



Wayne K. Sims

October 13, 1940 - March 6, 2026

Wayne K. Sims, age 85, of Herscher, IL passed away Friday, March 6, 2026. He was born on October 13, 1940, in Kankakee, the son of David and Dorothy (Pruett) Sims. Wayne married Eleanor Gropp of June 30, 1962, in Kankakee. Wayne was the owner and CEO of Power Group, which included Power Packaging and Power Logistics.

Wayne was a graduate of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School. He was active in his community with fundraising and charitable organizations. Surviving is his wife, Eleanor Sims of Herscher; one son, Kevin (Judy) Sims of Wilmington; one sister, Veronica Anderson of Bradley; five grandchildren, Katie Tutt, Nicholas Sims, Aaron Sims, Michelle Marsden, Sara Pedicini; and eleven great grandchildren.

Wayne is preceded in death by his son, Christopher; his parents; two brothers, David and John Sims; two sisters, Brenda Brower and Nancy Butterfield; and one aunt, Marge Pruett.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Eleanor and family. Karen and I send our condolences on the loss of Wayne. Wayne convinced me that I could be more than a football coach and it changed my life and my family’s direction completely. I still pass on Wayne’s teachings and hard work approach to our grandchildren. Wayne will always be remembered by our families.
Jim Finley

Jim Finley - March 12 at 02:32 PM

DB

“ I met Wayne while walking through the last year of his son Chris’ life. Wayne was there each time I visited Chris. In the pain of this loss, we came to quietly and deeply respect each other. I became his pastor and found him to be a generous man, rooted in simple values, and filled with common sense. He was the kind of man that great communities are built on. His family became special to us over the years. Rest in peace my friend, and rise in glory. Dan Boone

Dan Boone - March 11 at 09:13 PM

MC

“ Uncle Wayne you were a blessing to my mom and dad and all of my siblings. You lived a good life, although, not all easy. You mentored many and have a strong legacy that will live on. What is waiting for you the other side, my dear uncle is priceless.

Michelle and Patrick Casey - March 11 at 09:40 AM

BS

“ When I was younger, Uncle Wayne asked me where I was headed in life. He told me I can have and be anything I wanted to be as long as I was willing to work for it. He modeled that statement through his whole life, and his words have carried me and my children through their lives as well. Thank you Uncle Wayne and rest in peace.

Billy Sims - March 10 at 01:04 PM

GD

“ Eleanor, Kevin and families,
Our deepest condolences on the passing of Wayne. He was so instrumental in my life and any success that I achieved is too great to explain. Eleanor, when you and Wayne biked to Gibson City to visit me I was so honored. I will never forget your kindness. Kevin, you've always been a favorite as your tenacity as a HS FB player and later in business but your generosity to our boys with your snowmobile on a visit really impressed them and made me see you as a special person.
Beth & Gerry Donley

Gerry Donley - March 08 at 05:00 PM

RH

Eleanor, my heart goes out to you. Thankful for the time spent with our family. Will always think of Country times and lemonade! Sending love and prayers

Roxanne Hooper - March 08 at 09:08 PM

JL

“ Jennifer And Stephen Lavoie lit a candle in memory of Wayne K. Sims



Jennifer and Stephen Lavoie - March 08 at 02:25 PM

KS

“ *Condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers
Veronica.
Kathy Sullivan*

Kathy Sullivan - March 08 at 10:49 AM



“ *Donna Zomick sent a virtual gift in memory of
Wayne K. Sims*



Donna Zomick - March 07 at 08:02 PM

MC

“ *Michelle And Patrick Casey lit a candle in
memory of Wayne K. Sims*



Michelle and Patrick Casey - March 07 at 02:03 PM



“ *Dawn LaVoie lit a candle in memory of Wayne
K. Sims*



Dawn LaVoie - March 07 at 10:29 AM