



## Clarence LaVaughn Simmons

August 26, 1945 - May 26, 2023

Clarence LaVaughn Simmons passed from this life to be with the Lord on May 26, 2023, at the age of 77 surrounded by his family. LaVaughn was born in Durant, OK to Clarence Thomas Simmons and Dona Jewel Perkins Simmons on August 26, 1945.

He grew up a fun-loving, hard-working boy, one who was always taking things apart to see how they work, including the family tv or a beach ball on the way home his mom had just bought to see what was on the inside. LaVaughn served in Vietnam, stationed in Thailand, where he earned honors for marksmanship. When he returned, he met the love of his life Freida May Vanbebber and they married on February 20, 1971, at Lake Murray Chapel in Ardmore. Their life was full of love, joy and 3 beautiful fun loving quick witted spoiled daughters. He loved his girls so very much and he loved spending time with his family always having a quick-witted comment to keep everyone laughing. Their home was always filled with laughter & love. He loved to spoil all his girls from the sneaky little grin he'd have on his face when he'd sneak mom's favorite food in the shopping cart to spending a week in the cold snow to build his kids a life size igloo. He also loved to garden, having acres and acres of garden. He loved to mow and tinker with his tractor, that only he was able to start, no one else could do the little tricks to get it to start. LaVaughn worked as a salesman for G&W Bodyworks for most of his career before he retired to be a full time stay at home grandpa. He loved his kids, grands and

great grands so much. He spent many hours building, tinkering and playing with things for the kids.

LaVaughn is preceded in death by his father Clarence Simmons and his mother Dona Simmons.

He is survived by his devoted loving wife of 52 years Freida. Three daughters – Kathy & husband Ryan Mitchell of Clayton, OK; Melissa & husband Steven Covington of Silo, OK; Alecia Jarvis of Mead, Ok; grandchildren Hunter Mitchell & wife Hannah of Clayton, OK; Shannon Covington of Silo, OK; Kevin Covington & fiancé Kaleigh Cummins of Silo, OK; Kelsey & husband Tyler Burton of Clayton, OK; Taylor Mitchell of Clayton, OK; Braydon Mitchell of Clayton, OK; Charleigh Jarvis of Mead, OK; Maverick Jarvis of Mead, OK; great grands Addy, Beau & Reese Mitchell of Clayton, OK; Kasen & Kasey Burton of Clayton, OK; brothers Marvin Simmons of McAlester; Frank Simmons and wife Sherry of Silo, OK and a host of family and friends and his cat Tiger. He was greatly loved and will be so deeply missed by everyone who knew him, he was an amazing person.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery with Ryan Mitchell, Steven Covington, Hunter Mitchell, Shannon Covington, Kevin Covington, and Tyler Burton serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/Y3555T5DHC2GYG4Z>



# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

**MAY 30.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
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## Funeral Service

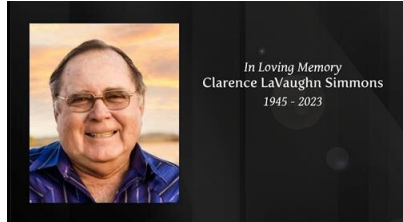
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Clarence LaVaughn Simmons*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - May 30, 2023 at 02:58 PM

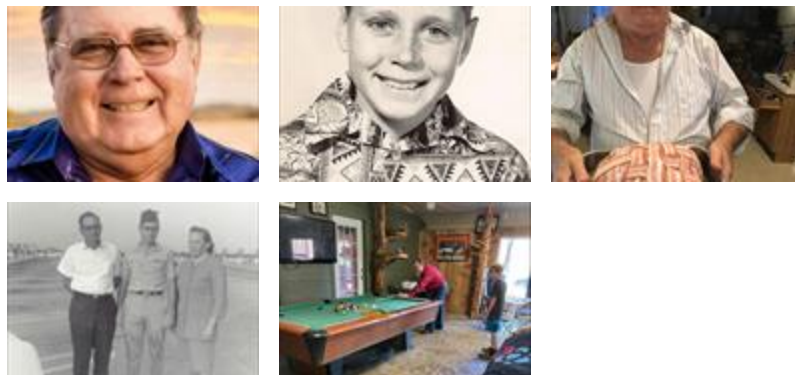
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*What an awesome tribute to such a wonderful man. The pictures tell the story.. what wonderful memories. May God Bless each one of you with his confornting arms. So sorry for your loss.*

**Leita Andvik** - May 30, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ *168 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - May 31, 2023 at 09:27 AM

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“ He was the Sweetest, Kindest, Best Grandpa I could have asked for.  
Love you always, Kelsey.

Kelsey Burton - May 30, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence LaVaughn Simmons.



May 30, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Clarence LaVaughn Simmons.



May 29, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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May 28, 2023 at 11:59 AM