



## Bill D. Simmons

November 7, 1949 - December 30, 2019

Bill D. Simmons, age 70 of Thompson, OH died Monday, December 30, 2019, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born November 7, 1949, in Toledo, OH.

Bill retired as a Plant Watch Engineer at First Energy formerly CEI in Eastlake after 32 years.

Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, boating, traveling, and most importantly, time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years: Martie (Gieling) Simmons; children: Jill Paulson, Billy (Terese) Simmons, and Chip (Pamela) Simmons; 8 grandchildren: Collin (Jessica Fields) Gilbert, Ashlee Paulson, Heidi (John) Jiberno, Justin (Nicole) Campbell, Hannah Peggs, Ryan (Carina) Jones, Elizabeth Bell, and Michael Simmons; and sister: Tajuana West; and 5 great-grandchildren: Aurora, Brody, John, Jameson, and Pandora.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas and Merita Simmons; brother-in-law: David West; and his dog: Midnite.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 pm Friday, January 10, 2020, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service will be 1:00 pm Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Willoughby Sharpe Cemetery, Willoughby, OH.

Following the burial, friends and family are welcomed to the Eagles Hall in Willoughby for food and refreshments from 3-8 pm on Saturday, 37299 Euclid Ave, Willoughby, OH 44094.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions may be made in Bill's memory to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192 or donate online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org) or to the family.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Willoughby Sharpe Ave. Cemetery

37845 Sharpe Avenue  
Willoughby, OH 44094  
(440) 953-4360

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I remember Bill collecting Baseball Cards in Elementary School and sharing the gum. Rest in peace my friend.

Randy Maffett - January 19, 2022 at 12:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill D. Simmons.



January 07, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Martie, we will miss “Not so Wild” and all the laughs we shared. Remember my invitation, my friend. Our heats go out to you. Hope and Dave Paradysz

Hope Paradysz - January 05, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Dear Martie and family,  
Our sympathy goes out to you all. We have lots of fun memories boating with you and Bill. He was a good man and will be missed by many. Many prayers, John and Janice Mysyk

Janice Mysyk - January 05, 2020 at 09:45 AM

CK

“ Dear Martie,  
Our prayers are with you and your family. Bill was a great guy and will be missed by all who knew him.  
Greg and Carol Koesel

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**Carol Koesel** - January 04, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ This man was like a second father to me growing up. He was my Dad #2. My memories of him are taking us boating and camping and always using my nickname that he invented for me, “Bigfoot”. Lol. He made me laugh and feel safe and part of the family every day of my childhood. I love you Mom #2, Mattie, and Jilly (Stringbean), Chipper, Billy and family. I will never forget having such a wonderful man to spend my childhood with. We will all miss you!!! Xoxoxox. Hugs to you all and thank you for all the memories, Dad#2. ~~ Janette (Bigfoot).

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**Janette Winn** - January 04, 2020 at 11:04 AM



\*Martie. Sorry. Typing too fast and through tears. Xo.

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**Janette Winn** - January 04, 2020 at 11:05 AM

WF

“ Bill was a good friend and I will miss him. He will live on in our memories. We had good times golfing and drinking in Rock Creek RV Resort in Florida and partying at our homes in Ohio. God Bless you Martie for being there for him in his long struggle. May God Bless the Simmons family. Bill and Diane Fisher. Columbia Station, Ohio

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**William Fisher** - January 03, 2020 at 04:33 PM

GL

*Dear Martie and family; I am so sorry for your loss. We know that Bill is at Peace. He had suffered enough. My prayers are with you and I will be in touch soon. You have been so faithful diligent and loving staying at his side for such a long time and I'm sure he was so grateful. We will talk soon. Your friend, Ginny*

**Ginny Lampo** - January 04, 2020 at 02:41 PM

DI

“ *Dear Martie and family.. You have our heartfelt sympathy with the loss of Bill. He will be dearly missed throughtout the yacht club. 🙏*



*Diane and Bill Russ*

**Diane** - January 03, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JO

“ *Bill faught a tough battle with cancer and now he can rest peacefully with the Lord. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him . Rest In Peace.*

**Joseph Orosz** - January 03, 2020 at 09:41 AM

KD

“ *So very sorry, Martie!*

*Kaaren and Gorden Denyes*

**Kaaren Denyes** - January 02, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill D. Simmons.*



January 02, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PJ

“ His pain is gone and he is walking those streets of gold. We will see him again by faith in our sweet Savior.  
Prayer to you all.  
Patti and family



Pat Joyner - January 02, 2020 at 10:15 AM

MF

He will be missed I've known Martie since 1966 and we've been close friends, Bill was a hard worker and always provided for them, he built their house with his own two hands and that was a dream come true. He fought the battle long and hard but the Lord has other plans for him. Bill you will be missed and always loved and respected. May you rest in the arms of our living God.

Marlene And Don Falcoski - January 02, 2020 at 10:48 AM

MS

Bill was such a great person and always pleasant. He sure liked to dance. We are glad he is out of pain and now with our Lord. 5 years is a long time to suffer.  
With our love, Mar and Jer

Marilyn & Jerry Schaffer - January 02, 2020 at 12:06 PM

JB

So sorry to hear that Bill has "Crossed the Bar". May he have eternal calm seas. John and Connie

John and Connie Brock - January 02, 2020 at 12:27 PM

CH

Dear Martie & Family, our sincerest condolences in your loss. May you cherish the wonderful memories held close to your heart. We will truly miss your special guy. Prayers and hugs, Cindy & Dale & Family

Cindy & Dale Hug - January 09, 2020 at 12:16 PM

MS

*Margie so very sorry to hear about Bill. What a great guy he will be missed. He was a good friend and in 1985 I will never forget how he helped us and changed our lives. Thanks to welcome wagon haha we made great friends - lonng time ago. Our best to you - love you Martin.*

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**Mike and Nancy Spelich** - January 10, 2020 at 07:31 AM

MS

*Forgive my typos above Martie - Nancy*

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**Mike and Nancy Spelich** - January 10, 2020 at 07:35 AM