



Kevin Lance Simmons

October 16, 1948 - October 13, 2016

Kevin Lance Simmons, 67, passed away on October 13, 2016. He was with his wife and daughter in the comfort of his home in Bolivar after bravely battling cancer for almost 8 months. He had shared nearly 26 years of marriage with his wife, Linda.

Kevin was born in Leon, Iowa on October 16, 1948 to Robert L. & Evelyn L. Simmons. He attended several different schools in both California and Missouri before graduating from Reeds Spring High School in 1966. Later he attended Southwest Missouri State University. He worked around different construction jobs briefly, but went to work for the US Postal Service in 1982 and spent 27 years as a walking mail carrier.

After his retirement in 2009 he enjoyed fishing, gardening, playing cards with special friends, an occasional trip to a casino for the day, and resting in his favorite recliner. But his most favorite thing to do was spending time with his family and especially his grandsons. An annual camping trip with them was always a favorite event he looked forward to. But even just sitting on the swing, going to the park or watching them play sports, being with them was what made him the happiest.

Kevin will always be remembered by many as one of the kindest men they had ever met. So many words described him, patient, humble, loving and

compassionate. He always wanted the world to be a better place, for there to be more justice and compassion for all mankind and especially kids from all over the world. He wasn't a man that judged you by your skin color, religious beliefs, or how much money you had. He always wanted everyone to be happy and taken care of and if he could lend a hand to someone for any reason he was always ready to do so. His family was very important to him and that included numerous extended family members that were neighbors and friends that he considered the same as family. Kevin made an impression on many people and had a lot of wonderful friends that will miss him.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, his son, Mick and his fiancé Gail, his daughter, Kelly and her husband Justin Mauck, and his son Tyler. Also the proud Papa of Dillon, Patrick and James Simmons, Drew, Aidan and Asher Mauck, Carter and Preston Simmons and Macey Kee-Todd. He is also survived by his siblings, Greg & wife Marlyss Simmons, Rob and wife Joanne Simmons, Tamara Strickley and husband Michael Palmer, Tim and wife Dianne Simmons, Denny & wife Penny Simmons. As well as a host of nephews and nieces who loved and respected him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Evelyn Simmons, and his brother, Gordon Simmons.

Visitation will be held at Butler Funeral Home Thursday, October 20, from 5-7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 21, at Butler Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Lance Simmons*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Kevin Lance Simmons*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Stan Mayfield lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons*



Stan Mayfield - October 24, 2016 at 10:53 PM



“ *Pam Abbott lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons*



Pam Abbott - October 20, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Lance Simmons.



October 19, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ Linda and family,
I am so very sorry for the pain you are all going through right now. I am sending healing thoughts and prayers that you will be comforted by the love he has for you all. No words can take away the pain of losing such a great family man. Bless you all.



Holly Clifford Zamora - October 18, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ Karen Ruggles lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons



Karen Ruggles - October 18, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Linda, the family and all those who love Kevin. I didn't know Kevin but he obviously loved his family and was taken too soon. May God Bless you Kevin and may you RIP.



Linda Kenyon - October 18, 2016 at 06:29 PM

KR

“ *Kim Roberts lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons*



Kim Roberts - October 18, 2016 at 04:26 PM

KR

My deepest sympathies go out for Kevin's family and all who loved and knew him. My prayers will continue as time goes on.

Kim Roberts - October 18, 2016 at 04:30 PM

TS

“ *Kevin, always there in my heart, never forgotten.*



Tamara Strickley - October 18, 2016 at 10:30 AM

DS

“ *Denny Simmons lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons*



Denny Simmons - October 18, 2016 at 09:48 AM

DS

It'll come as a shock to most of you, but Kevin was a great fisherman. Yes, I'll admit it. He was kind of a guru of crappie. I learned much and will be practicing (and passing down) his many lessons to whoever 'll listen. Not to be forgotten, he was also a great big brother.

Denny Simmons - October 18, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ Stephanie Patterson lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons



Stephanie Patterson - October 18, 2016 at 09:16 AM

JB

“ Julia Bartgis lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons



Julia Bartgis - October 18, 2016 at 08:46 AM

JE

“ Jim & Sue Emmons lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons



Jim & Sue Emmons - October 18, 2016 at 08:41 AM

AH

“ Remembering Kevin as a special son-in-law and friend to my Aunt Ann Brown....always there and always loving. Anna Laura Hembree Hopkins and family

Anna L Hopkins - October 18, 2016 at 07:42 AM

TB

“ Kevin was such an amazing friend to so many and he will truly be missed. May he rest in peace and his family find comfort at this difficult time.

Sincerely, Stephen, Theresa and Samantha Bowers

Theresa Bowers - October 14, 2016 at 10:37 AM

TB

“ Theresa Bowers lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons



Theresa Bowers - October 14, 2016 at 10:35 AM

SB

“ Stephen, Theresa And Samantha Bowers lit a candle in memory of Kevin Lance Simmons



Stephen, Theresa and Samantha Bowers - October 14, 2016 at 10:34 AM