



## Billie Michael Simms

August 28, 1954 - July 26, 2022

Billie Michael Simms, 67, of Bloomington, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at IU Health Bloomington Hospice House. He was born on August 28, 1954 in Bloomington; the son of Billie Frantz and Patty Ann (Burch) Simms.

Bill graduated from Bloomington High School and later went on to work for RCA in shipping and receiving for 26 years. Following his time with RCA, he worked for U.S. Foods before he joined Kroger, where he recently retired. Bill enjoyed fishing, watching NASCAR and I.U. sporting events, and cheering on the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs. Bill's most treasured time was spent with his family, visiting with his children and grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Rhea (Mercer) Simms; daughter, Jennifer Simms; son, Kris (Jessica) Simms; grandchildren, Hayden, Hudson, and Aliza Simms; siblings, Jackie (Jeff) Cain, Debbie Stapp, and Vickie Fulton; best friend of 50 years, Tom Hinkle; and in-laws, Terri (Tom) Pugsley, Keith (Kathy) Mercer, and Mark (Debbie) Brumleve. He is also survived by his fur-babies, Reggie and Gizmo.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37,

Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bloomington Animal Shelter. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Rhea, So very sorry for you and your family. Bill was a super kind and sweet man.

Tom Ruemler - August 10, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billie Michael Simms.



July 30, 2022 at 08:54 AM



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



July 30, 2022 at 08:46 AM

SB

“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have so many memories of fun times together when we were young. Scott Buker.

Scott Buker - July 29, 2022 at 08:12 AM

MB

“ I shopped weekly @ Kroger, He seemed so polite, defiantly will be missed, many prayers to this family & with our condolences!

*Bob & Margaret Barnes*



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**Margaret Barnes** - July 28, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DW

“ Vicki and I are truly saddened with the family's loss of Bill. I believe in my heart God called him home - far away from suffering and pain. My favorite memory, like so many, came from our basketball days at SMITHVILLE when Bill was arguing Ref's call and lost his false teeth. EPIC! I so admired and respected him. I still hold our COCO-BEACH TRIP in my fondest memories. I know in my heart God will bless him and keep him. Thanks to all for blessing the Waltz family's life.. Doug and Vicki

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**Doug and Vicki Walz** - July 27, 2022 at 07:59 PM



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



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July 27, 2022 at 07:53 PM

JT

“ Rhea, we are so sorry to hear of Billie's passing. Lifting you up in prayers!!!

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**Jackie Tate** - July 27, 2022 at 03:53 PM

RH

*One of the kindest Men I have ever met... RIP Bill....*

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**Richard Hankins** - July 27, 2022 at 08:41 PM



*Rhea and family, we are so sorry to hear of Billie's passing. We are keeping you and your family in our prayers. May God be with all of you during this difficult time. Brenda and Steve Hanners*

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**Brenda Hanners** - July 29, 2022 at 07:25 AM

DS

*I am crushed. I remember when Billie was born. I was 10 years old. I so vividly remember the look on my dad's face when mom told him he had a grandson. Yes indeed he was a good person with a great sense of humor and I loved him very much. My heart goes out to Rhea and his family and to his sisters whom I also love very much.*

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**Donna Shields** - July 29, 2022 at 11:24 AM