sunday school class for many years. He served his community and country in the Louisiana Army-National Guard for many years and later retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army-Reserve. During his service in the USAR, Reggie taught military strategy and history courses at Fort Leavenworth and other military bases around the country.

Reggie was a true "history buff" and was well versed in Civil War and military history as well the history of Washington Parish and nearby areas. He participated in many Civil War battle reenactments in Virginia and other states around the South. Later on, he visited many Civil War battlefields metal detecting. Reggie discovered countless artifacts and had a huge collection of

Civil War rifles, flags, paintings, swords and other memorabilia. He always had a love of cars, especially anything Chrysler or MOPAR. Reggie owned numerous beautiful antique cars and unique sports cars through the years. Upon retiring, he even raced on the road course and taught driving instruction at NOLA Raceway Park near New Orleans for several years. Reggie was an animal lover and helped the Washington Parish Animal Shelter and Humane Society for many years. He had a special place in his heart for his pet cats. Reggie longed for the day he could enter Heaven and said many times "Don't cry for me as I will be reunited in heaven with Adrianna"

Survived by:

Wife of 57 years: Judy Stafford Simmons

3 Daughters and Sons in law: Kristi and Rob Crain,
Stephanie and Steven Liffmann,
Betsy Simmons and Pete Thomas

6 Grandchildren: Wesley Crain,
Andrew Crain,
Jacob Crain,
Olivia-Kate Liffmann,
Mac Cavanagh,
Sawyer Simmons

Sister in law: Mary Simmons

Brothers in law and Sisters in law: Gary "Sonny" and Libby Stafford,
Joe and Carlene Stafford,
Jill and Ted Bulloch,
Robert and Jana Stafford,

Nancy and Leonard Duvic,
Kim and Marlon Milton

Also numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Adrianna Kate Cavanagh, parents Othar Simmons and Maude Breland Simmons, a brother Rev. Errol Simmons, father in law and mother in law Gary and Josie Stafford and other family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home on Sunday November 26th from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. A graveside funeral service for his family will be held in Ellis Cemetery following the public visitation time.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to First Baptist Church of Franklinton. (950 Self Street, Franklinton, LA 70438)

Pallbearers are grandsons Wesley, Andrew, Jacob, Mac, and Sawyer

Honorary Pallbearers are Rob Crain, Steven Liffmann, and Pete Thomas

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Reggie was one of my very best friends in high school. Many fond memories of that friendship still remain. Judy (also a close friend and classmate) and their extended family will be in my payers during this difficult time.

Charles Jones

Charles Jones - December 03, 2023 at 08:15 PM

FJ

“ F. Douglas Sylvest, Jr.
I hired, Mr. Reggie, to handle my father's estate. My parents and I loved our friend, Reggie. My prayers and thoughts are for the family. May the Lord bless you all.

Francis Douglas Sylvest, Jr. - December 02, 2023 at 11:26 PM

MG

He was a great man to admire. He suggested that I buy a vehicle with some on my inherited money. I was without transportation for four years. I did buy one for cash. I called my bank and had money moved to my checking account. I had it for 14 months. A young driver was speeding around an on coming curve. Totalled my vehicle and her mom's car. It put us back without transportation. I could go back to Louisiana. I sold my 15+ acers to an adjoining your attorney who worked in Amite.
Mary called me. I am so sadden he is gone. God Knows the Growth of Souls. Amen

Mae Gardnermills - December 06, 2023 at 11:26 PM

MT

“ *Mr. Reggie has always been a friend to the Lilly family and my family the Taylors. My daughter and I recently saw Mr. Reggie sitting in the yard so we stopped and spent a couple of hours with him. He was always a person that if he liked you he would step up and help if you were in need. I worked in the clerks office for around 14 years and I can say he was someone that you could look up to and he always was respectful. He will be missed. Know that our family will keep yall in our prayer.*



Marylin Lilly Taylor - November 27, 2023 at 07:15 PM

AG

“ *He was a great lawyer. RIP Reggie*

Allie Goar - November 26, 2023 at 09:47 PM

DS

“ *David & Shelley Simmons lit a candle in memory of Reggie Simmons*



David & Shelley Simmons - November 26, 2023 at 02:33 PM

MB

“ *Melvin Box lit a candle in memory of Reggie Simmons*



Melvin Box - November 26, 2023 at 01:24 PM

LS

“ *Linda Stringfield lit a candle in memory of Reggie Simmons*



Linda Stringfield - November 25, 2023 at 09:13 PM

LF

“ *Mrs. Kristi , sending Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. I am so sorry. Lane Pigott and family.*



Lane Pigott and Family - November 25, 2023 at 08:24 PM

FR

“ *Mrs. Kristy & Family sending our Condolences and Prayers to you and your family for strength comfort and peace in the name of Jesus. Frances, Kourtney, and Kyian*



Frances Robinson - November 25, 2023 at 01:30 PM

LB

“ *I'm so Sorry to hear this. Praying for All Families for your LossAsking Our Lord for Strength and Comfort and Peace to surround you all. With Christian Love....Loretta Bracey*



Loretta Bracey - November 25, 2023 at 09:25 AM

BF

“ Mrs Judy, Kristy, Stephanie, Betsy
You guys are in my thoughts and prayers.
May God wrap his arms around y'all during
this time. Earths loss is Heavens Gain!!!!
Can you imagine Adri seeing her pop when
he made it to Heaven as she ran into his arms!!!!
And that nasty disease. Oh my. I went through it with my mom for 8
years. As much as I'd love too bring mom back, I wouldn't in this
crazy cruel world.



Bridgett Gill and family - November 25, 2023 at 03:54 AM

SM

“ Sandy Penton Mohon lit a candle in memory
of Reggie Simmons



Sandy Penton Mohon - November 25, 2023 at 02:05 AM

PC

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one.
My thoughts and prayers will be with the
family. Hope that the good memories will carry
you through these sad times. Sorry I cannot
be there. Love Paulette Bulloch Crain



Paulette Bulloch Crain - November 24, 2023 at 10:36 PM

JL

“ *Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Reggie Simmons*



Juanita Luper - November 24, 2023 at 07:36 PM