



## Patrick W. Simmons

June 9, 1932 - May 29, 2017

Patrick W. Simmons, age 84, of Bourbonnais, passed away Monday, May 29, 2017 at Presence Heritage Village in Kankakee.

Patrick was born June 9, 1932 in East St. Louis, the son of John F. & Helen Casey Simmons.

He married Elizabeth Potts on April 27, 1957 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Belleville.

Patrick was a retired Illinois State Legislative Director for the United Transportation Union. He spent 40 years working in the railroad industry. He was a member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, the VFW, and the Knights of Columbus.

Patrick was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee and was a former choir member.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Simmons, of Bourbonnais; two daughters and one son-in-law, Susan Simmons of Homewood and Peggy & Chris Hendron of Valparaiso, IN; one son and daughter-in-law, Timothy J. & Barbara Simmons of Arlington Heights; one brother, Dennis Simmons of Sugar Land, TX; one sister, Mary Ellen Campbell of Webster Grove, MO; six grandchildren, Timothy, Laura, Lisa, Sean, Christy, and Ryan; three great-grandchildren, Blake, Calli, and Jackson; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Sean Patrick Simmons; and two brothers, Jack and Bob.

Visitation will be held 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the Mass.

Interment will be held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, Chicago, or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

## Cemetery Chapel Service

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JUN 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Happy Father's day .....I thought about what I would have given you for your birthday and of course today. I will have a glass of wine and wish you peace and happiness.

*We all miss you but have faith that you are having a grand time.*

*Dear angel look after us , take care of Timmy, help him heal and know we love you.*

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**Susan simmons** - June 17, 2018 at 11:13 AM

SS

“ Dad,  
Happy 86th birthday. Mom and I visited on Saturday. We shared a wee bit of Jameson in your honor. After dinner we went to dairy Queen and had some ice cream for your birthday.

*It hardly seems a year has passed since we gathered around you in hospice. Please take care of Timmy, help him to know he is forgiven and God has forgiven him.*

*You day was beautiful, blue sky, nice breeze.  
So peaceful at Elwood.*

*Watch over us dear angel. We miss you and love you.  
Your daughter  
Doo*

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**Susan simmons** - June 10, 2018 at 10:07 PM

SS

“ Dad,  
It has been 1 year, know we miss you so much.  
You are not forgotten. Blake talks about you,  
says meal prayer like you, we trimmed one of  
your belts down for him. He says his pa is with  
him.



Momo is so strong, but she misses you so. She is doing well and we  
take care of her.

Take care of Timmy with both of you gone our hearts are  
broken.hold.him tight and let us know own you are both okay.

Mom and I went to mass on Tuesday and then to Elwood to visit.  
You overlook the UP tracks in the distance and the rr crossing u to  
the cemetary is perfect ans smooth.

We plan to celebrate your birthday.

Be well, know you and Timmy are missed and loved.

Dear angel watch over us.

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Susan simmons - June 01, 2018 at 08:02 AM

SS

“ Happy Father's Day Dad!!

*Sending you hugs and kisses on this special day. Warm breezes blue sky today.*

*We miss you, love you and are still celebrating your life, memories and legacy.*

*Party on and watch over us dear angel.*

*Xoxox*

*Susan, Peggy, Timmy*

*Lisa, Tim jr., Blake*

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**Susan simons** - June 18, 2017 at 12:49 PM

SS

“ Happy Birthday Dad!!! 85 years 060932!!!!

*We are celebrating you this weekend. Have a grand time with all your pals and family!  
Cheers, know we love you and miss you.*

*Doo*

*xoxo*



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**susan simmons** - June 09, 2017 at 11:32 AM

CS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



chris simmons - June 08, 2017 at 01:40 AM

CS

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



chris simmons - June 08, 2017 at 12:53 AM

SS

“ Sheryl Simmons lit a candle in memory of Patrick W. Simmons



Sheryl Simmons - June 07, 2017 at 09:42 PM

SS

*We had many great memories together. We sure enjoyed Hawaii. Kyle, Beverly and Justin will remember that forever. Love you and miss you.*

**Sheryl Simmons** - June 07, 2017 at 09:49 PM

CS

“ *Chris Simmons lit a candle in memory of Patrick W. Simmons*



**Chris Simmons** - June 07, 2017 at 09:10 PM

CS

*Forever Peace to my Favorite Uncle !! Our deepest love and will miss you lots. Chris, Sheryl and Kyle Simmons*

**Chris Simmons** - June 07, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DB

“ *Pat was a frequent visitor while I was in the hospital in 2000. Was a good friend for many years.*

*Dale L. Burkhalter*

**Dale L. Burkhalter** - June 02, 2017 at 01:13 PM



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*"Pat has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, and he has kept his faith. Now he has received his crown of righteousness." - 2 Timothy 4:7:*

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*TO THE FAMILY OF PATRICK W. SIMMONS:*

*The untimely death of Pat was received with shock and much sadness our personal and sincere condolences. Our friendship over the years are entries in my book of memories.*

*As I reflect back Pat was not only an amazing person but a giving person. His own way was always looking for ways to make life better for his family. He was a kind and distinguished gentleman of much class, goodness, character, and morality. Without question, a dedicated union member and union supporter. He is profoundly missed.*

*Our heart aches at our loss, but his legacy will always be with us. So, at the last tour of duty and hearing the sound of that final 'all aboard' call we were able to realize that a life lived believing, giving, caring and loving your family that really matters.*

*Remember that 'Hope' is like the sun, which, as we journey toward, carries our burdens behind it. So, let your 'hopes', not your hurts, shape your future. Hold to the belief, and the conviction that there is a better life, and a better us beyond the horizon. With that in mind let the wings of 'hope' carry the family, soaring high above the driving winds of life keeping in mind that faith holding out its hand in the dark*

*May the 'Hope' found in God's word outweigh the grief the family feels that I am saddened by his departure but blessed with the fact of knowing I gained another angel.*

*Gone from our eyes, but not forgotten in our hearts.*

*G. Thomas DuBose Family  
Macon, Georgia 31210-0890*

**Tom DuBose** - June 02, 2017 at 07:32 AM

CS

*Very nicely said brother Thomas DuBose ! Chris Simmons UTU Local 1201*

**Chris Simmons** - June 07, 2017 at 09:06 PM

KM

“ *Kenneth Mausehund lit a candle in memory of Patrick W. Simmons*



**Kenneth Mausehund** - June 02, 2017 at 06:49 AM

RF

“ *SMART-TD,(UTU) Local 577 offer our deepest condolences to the family of Brother Patrick. He was a true friend of railway labor and we are grateful to have had his leadership. He will truly be missed. God speed.*

*Robert L. Fisher  
Local Chairman  
SMART-TD #577*

**Robert L. Fisher** - June 01, 2017 at 07:56 PM

SH

“ *Memories are something that death cannot erase. I worked with Pat on many Union projects where he was a leader and a person who you call a friend. Pat loved his family that words cannot properly describe.*



*My dear brother Pat, we will meet again where there will be no sickness and where we will never grow old. Elaine and I pray that God will give comfort to you Betty and your family.*

*Sam Hale*

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**Sam Hale** - June 01, 2017 at 03:32 PM

SS

“ *We will always remember lovingly the great times we had visiting Uncle Pat and Aunt Betty down in Orange Beach! Uncle Pat told the best stories and always had an opinion on the current news of the day. I loved hearing him call me Cricket, which was a nickname he gave me because he thought I was always so active. He could easily make us laugh and feel good about things, and he told us he always kept us in his daily prayers. God bless his soul and take care of his family during this sad time.*

*Love from both of us,  
Susan and Patrick Simmons*

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**Susan D Simmons** - June 01, 2017 at 01:24 PM

RH

“ Dear Elizabeth and family,  
I'm saddened to hear of Pat's passing. I know you are aware how dear a person this man was to others and his union brothers! Pat was a difference maker in Illinois and for the entire UTU. My deepest condolences to you during this time of grief.  
Russ Heisel, Bloomington, IL

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**Russ Heisel** - June 01, 2017 at 12:10 PM

Mac  
English

“ Thank you for serving our members and the dedication you gave us all thru the years. May you now rest in peace my brother. The final whistle has been blown for you to come home. God bless you. Amen!!!



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**Mac English** - June 01, 2017 at 11:56 AM

JR

“ Our sympathies to Mrs. Simmons and the rest of the family. We will miss his big, booming presence and his great stories and candy giving. We will keep him in our thoughts always....

Joyce & the rest of the employees at the Shrine hotel @ OLS

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**Joyce Richman** - June 01, 2017 at 07:56 AM

RH

My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Pat Simmons family and his lovely wife. It's been awhile since we had our 5 o'clock drinks when we were camping. But I will never forget. RIP Pat.  
Rich Heuring

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**Richard Heuring** - June 01, 2017 at 11:58 AM

JT

*Sad to hear the passing of a wonderful person and friend from way back. I began my union career in 1982 as Legislative Rep for our local 1815 TP&W. I would write up safety concerns from our railroad and then send them to Pat. One day he called me up and told me to come up to his office to review my work. I was wondering if I was doing things right. We had a nice conversation and I was so happy that he told me that I was doing everything right. From that day on, I knew I had a friend. I helped on the UTU regional meeting that was held in Peoria, IL. 1984. Pat wanted me to be out in front and he gave me a few jobs to do for this meeting. Then a year later our General Chairperson (Bob Strand) retired and once again, Pat wanted to have a retirement party for Bob Strand and he left the details for me to work out. Pat came down to Peoria to celebrate Bob as they were close friends also . I was then Vice Chairperson and after Bob retired I followed Bob and had Pat as a friend I could count on. I worked the job of General Chairperson up until I had to leave the railroad service in 1986 because of heart problems. Pat will always be in my memory even tho, I did not get back to Peoria, let alone make it to Chicago, to visit from New Mexico. Jim Thomas Las Cruces, New Mexico*

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**Jim Thomas** - June 02, 2017 at 01:12 AM

EB

*Deepest sympathy from Ed Brennan , Designated Council*

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**Ed Brennan** - June 02, 2017 at 02:22 PM