



Michael Simms

March 6, 1949 - October 14, 2022

Michael Edgar “Big Mike” Simms, (73) of Nokesville, Virginia passed away unexpectedly on October 14, 2022 while on vacation with his wife visiting RV friends in Millersburg, Ohio.

He was born to parents Charles and Maudine Simms, on March 6, 1949, in Alexandria, Virginia. He spent his formative years living with Robert and Jenny Godfrey in Nokesville, Virginia, where he attended Brentsville District High School and received his Associates Degree from Northern Virginia Community College. Big Mike found pleasure from working with his hands and providing a variety of craftsmanship services to many individuals over the years. He eventually created his own remodeling business until he retired in 2010. However, never one to stay idle and looking for a way to share his gifts, he began working at Greenwich Presbyterian Church as their Facilities Manager until the fall of 2022.

On June 28, 1969, he married his high school sweetheart, Linda Clemen, who he met at Brentsville District High School, where he was the Football Captain, and she was the Homecoming Queen. They had two children, their oldest daughter, Wendy, and younger son Robert “Little Mike.” Big Mike and Linda were doubly blessed when Wendy met and married Richard Atkinson and had Big Mike’s only grandchild, Allison. From that moment on, he became known as “Poppy.” The family grew one final time when Little Mike married Julia Hazel and they provided a host of “grand dogs.” Big Mike is also survived by his older brother James C. Simms and wife Lynn of Eglon, West Virginia, and

younger sister Diane Simms Cornelius and husband Warren Cornelius of Townsend, Tennessee.

Big Mike was known for his passion for music and was an accomplished singer and guitar player. In the 70s and 80s you could find him playing with his friends in the local bluegrass band "The New Grass Union." He later played with his son and recorded an album titled Keepsake with "The Vint Hill Special," the proceeds of which were used to help support his other passion, the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ both locally and to the farthest corners of the world.

Mike is preceded in death by parents Charles and Maudine Simms and Robert and Jenny Godfrey. He is survived by his loving wife Linda of 53 years, Daughter Wendy Atkinson, Husband Richard Atkinson, only Granddaughter Allison Atkinson, Son Robert "Little Mike" Simms and his Wife Julia Simms. He is also survived by extended family member Susan White Hawkins, her husband Kristian and their children Karson and Lindsay Hawkins as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Services will be held on Friday, October 28th from 2-4pm and again from 6-8pm at Greenwich Presbyterian Church in Nokesville, Virginia. A celebration of life service will also be held at Greenwich Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 29 at 11am with a reception to follow to honor Big Mike's enjoyment of fellowship and building relationships. The reception will be held at Kettle Run High School, 7403 Academic Ave. Nokesville, VA 201851 (Less than 3 miles from church-approx. 5 minutes.)

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to Greenwich Presbyterian Church to be utilized to further the mission of Jesus Christ. Donations can be mailed to 15305 Vint Hill Road, Nokesville, VA 20181 with the memo "In Memory of Mike Simms," or given on-line at: <http://www.greenwichpres.org/give> Mission fund in Memory of Mike Simms.

The family invites those near and far who are unable to attend in person to join the service online at <https://greenwichpres.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Greenwich Presbyterian Church Cemetery

15305 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Greenwich Presbyterian Church
15305 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181
(703) 754-7933
office@greenwichpres.org
<http://greenwichpres.org/>

Visitation

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Simms.*



October 26, 2022 at 11:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Simms.*



October 26, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Simms.*



October 26, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *My Condolences to Mike's family and all his friends. He will be missed by all who ever met him...*

Bruce Hively (another Old Tiger)

Bruce Hively - October 26, 2022 at 10:39 AM

JL

“ Truly sad time for all that were Blessed to know Big Mike Sims. When you talk of Mike, you talk of love, kindness, caring, Christianity and the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and very talented musician and singer. A large man with the biggest heart I have ever seen. We were so sad to hear of his passing while on vacation in Ohio. To his wife, Linda and his entire family many prayers for you all. Truly a Large Teddy Bear you could not help but love and care about. One of the best athletes to ever play sports at Brentsville District High School. 6 feet 6 inches, 275 lbs (guessing), of pure talent in whatever he did, truly a servant of our blessed and loving God. Unfortunately to our health issues we cannot make the service or visitation, we live 8 hours away in Surfside Beach S.C. now. God Bless Linda and his entire Family Always. Heaven has gained another Angel we are sure of that. We all loved Big Mike Simms and his love of life and his love of our God.

Joanna & Lester Leonard - October 25, 2022 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ Linda and family, Our community has lost one of a kind. I feel honored and blessed to have known Mike.. I was a safety patrol and remember him as he crossed over in front of the school bus to go home to the Godfrey's. That young man turned out to be one fine gentleman. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. We will all miss his great sense of humor and beautiful voice. In God's love.
Janie Spears

Janie Spears - October 25, 2022 at 11:41 AM

BH

“ Linda and family, We are so very sorry to hear about Mike! What a shock that was to us as well to many! Bob and Karen Harris

Bob and Karen Harris - October 22, 2022 at 08:25 PM

JM

“ Linda as everyone else we were very shocked to hear the news. You know Mike and me go back to when we went to church together as I think my Grandma taught him in sunday school. Then we graduated together, we later heard he was a musician and enjoyed everytime we heard him. I am very thankful for him for singing at my brothers funeral and also when I would let him know about the picking parties over at Ashby Kyle's . He would always say the only reason he came was for my deviled eggs. Every time I fix them I will be thinking of him. Linda so sorry but guess God has a plan. Please call us if we can help you in anyway.

Joyce and Lonnie Moore - October 22, 2022 at 11:57 AM

MJ

“ Marjorie Jones purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Michael Simms.



Marjorie Jones - October 20, 2022 at 05:59 PM

DR

“ Linda, we are so sad to hear of your great loss. Hope that you find some comfort in all the love he left with family and friends. His generous spirit will stay with all of us. Hugs to you and your family.

donna rains - October 20, 2022 at 11:40 AM

BP

“ I haven't seen Mike since I was a kid, but I remember him as a good guy. I hope he never stopped singing.

Brad Puckett - October 19, 2022 at 10:04 PM

JB

“ *Linda, we are so sorry. Mike was such a kind & thoughtful guy, and we have such fond memories of him.*
Judy and Jerry

Judy Burke - October 19, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Simms.*



October 19, 2022 at 11:08 AM

BP

“ *Linda, So sorry for your loss.*

Bonnie and Tom Pearson

Bonnie Pearson - October 19, 2022 at 08:56 AM

ML

So very sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. He was a kind & generous man who helped so many Nokesville & Manassas friends. Rest in Peace.

Margaret Lowry - October 19, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Simms.*



October 18, 2022 at 11:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Simms.* ”



October 18, 2022 at 09:08 PM