

Wayne David Simmons, Sr.

April 29, 1941 ~ October 4, 2024

Wayne was born April 29, 1941, in Los Angeles, California, to James David Simmons and Edith Hadfield Simmons.

Wayne grew up in California where he met and married Marguerite Gene Burns, together they had three children David, Michael, and Brenda. Wayne moved to the Salt Lake Valley in the mid 70's where he met and married Mary Lee Castillo and gained a child Marcus and together they had a daughter Jennifer.

Wayne worked for AT&T as a lineman, moved to Mountain Bell as an installer and then eventually retired from Qwest in 2003. Retirement brought well deserved time in the garden which he loved, and researching his ancestry, he spent hundreds of hours on his own family history. He enjoyed spending time with his wife Mary shopping, cooking, and going out to their favorite eateries. Wayne had a deep love for music, he loved the blues and collected vinyls and CDs of his favorite artists. Next to his family and wife Wayne had a love of cheese, a love so big he shared with everyone, especially his grandkids (which he referred to as little twerps) most grew up to know that you must always have a cheese drawer.

His favorite holidays were the 4th and 24th of July, he absolutely loved setting off THE biggest, THE loudest and THE highest fireworks he could buy (out of state) for his family to enjoy with him. Wayne enjoyed working with his hands, making something useful and beautiful. In the last few years he grew very fond of his birds and squirrels, he fed them everyday and if he could not get out there he would ask someone to go feed them for him. He was kind without having to try, and he loved big and lived to fullest and accepted you with no judgment.

Wayne is survived by his children Wayne David Simmons Jr., Brenda Jean Simmons, Jennifer Anne Cressall, (Jake) Miranda Rana Simmons (daughter in law). His grandchildren Brandon, Amber (Sandel),Braiden, Tabitha (Justin), Sierra (Cody), Shyanne (Colby), Tailey, Julianne, Dalton, Mikeala, Owen, Lorelay, Raaven and 9 great grandberries and 2 on the way one due in March and another due in April. We will pass his legacy on to the next generation of little twerps.

Wayne is preceded in death by his wife Mary, his parents James and Edith, son Marcus, and his son Michael.

Services will be held on Thursday, October 10, at 11:00 AM at Larkin Mortuary - Riverton, 3688 W 12600 S, Riverton, UT 84065. A viewing will take place at the same location from 9:30 to 10:45 AM. Interment will take place at Malad City Cemetery, Malad, ID 83252, on Thursday at 2:30 PM. A dinner will be held in Wayne's honor at 5:00 PM at the wardhouse at 1250 E 4800 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84117.