



Thomas B. Simmons

February 10, 1949 - March 20, 2024

Dodgeville – Thomas B. Simmons, age 75, of Dodgeville peacefully died surrounded by his family on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Madison.

Tom was born on February 10, 1949 in Hazel Green, WI, a son of the late Benjamin and Jeanne Simmons Blackbourn. He graduated from Cuba City High School in 1967 and then MATC – Madison. On June 14, 1969, he married the love of his life, Barbara Mae Simmons, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Cuba City. He worked at International Harvester and then worked for Wisconsin Power & Light (Alliant Energy) until his retirement in 2014.

Tom lived a fulfilling life spreading love and joy in Cuba City, Poynette, Madison, Janesville, Oelwein, IA and Dodgeville, dedicating himself to his family, community, and his faith. He was a respected member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, serving on the Fourth Degree and Honor Guard as well as District Deputy, touching countless lives through his selflessness and devotion. As Director of the Kramer Shrine, he dedicated endless hours making this place of prayer serene, a testament to his faith. It was his pride and joy and his legacy will live on.

Tom could fix anything and often was first to be called on. He loved camping,

traveling, tinkering in his garage, and spending quality time with his family. He was well known for his big blue truck. He will always be remembered for his blue eyes, smile, and laugh.

Tom is survived by his wife of 54 years Barbara; his children Pamela (Mark) Lentz of Onalaska, Joseph (Jennifer) Simmons of Janesville, Ryan (Tanya) Simmons of Edgerton and Kimberly (Chad) Gonczy of Rochester, IL; his grandchildren Christopher, Alexander, Teegan, William, Samantha, Matthew, Oliver, Sophia, Emerson and Zoey; first great granddaughter expected in June; his siblings Kathy (Dave) Timmerman, Deb (Don) Coulthard, John (Pam) Simmons and Tracy Simmons; his sister-in-law Donna Simmons; his brothers and sisters-in-law Larry (Neena) Simmons, Eva Esser, Gary (Laurie) Simmons, William (Trudy) Simmons and Terri (John) Jacobson; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jeff Simmons, his in-laws Marvin and Malinda Simmons, his sister-in-law Donna Moore, his brother-in-law Michael Simmons, his nephew Scott Simmons, his granddaughter Danielle Lentz and his step father Harry Blackburn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Burial will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 9:30 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

A Knights of Columbus Rosary Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to Kramer Shrine Foundation or St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Previous Events

Rosary Service

MAR 25. 3:30 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

MAR 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAR **26.** 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ We were unable to make it down for the funeral as I am suffering from a herniated disc in my neck. I have known Tom since kindergarten and remember well playing with him in various games as we lived fairly close to one another. He was always a great guy and always had that Simmons smile. Never remember him getting in any fights; he was just a good all around guy. So sorry to hear of his passing. I will always remember him. All the associated families will be in our prayers. Knowing Tom, I am sure he is in a much better place now and is getting reacquainted with relatives and friends who had gone on before him.

Michael R Fiedler - April 05, 2024 at 02:16 PM

DB

“ I have known Tom for over 50 years. He was in my wedding and I worked with him at 2 different companies. We did have many good time together. He was a great guy. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by all who knew him.



Donald Bigelow - March 25, 2024 at 08:53 PM

JK

“ John Kaat lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Simmons



John Kaat - March 24, 2024 at 07:36 AM

JK

“ I had the privilege of working with Tom at 2 different companies over more than 30 years. His work ethic, devotion to family and faith and kindness to others was unmatched. Rest in peace “Tommy Smurf”.



Jerry Krueger - March 21, 2024 at 10:13 PM

RS

“ Robert Sawle lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Simmons



Robert Sawle - March 21, 2024 at 09:19 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. He was a great friend, I always enjoyed working with him. May he Rest In Peace!

Steve Coon - March 21, 2024 at 09:18 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My condolences Joe and to the family



John Paulson - March 21, 2024 at 04:06 PM

GH

“ *Greg Hinson lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Simmons*



Greg Hinson - March 21, 2024 at 03:45 PM