



## Alexander Robert Simmons

March 21, 1979 - October 25, 2012

Memorial visitation for Alexander Robert Simmons, 33, of Elwood, will be from 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, until the 7 p.m. memorial service at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne. Pastor Elaine Daugherty will officiate.

Cremation rites have been accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to his daughter, Taylor Simmons trust fund. He died Thursday (Oct. 25, 2012).

Mr. Simmons was employed by Schneider of Elwood. Alex was born March 21, 1979, in Kankakee, the son of Mark and Julie Purcell Simmons. He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church. He enjoyed doing electrical work and carpentry. His greatest joy was his daughter, Taylor, and his family. He also enjoyed camping, golfing, biking and spending time with his daughter. He loved to play cards.

Surviving are his daughter, Taylor Simmons, of Sheldon; parents, of St. Anne; one sister and brother-in-law, Karli and Andrew Goodrich, of St. Anne; nephew, Liam Goodrich, of St. Anne; paternal grandparents, Robert and Mary Simmons, of St. Anne; and maternal grandmother, Sandra Purcell, of Kankakee.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Larry Purcell. Memorials may be made to his daughter Taylor Simmons Trust Fund.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home  
214 W. Sheffield  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of Alexander  
Robert Simmons*



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**Amy** - July 24, 2013 at 11:04 PM

## “ Missing You

*There is so much I wish to say  
I think about you every day  
I miss your laugh  
I miss your smile  
Neither lost nor forgotten...  
I imagine them often*

*I will never again see your wave and your smile...  
We won't stand around and visit for a while...  
No "how you doing Sis" with a big hug to follow...  
No "what are you doing tonight" or "I'll see ya tomorrow"...  
All of these things, I cherish so dearly ...  
In my heart, I remember so clearly*

*I still talk to you ...  
I know you can hear me...  
Today I spoke of you and before I finished my sentence....  
I could feel your presence...  
Then .. a coincidence, or was it a sign?  
The song that reminds me of you began to play...  
As if you knew I was thinking of you this day...  
I smiled.. feeling you were there with me ...  
Again... I sat remembering...  
Tears filled my eyes as I listened to the song.  
But this time I accepted that you are gone.*

*I've asked myself and I've talked to God.....  
How could he take you away  
The only answer that makes any sense is ....  
You're in God's hands now...  
As he planned  
Watching us from above...  
An Angel in heaven who will always be loved,  
Spending your best Christmas ever with Jesus, celebrating.*

*I miss you all the time time, but I miss you more at Christmas.  
I love you, Alexander R. Simmons*

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**Karli Simmons-Goodrich** - December 28, 2012 at 05:26 PM

MM

“ *Above all I will miss Alex's sincere, beautiful smile. He wore his heart on his sleeve and when he was happy he could light up a room. I will also miss his competitive spirit and the games we played when our families were together. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

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**Melody Higgins (Aunt Melody)** - November 20, 2012 at 09:28 PM

BW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son, Mark & Julie. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Beth Abrassart Whitesell  
Greensboro, NC*

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**Beth Whitesell** - November 08, 2012 at 02:10 PM

BS

“ *We send our love and condolences during this heartbreaking time.  
Charles and Barbara Simmons, Bonnie, Amy, and Barbara Anne*

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**Bonnie Simmons** - November 03, 2012 at 11:54 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your son Julie and Mark. Praying for you and your family. May you find comfort in your memories of Alex.*

*Debbie Roth Pray*

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November 03, 2012 at 05:10 PM

JC

“ *Jeremiah Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Alexander Robert Simmons*



jeremiah caldwell - November 03, 2012 at 12:50 PM



“ *Victoria Acosta lit a candle in memory of Alexander Robert Simmons*



victoria acosta - November 03, 2012 at 08:33 AM

TC

“ *You had a very nice memorial tonight Alex. My love and prayers go out to your family, I wish it was under different circumstances that I got to see evryone again and that you were there too.one day we will meet again. until then RIP.  
Love always  
Tammi*

Tammi Corriveau-Bosman - November 02, 2012 at 10:08 PM

TC

“ *Tammi Corriveau-Bosman lit a candle in memory of Alexander Robert Simmons*



Tammi Corriveau-Bosman - November 02, 2012 at 10:00 PM

BW

“ *sandy purcell is one of my dear friends alex is her grandson, i met him one time at the st anne grocery store a few years ago . he was such a nice and friendly guy i told him he sure was a good looking guy he laughed ,, i felt like i had always knew him.. i am praying for all the family my blessings to taylor his daughter also his parents julie & mark . god bless every one who loved him he was a wonderful person... sue & franklin senior williams st anne illinois..*

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FS

“ *Franklin Williams & Wife Sue lit a candle in memory of Alexander Robert Simmons*



**franklin williams & wife sue** - November 02, 2012 at 03:13 PM

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**franklin williams & wife sue** - November 02, 2012 at 03:13 PM

NS

“ Alex was one of my favorite cousins. I have many great memories that I have shared with him. Even though I lived far away in Texas, we managed to stay close and when I would come for my visits we would pick up right where we left off. I have read some of the previous posts and people keep mentioning his great smile. It is true that he had a smile that will not be easily forgotten. I will miss that smile and so many more things about him. His daughter Taylor was the one thing that he could not stop talking about. He always was bragging about her and he had great reason to brag. She was the apple of his eye and he was so very proud of her. I can not express how much I will miss him and how my heart is breaking for my Aunt Julie, Uncle Mark, Karli, and Taylor. My husband Kevin had mentioned in a previous post how my children loved Alex. One of the first people they would ask to see when we went to Illinois was Alex. When we were not with Alex they would ask me when are we going to go see Alex again? He was wonderful with kids he would get right down on the floor with them and play with his old He-Man toys like he was 8 years old again. Then, the next thing I knew he would have them out at the pool throwing them around. People who really knew him could not help but to love him. He had a kind and gentle heart. Alex, I love you with all of my heart and will miss you so very much.

Nichole

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Nichole Slott - November 01, 2012 at 10:31 PM

KS

“ Alex was a great person and will truly be missed! My kids loved him and when we would visit they wanted to see Alex. They would ask him to take them swimming and he wouldn't hesitate, he would let them play with his games and toys from when he was a kid that are still at his parent's house and they really liked that. Our family loves Alex and he will never be forgotten.  
Kevin, Nichole, Ayden and Hunter



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Kevin Slott - November 01, 2012 at 05:14 PM

CO

“ One of the things that stands out in my mind besides Alex's smile, was that Alex always had time to speak to Dave and I . Some young people do not take the time or want to speak to older people, Not Alex. When Alex would speak to you he would have that smile and before you knew it he had you smiling or laughing, on top of that he would have that twinkle in his eyes, the same twinkle I see in his grandpa Bob Simmons eyes. If you know Bob and Alex you know what I mean. LOL. I bet Alex never met a stranger or never met anybody who did not like him. How many of us can say that about our life. It is the little things in life that speak volumes and I hope we hear him loud and clear. I think he would tell us to keep going , enjoy life and to spread that smile he shared with us the smile we will never forget. I know I won't Oh and as far as that twinkle goes I was looking at a picture of Liam, I COULD SWEAR I SEEN IT! :)

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Carol O'Connell - November 01, 2012 at 01:05 PM

CA

“ Christy Boyt Alfonso lit a candle in memory of Alexander Robert Simmons



Christy Boyt Alfonso - November 01, 2012 at 11:20 AM

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karli goodrich - November 01, 2012 at 09:02 AM

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karli goodrich - November 01, 2012 at 08:12 AM

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**karli goodrich** - November 01, 2012 at 08:11 AM

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**karli goodrich** - November 01, 2012 at 08:11 AM

JB

“ *Jeremy Brown lit a candle in memory of Alexander Robert Simmons*



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**Jeremy Brown** - November 01, 2012 at 07:25 AM

CL

“ Alex, we have gotten really close over the past year or so and you have always been so sweet to me. I will always miss you but you will always be in my heart and never forgotten. I pray for your family and for your daughter. I know how much she meant to you and how much you loved her. The past couple days have been really hard without you here, but until we meet again one day RIP.....XOXO



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**Christy Lawson** - October 31, 2012 at 08:15 PM

BS

“ Oh Alex, how much can I say about you. We had quite a lot of fun growing up, from Nintendo games to watching scary movies to swimming in the pool to playing He-Man and who could forget Rodman, the guinea pig? You will always be my big brother in my heart, I love you so much and thanks for always being there to walk me off the bus. You were my first best friend. Love you always and forever big bro!! :)

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**Becky Slingerland** - October 31, 2012 at 06:27 PM

NL

“ Nicole Antinori Loqui lit a candle in memory of Alexander Robert Simmons



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**Nicole Antinori Loqui** - October 31, 2012 at 07:59 AM

VP

“ Alex rode my bus to grade school -- He was always respectful and a pleasure to be around--a great kid !!! My heart goes out to the Simmons family,,,you are in my thoughts and prayers

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**Vickie Page** - October 30, 2012 at 09:28 PM

AJ

“ i used to babysit alex and karli when they were small i miss u alex R.I.P it was to soon i will always love i am sorry for your loss Mark Julie Karli and the rest of the Simmons family you are in my prayers

*Antoinette Jackson*

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**Antoinette Marie Jackson** - October 30, 2012 at 08:03 PM

AJ

*i mean i will always love you.....even through my tears*

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**Antoinette Marie Jackson** - October 30, 2012 at 08:05 PM

MM

“ I went to the same school as Alex. I was a few years younger but I always loved being around him. We were on the same soccer team and he always made sure the team was having a great time. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing...

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**Mike Martin** - October 30, 2012 at 07:05 PM

AA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Angie, April, Ashley, Lorrie*

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**Angela Lynn Armstrong** - October 30, 2012 at 05:13 AM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy goes out to Alex's entire family, especially his daughter. My husband and I had the pleasure of being Alex's landlords in Elwood. He was a very polite, nice person who took impeccable care of our house, treating it as if it were his own. Every month when he'd stop over to drop off the rent, he would always be so nice to our kids and always mention his daughter. We never met his daughter, but as soon as he'd mention her, his eyes would light up, saying she was such a smart, good girl. To say he was proud of her would be an understatement. Our hearts were completely broken when we heard this tragic news of Alex's passing. We will continue to pray for your family and hope that God will offer some comfort to you.

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**Jeff and Tristen Smith** - October 29, 2012 at 09:19 PM

JW

“ Karli,

*It's been many years since we last saw each other. I'm so sorry to hear about Alex's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jill Richard White*

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**Jill Richard White** - October 29, 2012 at 08:19 PM



“ You will surely be missed. Always one of the guys you could count on to help out on a project at work. Won't forget the year you spent 14 hours with me in the SP going up and down the hard racks, to help me fix the stupid lab tops that receiving mixed up. Couldn't of gotten it fixed without you. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Denisa Cook** - October 28, 2012 at 07:28 PM

JP

*you will be missed! May God keep you in His Loving Arms!!!! MY PRAYERS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY*

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**James Perri** - October 29, 2012 at 08:50 AM