



John R. Sims

March 29, 1937 - September 26, 2020

John R. Sims, 83, of Sycamore, IL, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 26, 2020 surrounded by his family.

John was born on March 29, 1937 to David and Dorothy Sims of Kankakee, IL. He was blessed to be brought up in a hardworking, ethical family which he modeled with his own children. In 1953, he met Margaret "Peg" Bacino, and they wed in 1955. They went on to have seven children. John spent most of his working career as a contractor and industrial mechanic. He was a dedicated family man, provider, builder, mentor, teacher, and friend. Hard working and knowledgeable, John earned the respect and admiration of his peers and colleagues alike. After retiring in 2001, John spent his time traveling to visit grandchildren, enjoying the outdoors, staying busy with projects, drinking coffee, reading, and watching westerns.

John was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Margaret "Peg" Sims; one son, Brian K. Sims, one daughter-in-law, Jacqueline (Clark) Sims, one daughter, Traci A. McElroy, and grandson, Joseph T. Sims.

He is survived by his children, John W. Sims (Rebecca), Robin L. Sims-Quick (Randall), Richard M. Sims (Gloria), Michelle R. Sims-Casey (Patrick), Steven K. Sims (Kimberly); grandchildren, Daniel Sims, Lindsey Dunston, Rachael Patel, Helena Balleros, Christina Cover, John Quick, Joshua Quick, Adam Sims, Candis Schoenberg, Alexandra Mahanti, Shelby Higginbotham, Patrick Cole Casey, John W. Sims, Ella Ware and great-grandchildren, Matthew Dunston, Alyvia Dunston, Ethan Dunston,

William Dunston, RaeAnne Sims, John Sims, Kegan Clark-Sanchez, Noah Balleros, Gabriel Balleros, Lola Boska, Fiona Quick, Olek Clark, Ashlain Sims, Dylan Sims, Callie Schoenberg, Bryce Schoenberg, Graham Schoenberg, and Victoria Mahanti.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Please wear a face mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice. (<https://heartlandhospicefund.org/donate/>)

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 102 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 30, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ *My prayers go out to the entire family. The John I knew was a man of few words unless he really had something to say. It's never easy to say good bye to someone you love but God was ready for John to enter his heavenly home. He had endured great pain losing his lovely wife Peg in which he cared for till God called her home and two of his own children. I last enjoyed his presence and remembered visiting with him in Texas at his granddaughter Shelby's wedding. I pray that each and everyone of you will joyfully celebrate his memories for years to come. His life on earth was complete.*

Rhonda Henderson - September 29, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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“ *Rick, so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great guy with a strong will and work ethic, the acorn didn't fall from the tree there. You should be proud. I always had fond memories of your dad and mom in Byesville.*

Denny Lown - September 29, 2020 at 08:36 AM