



## Eugene Simmons

January 14, 1931 - September 12, 2025

Mr. Eugene Simmons age 94 of Sylvania, AL passed away on Friday, September 12, 2025 at his residence. Graveside services will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 1:00PM EST at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Rainsville Funeral Home, Inc. directing. [www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com)

Mr. Simmons loved his family and friends, he had a passion for Alabama football, the outdoors, especially gardening, babies and puppies. He was married to his high school sweetheart Shirley Simmons for 73 years until her passing in 2023. He was a graduate of Lake View High School Class of 1950 in Winter Garden Florida. He continued relationships with class mates; he traveled around the world on the USS Wasp. He was a devout Christian and Sunday school teacher at Trinity United Methodist Church in Talladega for 50 years. He was the manager at Clay County State Lake in Delta Alabama for 25 years. He will be greatly missed.

### Survivors

Daughter: Lisa Matheny and husband Bobby of Orlando, FL

2 Son: Steve Simmons and wife Tracy of Sylvania, AL

Terry Simmons of Lineville, AL

Adopted Son: John Everett of Lineville, AL

7 Grandchildren: Chris Simmons, Stephanie Levin (Mati), Jason Simmons

(Meredith), Jonti Cronk (Ben), Maggie Simmons, Kristen Rose (Dusty) & Kory Allmond

11 Great Grandchildren

Preceded in Death

Parents: Willie & Cora Lee Simmons

Wife: Shirley Simmons

Brothers: Wayne Simmons & Billy Simmons

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

Chattanooga, TN

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (est)

Chattanooga National Cemetery  
1200 Bailey Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37404-2805  
(423) 855-6590

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Love and miss you so much.* ”



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**Lisa Matheny** - September 22, 2025 at 12:51 PM

CS

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall* ”



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**christopher simmons** - September 18, 2025 at 08:46 PM

CS

*I was thinking about how lucky I am , I had the best grandfather you could ever ask for. He spent the most precious thing in the world with me , he spent precious time with me . He took me fishing he took me around the farm and even took me to his work , i spent time as a little boy exploring the printing press room at the Talledega daily home newspaper which was so much fun , it was like heaven for a kid later he let me help around his printing shop cheaha printing i really liked that he took me to all the high school football games where we got to go on the sidelines where he took pictures and then we would do the football programs at his shop 🥹 i think all of us got to do a little of that , i remember asking him why cant you print money 💰 he said sure we can you can help me and we printed up some paper money , of course it didn't look exactly like the money i would get from nannie 🥹 but it sure was exciting at the time ! He even brought me to church with him every Sunday but instead of going to the kids room i would sit in his sunday school class where he taught for a long time, i would even sit quietly because i had such respect for him even at that young age . He always had time for me , anytime i called on the phone he would stay on the line and we could talk about anything, a week before he passed we spoke for 2 and half hours and i had the best conversation with him it passed by to quickly if you ask me i could listen to him tell a story and feel like i was there . I enjoyed going to the casinos with him lately, we went to Atlantic city together and we played slot machines right next to each other and he hit 2 jackpots 🥹 him and my grandmother had to have been the two luckiest winners ive ever met ! I should of called my nanny BINGO! She was the best to go with i was almost always guaranteed to see a win . They were both great fun to go play with . I loved my time with them and I will miss them so very much... I am grateful and very lucky to have had all the time i did have with them . I love you both ,rest in peace now and know you will both be in my heart forever*

christopher simmons - September 18, 2025 at 09:15 PM

KK

“ Karen K. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eugene Simmons.



Karen K. - September 18, 2025 at 01:33 PM

LF

“ *Lloyd and Darlene From Orlando FI purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eugene Simmons.*



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**Lloyd and Darlene From Orlando FI** - September 18, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene Simmons.*

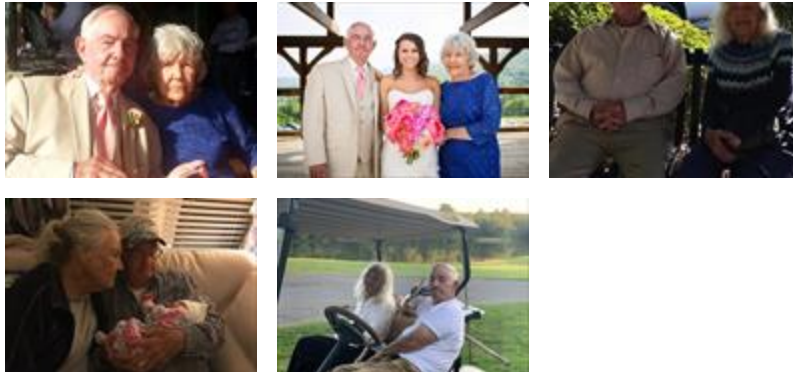


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September 18, 2025 at 10:12 AM

LM

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Lisa Matheny** - September 17, 2025 at 01:06 PM

JD

“ Jerry and Donna Daughtry purchased the American Beauty bouquet for the family of Eugene Simmons.



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**Jerry and Donna Daughtry** - September 17, 2025 at 10:15 AM

BP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Bobbie Parris** - September 16, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Simmons.



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September 16, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene Simmons.

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September 16, 2025 at 09:05 PM

BD

“ Billy and Sheri Donaldson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Eugene Simmons.



Billy and Sheri Donaldson - September 16, 2025 at 05:48 PM

BD

“ Billy and Sheri Donaldson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene Simmons.

Billy and Sheri Donaldson - September 16, 2025 at 05:48 PM

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“ He loved family, Alabama football, gardening and puppies



Lisa Matheny - September 16, 2025 at 04:37 PM

LM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Lisa Matheny** - September 16, 2025 at 04:31 PM

BP

*We learned so much in such little time from your Dad. We missed him when he left the lake so very much. Gene was a peaceful soul. God bless your family.*

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**Bobbie Parris** - September 16, 2025 at 09:10 PM

JH

*R I P,Mr Gene,,We Loved You and Will Miss you, Thank You So Much for all the Saturday Morning Sports Section and Pictures and Write ups to Our Football Team at Talladega Academy Eagles and All Other Friday Night High School Football Games,We Love ❤️ You and Will Miss you,,Say Hello to My Daddy and Mother And You Guys Can Talk Crimson Tide Football 🏈 and US Talladega Academy Eagles R I P!!!!*

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**Jerre L Hurst** - September 17, 2025 at 09:27 PM