



## Mark Robert Simmons

March 9, 1955 - December 27, 2018

Mark Robert Simmons, age 63, of Saint Anne passed away Thursday, December 27th, 2018 in his home after a year long battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by his loving family.

Mark was born on March 9th, 1955 in Kankakee. Son of Mary Lou and Robert Simmons of Saint Anne. He married Julie Purcell on November 26, 1977 in Watseka. They had two children, Karli (Simmons) Goodrich and Alexander Robert Simmons.

Mark recently retired from the United States Postal Service after serving over 20 years. Prior to that, he was part owner of Simmons & Simmons Construction, working side by side with his father.

One of Mark's greatest loves in life was music. He picked up a guitar when he was 12 years old and never put it down. From there, Mark played in several different self-made bands including Taxi, Route 1, and After Midnight Blues. He and his band members spent countless hours creating, producing, and recording four albums. Music was Mark's passion. He also enjoyed working outside in his yard, camping, and he loved the Chicago White Sox.

Surviving are his daughter Karli (Simmons) Goodrich and son-in-law Andy Goodrich of Saint Anne; two grandchildren, Taylor Simmons of Saint Anne and Liam Goodrich of Saint Anne; his parents, Mary Lou and Robert Simmons of Saint Anne; his sister, Linda (Simmons) Libby and brother-in-law David Libby of Kankakee; his brother, Gary Simmons and sister-in-law Donna Simmons of Saint Anne; his sister-in-law, Melody (Purcell) Higgins of

Bourbonnais; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Mark was preceded in death by his beloved wife and son, Julie and Alex. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents Alex and Louise Boudreau, and Robert and Alice Simmons.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, January 4, 2019 at St. John Paul II- West Campus in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Mass

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus  
953 South 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God be with you and give you comfort and peace. Sending our sympathy and love.*  
*Sharon and Roger Styck*

Sharon Styck - January 03, 2019 at 09:56 AM



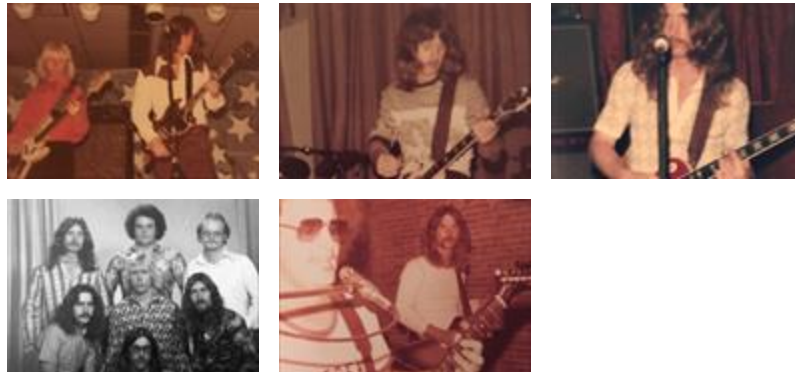
“ *Heaven gained an amazing angel. My thoughts & prayers are with the Simmons family.*



Dawn Davis - January 02, 2019 at 07:52 PM

DT

“ *7 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Darryl Boatman, keyboard player of Taxie - December 31, 2018 at 06:51 PM

BH

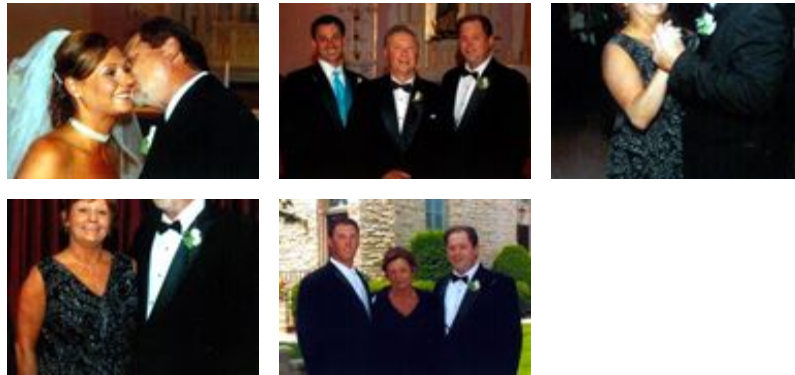
“ Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Mark Robert Simmons



Bryan & Joelene Hays - December 31, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ 130 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - December 31, 2018 at 08:11 AM

MR

“ When you heard the loud music you knew Mark was coming with the mail. Was a great guy, prayers for the Simmons family R.I.P



Mike & Judy Rechkemmer - December 30, 2018 at 10:27 AM

TK

“ I work with Mark when I trained to be a sub on my mail route in Momence. He was a great guy. I knew him from working with his dad at A.O.Smith and his working in the construction industry. He will be sorely missed. Wish I could attend the services but will be in Nashville area on that date. So sorry Bob and family

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**Terry Keller** - December 30, 2018 at 09:54 AM

JG

“ My times spent with Mark were few but enjoyed them all. It was obvious of the love he had for his family, he will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Simmons family.

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**Jamie Goodrich** - December 30, 2018 at 09:46 AM

AK

“ Mark was a wonderful man. My girls wrote a letter to Santa one year and mailed it when he was our mailman. Mark made a stop at our house to ask for some info on my girls so he could write them a letter “from Santa” in return. My girls were thrilled and we were as well. Heaven gained a special angel.

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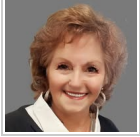
**Amy Kroll** - December 29, 2018 at 08:47 PM

NW

“ Dear Simmons Family  
I met Mark a few years back when Mark and my cousin Jim Lindner played together. I guess God needed a few more awesome musicians I bet there is a great jam session going on. You have my deepest sympathy. Rest In Peace Mark.  
Nancy Ponikvar Waller.

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**nancy ponikvar waller** - December 29, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ I remember going to hear his band play in the 90's at the Pelican's Roost.. and going to St Anne High School.. Great guy.

Lana White - December 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM

BW

“ I remember high school days with Mark and working on Homecoming floats. R.I.P Mark.

Beth Whitesell - December 29, 2018 at 08:28 AM

BW

“ Our thoughts and Prayers for your Family. We are So Sorry for your loss.  
R.I.P. Mark



Ben & Helen Weber - December 29, 2018 at 07:13 AM



“ .y thoughts & prayers are with the Simmons family, I'm so very sorry for your loss

Dorothy Irene Sheridan - December 28, 2018 at 10:41 PM

MB

“ Sending prayers to Mark's family. Another angel has joined God's band.

Mary Blum - December 28, 2018 at 03:16 PM