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A memorial ceremony honoring and remembering Steven L Simmons will be held at 11 AM Saturday, January 7, 2023 in the Rivercrest Chapel, 13329 S. Memorial Drive. Chaplain Cathy Haguewood of Saint Francis Hospice will be officiating. Steve passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa. He was 72.

Born October 27, 1950 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Steve was the son of Charles Lee Simmons and Rose Ann Nurnberger Simmons. The second eldest of 5 children, Steve grew up in Tulsa where he graduated from Central High School in 1968. He developed a love of baseball at an early age and attended the University of Tulsa on a full ride baseball scholarship where he established an incredible reputation as a southpaw pitcher for the Golden Hurricane.

Shortly after graduating high school, Steve met Nell Ann Sadler while working together at Sears Department Store. After dating for 3 years, they married on August 14, 1971, at the Skelly Drive Baptist Church in Tulsa. Steve was a doting and devoted husband. He loved Nell wholeheartedly and treated her like a queen. They were best friends, always doing everything together. They loved to travel, visit family, and just have fun together.

Steve was also a loving and supportive father to their four children, Chris, Cindy, Melissa, and Michael. He coached their baseball and softball teams, led their Scout troops, and encouraged their career interests. He was at once both their biggest fan and role model, imparting a myriad of handyman skills, computer savvy, strong work ethic, and unfailing sense of humor (as well as his poor organizational habits and affinity for procrastination). His relationship with Cindy was extra special. Among the many things they shared were their annual trips to Stillwater for the Special Olympics summer games in her younger years and their frequent runs to QuickTrip for her favorite pop.

While he had many jobs over his lifetime, Steve's main passion was in geophysics. He began his career at Citgo Petroleum and went on to found Optimum Services, a geophysical data processing



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and storage company, and serve as President of the Geophysical Society of Tulsa. Steve was also an entrepreneur at heart. During downturns in the industry, he dabbled in a number of different ventures— selling real estate, insurance, and security systems, and establishing a successful chimney service company (American Chimney Sweep) and an office cleaning business.

Later in life, as his work slowed down, he turned his attention to other interests like reading, gardening, and, most of all, spending time with his grandkids. He loved taking care of them, going to all of their school and sporting events, taking them on special trips, and spoiling them with snacks and treats.

Surviving family members include his loving wife of over 50 years, Nell Simmons; his children, Chris Simmons and his wife, Jodi, Cindy Simmons, Melissa Box and her husband, Corey, and Michael Simmons and his wife, Laura; his beloved grandchildren, Rose, Michael, Cameron, Brandon, and Adam; sister, Barbara McLaughlin; and brothers, Charles Lee Simmons, Jr. and his wife, Penny, and Brian Simmons.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents; and his older sister, Patricia Allen.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial contributions to the Special Olympics of Oklahoma, 6835 S. Canton Avenue Tulsa, OK 74136. www.sook.org.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially his family, but they know he will continue to watch over them and live on in their hearts forever.

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April 22 at 7:31 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven L Simmons. Send Flowers

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Petals aglow was purchased for the family of Steven L Simmons. Send Flowers

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A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Steven L Simmons. Plant a Tree

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DW

Diane Wise posted:

As a friend from Steve's past I can truly say he was always loved and looked up to. The Simmons kids and the Wise kids lived one door down . We all came up together, and had lots of fun doing all the crazy things kids do! Steve was 8 years older than me and I thought he was just too cool. One day he agreed to drive me and Chuckie and Brian and probably a couple of other kids to the skating rink. I remember it so clearly because a song came on the radio and Steve reached over and turned it up real loud and he said this is a new song, and y'all mark my words it's going to be a big hit. Well he was right, the city of New Orleans became a huge hit. So, he was also a predictor of good music. He was so many things, and all of them were good. God bless Nell And his entire beautiful family that was so lucky to have Steve in their life. Hope to see you on the other side Steve.

January 10 at 5:39 AM



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KK

Karen Kendall posted:

I always loved Steve's mischievous smile and his willingness to help. Most of all I loved his love for Nell and the rest of his family. He will be missed.

January 7 at 10:46 AM

DL

Dana Luft posted:

Steve and I grew up together one house apart. I have many fond memories. One in particular were the persimmon fights. I was always on his team and we were able to bombard the other kids with persimmons from a tree. That must be where he developed his strong left pitching arm. I remember catching lightning bugs with him and putting them in the jars. Steve was the protector of the neighborhood. Anytime anyone was getting picked on or bullied he was there to break it up. Steve was always laughing and telling jokes and a very positive active child. I will forever remember him. May he Rest In Peace. Dana (Wise) Luft

January 7 at 8:36 AM

TT

The Geophysical Society Of Tulsa posted:

Members of the Geophysical Society of Tulsa honor Steve. A strong supporter, longtime Golf Tournament Chairman and honorary life member of GST. Supporting geoscience students was always his passion. The Geophysical Society of Tulsa

January 6 at 8:57 AM



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