



## Donald Simmons Sr.

July 1, 1931 - June 24, 2020

A private funeral service for Donald Simmons Sr, of Wadena, will be held at a later date with Pastors Kevin Gregory and Amy VanValkenburg presiding. Family and friends may gather for a visitation on Tuesday, June 30, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena.

Days before his 89th birthday, Don passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Don was born to Charles Lavern and Pearl Frances (Babel) Simmons on July 1, 1931, in Vanport, PA.

Don served with the US Air Force as a mechanic from 1949 during the Korean Conflict until his honorable discharge as a Tech Sgt in 1969. During that time, Don was united in marriage with Josephine “Jo” Ann Nick on April 24, 1950 in Cumberland, MD. After the Air Force moved them around the world (Japan, England and 7 states), they made their home in Wadena where they raised their family. He was a mechanic for the City of Wadena for 24 yrs, who could be found restoring bicycles and metal recycling in “the Shed”. Josephine passed away May 13, 1997. Don found love again and married Martha May (Nugent) Munroe on February 27, 1999, at Beaver, PA.

He was a proud member of the United Methodist Church, USAF Sgts' Assoc.,

American Legion (past commander), Boy Scouts of America (Silver Beaver Award recipient), Wadena Planning Commission, Wadena Cemetery Board, and was an Honorary Admiral in Whiskey Creek Navy.

Preceding Don in death were his first wife Josephine; parents Charles and Pearl; siblings Charles Simmons Jr, and Bertha Simmons Schooley; and daughter-in-law Karen Schauer Simmons.

Don is survived by his wife Martha of Wadena; children Don Simmons, Jr of Alexandria, Dave (Janel) Simmons of Andover, Diana (Doug) Anderson of Maple Grove, and Dan (Teri) Simmons of Stewartville; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; step-children Debbie Cliff) Sellers of Georgetown PA, John (Donna) Munroe of New Brighton PA, Kevin (Nikki) Munroe of Beaver PA, and Keith (Amy) Munroe of Industry PA; and step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don's grandchildren Robert Simmons, Brian Simmons, Anne Simmons Moore, Eric Simmons, Greg Simmons, Matthew Anderson, Aaron Simmons and Andrew Simmons.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Military honors provided by the MNAGHG and Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - June 29, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ *Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*



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**Dave Schumacher** - July 13, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*



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**Pat Lorentz** - July 01, 2020 at 10:45 PM

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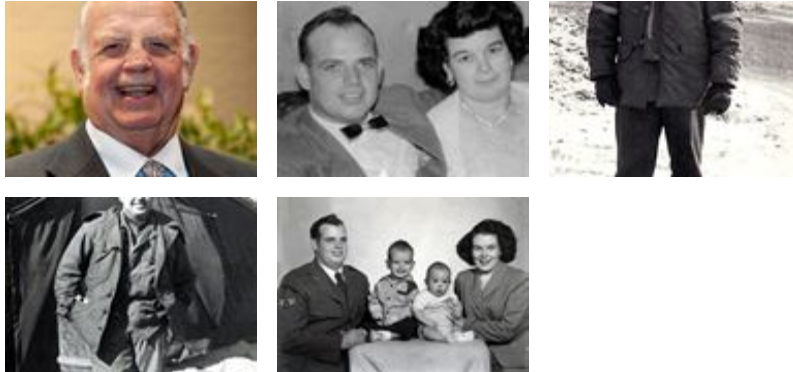
“ Tom, Nancy, David, Joey, Marie, Karl and Christine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Simmons Sr..



Tom, Nancy, David, Joey, Marie, Karl and Christine - June 29, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 29, 2020 at 12:06 PM

BP

“ Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.



Barry & Sandi Pratt - June 28, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Donald Simmons Sr..*



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June 28, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *First, Don will be missed by everyone who knew him, especially me. A few memories of Don: How he liked caramels from Fleet, Plus Don wanted me to save all of the Two Dollar Bills that we received from our customers, Plus Don talked a lot about his pedal car that he purchased for his kids when he was in England -----Bought it new - Sold it - Bought it back a few years later for restoring. Rest in Peace Don. We will remember you always. Rich and Carol Taggart*

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**Rich Taggart** - June 28, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Great guy, always had a smile on his face... ready to talk to you whenever he saw you.*



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**Helen Allee** - June 27, 2020 at 11:35 AM

CF

“ Don was always friendly and willing to take quarters from anyone. He would flip for quarter and I did not see him walk away often without an extra 1 or 2 in his hand. Great guy, very proud of the "kids". Will miss his smile.

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**Craig Folkestad** - June 27, 2020 at 09:45 AM

BR

“ Brenda & Mark Reger lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.



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**Brenda & Mark Reger** - June 26, 2020 at 10:29 PM

MP

“ Morris And Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.



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**Morris and Karen Priebe** - June 26, 2020 at 07:51 PM

RR

“ Don always had a smile! So sorry for your loss, prayers and hugs for all the family.



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**Rocky Reese** - June 26, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Simmons Sr..*



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June 26, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Jerry And Irene lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*



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**Jerry and Irene** - June 26, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*



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**Myron and Karen Winkelman** - June 25, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ *Jackie Perius lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*



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**Jackie Perius** - June 25, 2020 at 03:12 PM

BB

“*Bruce And Barb Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*”



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**Bruce and Barb Brown** - June 25, 2020 at 12:03 AM

DF

“*Dave And Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*”



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**Dave and Sharon Folkestad** - June 24, 2020 at 11:10 PM

GP

“*Gerald Porter lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*”



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**Gerald Porter** - June 24, 2020 at 10:08 PM

AA

“*Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.*”



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**Arlys Andrews** - June 24, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - June 24, 2020 at 09:20 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.



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**Glen Donna Wood** - June 24, 2020 at 07:21 PM

LC

“ Lyle And Cindy lit a candle in memory of Donald Simmons Sr.



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**Lyle and Cindy** - June 24, 2020 at 07:19 PM