



Frederick Miller Simmons

March 10, 1924 - November 30, 2018

Frederick Miller “Fred” Simmons passed away peacefully the morning of November 30, 2018, with his family by his side.

Born in Hempstead, North Carolina, on March 10, 1924, he is preceded in death by parents, George and Alice Simmons, wife Alene Simmons, brothers Thomas, Clifton, Henry, Robert, sisters Julia, Lucy, Louise, Eva, Evelyn and Laura, and stepson Michael Blackburn.

Fred is survived by his three daughters: Yvonne, Kathy, and Sherry and their families. Yvonne Nilson and husband Robert and daughters Shanna and Leah: Shanna Evans and Barrett Evans and daughters Grace, Rachel, Margaret and Allison; Leah Morton and husband Chad and son Remington. Kathy Simmons and Douglas Hansen. Sherry Simmons and Robert Munn and daughters Jennafer and Lauren Leyendekker and husband Frank and daughter Reiley. Fred is also survived by his wife Georgianett Blackburn Simmons and her children Danny Blackburn and Brian Blackburn and their loving families.

In May 1943, at eighteen years old, Fred left his family plantation in North Carolina and enlisted in the Army of the United States. He quickly advanced to Sergeant of the 808th Air Engineer, Squadron 371st Air Service Group. As Sergeant, one of the squadron’s missions included delivering needed supplies

to the combative ground troops in the fields of France. During Fred's four years of service, he was awarded several WWII medals for his honor and valor.

After his honorable discharge from the military, Fred returned to the United States and back to Texas to marry his beautiful, long-haired sweetheart, Alene Rieger Simmons. Fred and Alene began their lives in North Carolina where he became a US Post Office Marshal and later a Carolinian Police Officer. Years later they permanently moved to Texas, where he launched a successful career in the retail industry in Wharton County. They shared a loving, thirty-two-year marriage until her death in 1978.

Fred met and married another beautiful, Christian, green-eyed lady, Georgianett Blackburn Simmons in 1989. They worked together to continue his sixty-five year, successful, retail business in El Campo. They shared a loving marriage for twenty-nine years.

Fred loved people and actively supported the Wharton County community as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Elks Lodge, Methodist Church, Wharton Abundant Life Christian Church and many other community organizations. He delighted in anonymously donating to help families in need.

Fred was passionately devoted to his beloved family. This devotion was also evident in his relationships with his many wonderful friends. Fred loved the warm exchanges of smiles and laughter shared daily over a cup of coffee with his many faithful customers. His greatest gifts to his community were his friendliness to all, his desire to listen to others, and his way of inspiring others with his uplifting spirit.

Fred would like to leave us with a few words from his heart, "I will always be

with you through the smiles you will see in each other's faces. Love is the greatest gift God has given to us and His love is never-ending. My heart is full of love, laughter, and many treasured memories. Remember to rejoice and fill your hearts with happiness. Thank you, my family and friends, for such a blessed life."

Fred Simmons' visitation will be at Triska Funeral Home, 612 Merchant Street, El Campo, Texas 77437 on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, between 5:30-6:30 pm.

Fred will be laid to rest at The Garden of Memories with a private graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations payable to:

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (00A-00X) – Donation

2002 Holcombe Blvd

Houston, Texas 77030

Please note on donations:

In Memory of Frederick M. Simmons GPF 9004

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
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Tribute Wall

TW

“ I am so very sorry to read about Fred's death. I remember purchasing shoes from him at the Shoe Store in El Campo! What great times we had -he would accompany me on the piano when I sang in church. He was quite the character!!

He will be greatly missed!

Theresa Wittig

Theresa Wittig - December 11, 2018 at 03:57 PM

LK

“ Linda Kram sent a virtual gift in memory of Frederick Miller Simmons



Linda Kram - December 06, 2018 at 06:21 PM

LK

Fred will be missed by so many people that have know him over the years. Our prayers go out to the family ! Now he can Rest In Peace ! We will keep your family in our thoughts. Linda & Ken

Linda Kram - December 06, 2018 at 06:26 PM

RP

“ No one will ever forget Mr. Simmons, he always had a smile and the perfect shoe for everyone. He was a true gentleman. My condolences to his beautiful family! Rose Pasak

Rose Pasak - December 05, 2018 at 06:55 AM

EC

“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Frederick Miller Simmons*



Elaine Cook - December 05, 2018 at 12:07 AM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Frederick Miller Simmons*



Patricia Dybala - December 04, 2018 at 02:50 PM

SW

“ *You always had the “perfect shoe” for every person who walked into your business. Thank you for your service to our country and our community.*

Shannon Guenther Williamson - December 04, 2018 at 02:12 PM

SH

“ *What a lovely parting message. Thank you Fred for your service in and out of the military. Prayers and hugs to the entire family.*

Shannon Harris - December 04, 2018 at 01:26 PM

TM

“ It was an honor to work for Fred for 5 years. He was an honest, loving person. Hard working also. He taught me a lot in the retail industry. My girls loved his duck sounds! My thoughts and prayers are with his family! I love all of you!

tammie mican - December 04, 2018 at 01:19 PM

MS

“ I have many fond memories of Fred and his old partner Travis when they had the Shoe Store together. Fred would always make me laugh with his Donald Duck voice impersonations. He was just a nice person.



Yvonne, Kathy, and Sherry you have my familie's most sincere condolences on the loss of your Father.

Martin, Susan and Sterling and Carol Ann Strarup

Martin Strarup - December 04, 2018 at 10:39 AM

SJ

Kathy, you and your family are in my prayers. I have the fondest sweetest memories of your dad. He would always sell us our new school shoes, Christmas shoes and Easter shoes. Every shopping trip was incomplete without a visit to the shoe store. I will keep all of your family in my prayers and your dad also. Eternal life grant unto him oh Lord and may the perpetual light shine on him. May he rest in peace. SUSAN JANACEK and and family.

SUSAN JANACEK - December 04, 2018 at 12:01 PM

DJ

I worked for Fred for many years & he taught me so much about the retail business. Fred was my favorite boss & he treated me like one of his daughters. To this day, his daughters treat me like family. Sure will miss you my friend. Kathy, Yvonne, Sheri & Georgette, you have my deepest sympathy. Love you Fred!

Demise Jaks - December 04, 2018 at 08:19 PM

SS

“ *May God grant the Family comfort and peace in this time of loss. I remember going into Fred's shoe store with my Grandmother he was so funny and always called me Cotton top ha ha . He will be dearly missed. May he rest in peace*

Sherrie Schulze - December 04, 2018 at 10:10 AM



Michelle
McDaniel

“ *Prayers to the family on your loss....Fred was a character --and made sure to greet each and every person as they walked into the store or if you ran into him on the street. What a kind man!*

Michelle McDaniel - December 04, 2018 at 09:11 AM