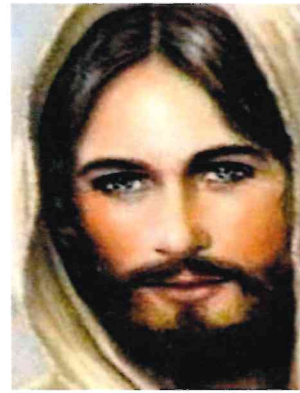


Psalm 23



The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in

green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along

right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of

death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; and

your rod and staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of

my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my

cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the

days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the

Lord forever. Amen

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



GREETING

PRELUDE

We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING HYMN

I'll Fly Away

WELCOME

P Welcome in the Holy Name of Jesus, the Lord and Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, to remember before God our Father our brother John, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief. All who are baptized into Jesus Christ have put on Christ. In his Holy Baptism, John was clothed with Jesus Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory!

C Amen!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

C And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God our Father of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother John. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, console us who mourn. Grant us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all of your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

C Amen!

TRIBUTE HYMN

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SERMON

Pastor Dave Connell

SERMON HYMN

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P Let us give thanks to the Lord God our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit!

C It is right to give the Lord our God thanks and praise!

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of His glory!

C Amen!

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me!

C Amen!

P Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes!

C Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

P Send now, we pray, The Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus and of His resurrection, that we who receive Jesus' precious Body and Blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light!

C Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

LORD'S PRAYER – Pray

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. In it, we remember Him and we receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. If you wish to refrain from taking communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

Safe In the Arms of Jesus

TABLE BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God our Father, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy, through the power of The Holy Spirit, you continue to strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

C Amen!

BLESSING & COMMITAL

P Into your hands, O merciful Lord and Savior Jesus, we commend your servant John . Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive John into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of all of your saints in light!

C Amen!

SENDING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me ELW 623

SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share Jesus' death and resurrection great good news!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

POSTLUDE





Celebration of Life Worship Service

John Gilbert Simmons

July 14, 1948~February 21, 2026

P A Lesson from Romans Chapter 5 verses 1 through 11.

P ¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

John was preceded in death by:

Parents: George & Mary Simmons

Brother: Harry Simmons

Brother: Jay Simmons

Granddaughter: Sarah Parrott

John is survived by:

Wife: Judi Simmons

Daughter: Lisa Parrott (David Parrott)

Daughter: Kathy Gibbs (Brian Gibbs)

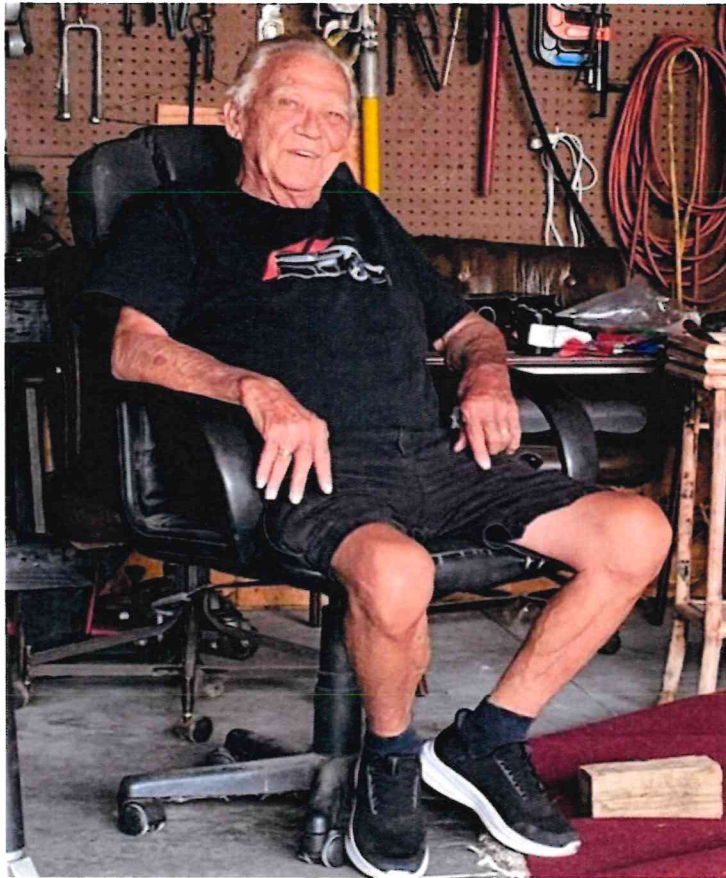
Step-children: Henry Peer & Stacy Gemano (Mike Germano)

Grand-children: Dustin James (Pam James), Kayla Smith (Garrett Smith), Brandi Simmons (Josh Guthrie), Brianna Self (Jeremy Self), Brian Simmons (Teal Simmons), Brittany Highbaugh

(Jake Highbaugh), Joe Germano and Julia Germano

Great-grandchildren: Roman James, Raelynn James, Osmond Smith, Gavin Self, Briar Simmons, Titan Simmons, Auora Simmons, Berkleigh Highbaugh and Karsyn Highbaugh.

**Please join the family for lunch
in the Fellowship Hall following
the Celebration of Life.**



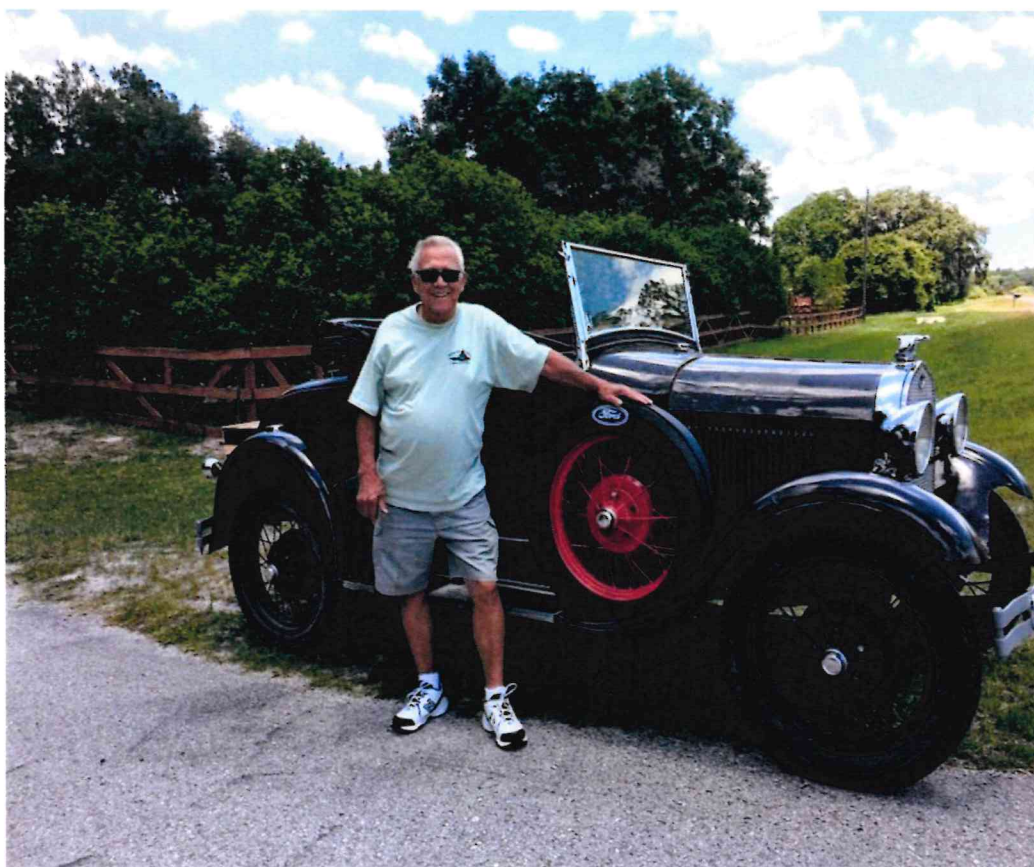
**Donations in John's memory can be made to:
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Mortgage Fund
P.O. Box 693
Summerfield, FL 34492**

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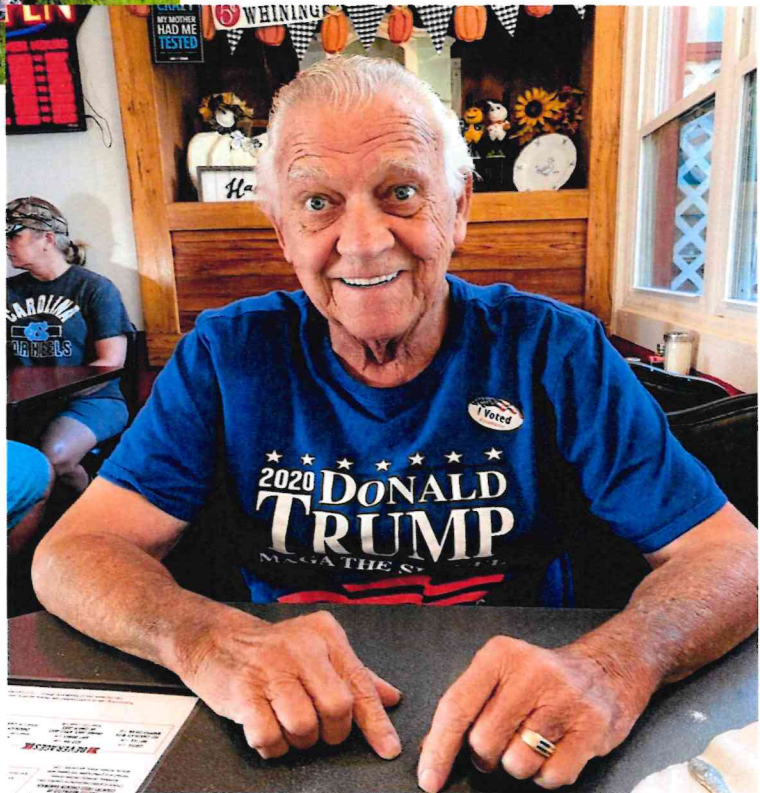
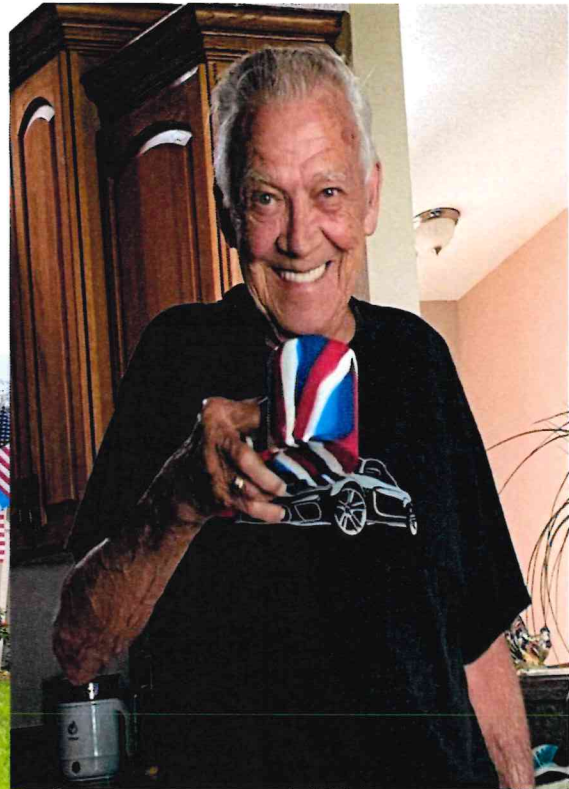
A PLACE FOR ME

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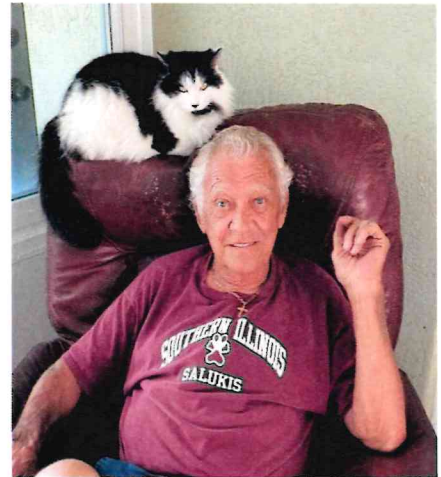
Jesus has called upon me to come home;
He has sent his angels to carry me to a place well known.
For my body I will need no more,
I have found my place just beyond Heaven's door.
I am at peace now with no more pain, the Lord has made that all go
away.
No more suffering, no more tears,
no more doctors, no more fears.
I am free as the eagles that fly in the sky,
soaring over mountaintops, oh so high.
I am not scared to be here for this is my home,
the place where peace, happiness and laughter are known.
I will save a place for you right next to me,
under my wing, a safe place to be.
The Lord and I will watch over you until then,
keeping you safe until the day we meet again.



*Sharing A Moment
with John Simmons*









***A Life Long
Romance***

MUSIC FOR CELEBRATION OF LIFE JOHN SIMMONS

Quiet Moment-Choir

I'll Fly Away

Congregation

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