



Russell Allen Simmons

January 9, 1961 - June 24, 2021

RUSSELL ALLEN SIMMONS, AGE 60

And a resident of Sulphur, Louisiana passed away Thursday June 24, 2021 while on vacation with family in Marble Falls, Texas. He was born January 9, 1961 in Bogalusa, LA to the late Ronny Simmons and Nan Pierson Simmons. Russell grew up in Franklinton, LA and was a 1979 graduate of Bowling Green School. After obtaining a degree in Business from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, he worked for a time in the family retail clothing business, Simmons' Squire Shop, alongside his brother and parents. Russell was an entrepreneur at heart and later ventured out to create several businesses on his own. More recently, he obtained a degree in Process Operation Technology from Mississippi Gulf Coast College and was employed in Operations Management at the Citgo Petroleum Refinery in Sulphur.

Russell had many lifelong friends and was a bright light to all that knew him. He spent a lot of time outdoors and enjoyed everything from canoeing to camping and especially loved jet skiing with his wife Jennifer, whom he married in 2016. Russell loved to have fun and never missed a chance to make the most of any opportunity to spend time with his daughter Hannah and his grandchildren.

Russell is survived by:

Loving Wife: Jennifer Wise Simmons of Sulphur

Daughter: Hannah Simmons of Lafayette, LA

Daughter and Son in law: Tayler and Nate Miguez of Bush, LA

Son and Daughter in law: Josh and Ashley Cormier of San Antonio, TX

6 Grandchildren: Sebastian, Aiden, Emerson, Aniyah, Alijah, Avery

Brother and Sister in law: Ronald Simmons, Jr. and Cynthia Simmons of Gautier, MS

Sister and Brother in law: Vanda Simmons Upton and Rann Upton of Mandeville, LA

Sisters in law and Brothers in law: Jill and Rick Barfield of Round Rock, TX, Ed and Sherline Wise of Lake Charles, LA

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and many dear friends

He was also preceded in death by his father in law and mother in law James and Ileta Wise and a son Jacob Cormier.

Visitation will be at Centenary United Methodist Church (1015 Cleveland Street, Franklinton, LA) on Friday July 2nd from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. A funeral service will be held in the church at 11:00 am Friday with Rev. Brian Ridgedell officiating. Burial will follow in the Ellis Cemetery in Franklinton.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to Centenary Methodist Church at the address above or the American Heart Association (www.heart.org).

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff of Baylor Scott and White Medical Center in Round Rock, TX for their care and support during this difficult time.

Pallbearers: Adam Simmons, Allen Pierson, III, Josh Cormier, Nate Miguez, Ed Branch, David Steinwinder, Scott Reedy, Kendrick Magee

Honorary Pallbearers are Bruce Fairburn, David Simmons, Scott Simmons, Michael Simmons, David Varnado, Tucker Simmons, Roger Jenkins, John James, Harvey Bienvenu, Todd Magee, Chip McVea, James Pierson, Clay Richardson

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

MC

“ So saddened to hear of Russell’s passing....he was a great guy who carried a smile everywhere...prayers for his family 🙏🙏
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Missy Palmer Creel - July 02, 2021 at 02:20 PM

TB

“ Condolences to the family our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time
Luke and Tam Brooks

Tam Brooks - July 02, 2021 at 12:56 PM

RT

“ I only met Russell once at his and Jenny’s home. Within minutes it was easy to say Jenny had met her soul mate. He was kind, understanding, loving and appeared to live to see His beautiful wife smile. I know he will be greatly missed by all! With all my love...Robin Trahan



Robin Browne Trahan - July 02, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Simmons.



July 01, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Simmons.



July 01, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Simmons.



June 29, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *A Full Life* was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Simmons.



June 29, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Simmons.



June 28, 2021 at 08:55 PM

EM

“ *Such good times were enjoyed when Russell was around. He could make you smile, giggle or laugh out loud in a second. Such a loving kind person.*

Condolences to his family and may he rest in peace. Ella R Milton

Ella R Milton - June 28, 2021 at 05:00 PM

JM

“ *Jackie Matherne Moore lit a candle in memory of Russell Allen Simmons*



Jackie Matherne Moore - June 28, 2021 at 08:16 AM

DS

“ *To Hannah and the rest of the family....I'm so sorry for your loss....please accept my condolences*

Donna Sheridan - June 28, 2021 at 08:02 AM

CE

“ *It is difficult to accept the reality of Russell's passing! I've heard the same from many many friends from Franklinton in the past few days. There are many ways to pay tribute to Russell, but if we had to put it in a few words it would be that he was a gentle, kind soul and wonderful friend. Rest well Russell.*

Cheryl Crain Ellison - June 28, 2021 at 12:05 AM

SU

“ We are so sorry for your loss..Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.. in sympathy, Tony and Susan Barré

susan - June 27, 2021 at 11:39 PM

DB

“ Russell was such a great person. I've always enjoyed my talking to him at tax time ! I will miss hearing "Hello There".
My heart goes out to Jennifer, Hannah, Ron and rest of the the family.



Darnell M Baham - June 27, 2021 at 08:50 PM