



George Sims

June 26, 1918 - March 10, 2011

George D. Sims of Lake Mary in Crystal Falls, passed away at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls. He was 92-plus years old.

George Dominic Sims was the youngest of three sons of John Ross Sims and Anna Elizabeth Columbatto. He was born at home in Essex, Ill., on June 26, 1918.

George was a graduate of Joliet Township High School, class of 1936, where he met and in 1939 married Jeannette Eugenie Matesi. The couple brought two children into the world, a daughter, Dianne Elizabeth and a son, John Randall "Jack."

George was employed at Public Service Co. in Joliet until World War II came. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and fought in the European Theatre, a member of General Patton's Army. He received three bronze stars and came home on a hospital ship. He was a life member of the NRA and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

George returned to work at the utility company. As an executive in industrial relations, he retired in 1980. For George's 30 years of retirement, he lived on and loved his "On Golden Pond," Lake Mary, of Crystal Falls.

He is survived by his daughter, Dianne (Bruce) Johnson of Wisconsin; his son, John R. "Jack" Sims; granddaughters, Lisa Price (Billy Hamell) of Illinois and Jennifer (Jerry) Smith of Arizona; grandsons, Dr. John R. II (Kera) Sims of Indiana and Dr. Todd (Diana) Sims of Illinois; great-grandchildren, Lauren and Ryan Price, Olivia and Giavanna Smith, Antonio and Carlos Sims, and John R. III and Sophie Sims; one brother, John Sims of Florida; numerous nieces and nephews; and his devoted companion, Lillian Wells of Lake Mary.

George was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, William; granddaughter, Judith Ann Johnson; and his wife, Jeannette.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Mansfield Location's Log Church.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Staff Sgt. George Sims will be laid to rest in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls immediately following the church service.

Full military honors will be accorded.

Condolences to the family of George D. Sims may be made online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ sorry to hear about your Dads death. Remembering many happy memories in Michigan on vacations . Swimming in dead mans hole. The hermit. The Streams. The scary night in the loft. Your parents were wonderful people and I will never forget you Dianne and Jack. Love you guys.....

linda thurm white - joliet , IL - friend - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dianne - I have so many awesome memories of your mom and dad - they were always my favorite aunt and uncle.

Joann Matesi - neice - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Sorry to hear about George. Heard a lot of stories about him from my father and mother, Frank and Millie. I will let them know of your loss.

Mark Columbatto - Ballwin, MO - Relative - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember you Dad (& MOM) well. They were at our home many times before they went out for the evening with my parents. Your Dad was always smiling and had a twinkle in his eye. I am sure this will be a huge loss for your family. My prayers are with you.

Cindy LaVoie Bossinger - Peoria, AZ - daughter of Lloyd & L LaVoie - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am very sorry to here about your loss. Your Dad and Mom would going out all the time with my parents (dinner and dancing). They were fun to be around when we were young kids. Your father helped me get started in my career. My condolences and prayers are with you.

Kurt LaVoie - Bourbonnais, IL - Friend - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Dianne and Jack,

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We remember his engaging smile and zest for life. Remembering a great party in that wonderful finished basement on Water Street! Your Mom and Dad were both such welcoming, fun people and your Mom's homemade pizza....none like it! Thinking of you both in your loss.

Sincerely, Judy and Tom Burton

Judy and Tom Burton - Friends - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I can remember many a day when Jeanette and my mom (Virginia) would sit in the kitchen drinking coffee with other friends and chatting away. Mom sure enjoyed those days. The many times we went to vist all of you at your house in Wilmington. George tried many a times to get mom out on the river but couldn't do it. He was a wounderful person and is greatly missed.

Dave Cooling - Friend - March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ My parents Bob and Virginia Cooling used to bring us down to your house on the river in Wilmington. I was only 5 or 6 at the time, but I remember all the awesome picnics and what I thought at the time was crazy people water skiing. I have my mom's movies that were converted to VHS and it was all captured on there. Those were such wonderful memories of George and Jeanette, Diane and Jack. I believe Diane and Jack were in my sister Bonnie's wedding at St. Rose church. I could be wrong cause I was very very young for that I think 2.
God bless all of you that you had George as a dad, grandpa and great grandpa. Always fun to be around!
You will all be in my thoughts and prayers through this trying time.
May God give you all the strength you need.

Terri Ann (Cooling) Limbach - Joliet, IL - cousin I think - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Dear Diane, Jack and Families:
I applied for a job at Commonwealth Edison (Public Service) in Joliet after graduation from Wilmington High School. George was the person that interviewed and hired me. I will always remember how kind he was to me. I often think of your family as I pass your old house on Water Street.
May your many wonderful memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.
Donna Lombardi

Donna Rouo Lombardi - Wilmington, IN - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM