



Mr. James Loris Simmons

January 13, 2013

SIMMONS, James Loris, 85, of Plant City, Florida, died on January 13, 2012, at South Florida Baptist Hospital. He was born on January 4, 1928 in Plant City, to Guy W. and Nona Mae Chitty Simmons. As a young boy, Loris attended the Hopewell Strawberry School in Trapnell. In 1945, he graduated from Turkey Creek High School, and that fall entered college at the University of Florida. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture in 1950. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity throughout his college years. After graduating, he entered the United States Army and served for 2 years from 1950 through 1952 during the Korean War. Upon his honorable discharge from service, he began his agriculture teaching career at Sarasota High School. After a year at Sarasota High School, he taught Veterans for 3 years under the Department of Veteran's Affairs. From 1956 to 1972 he taught at Turkey Creek High School, and then taught from 1972 until his retirement in 1983 at Plant City High School. He loved teaching and all of his students. In addition to teaching, he grew citrus and owned over 100 acres of groves. He was a director for the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, past president of the Turkey Creek Farmers Activity Club, a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, and an avid hunter with his buddies in the Georgia Hunt Club. He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Inez Simmons; son Palmer Simmons, his wife Lee and their children Amy and Jimmy; son Wayne Simmons, his wife Cindy; daughter Stephanie Simmons West, her husband Randy and their children Ashley and Neal; and one great

grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Nona Mae Simmons, his brother, Alton Guy, and sister Dorothy "Dottie" Davis. The family extends a heartfelt thanks to the friends and loving staff of Country Manor and all the compassionate workers from LifePath Hospice. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 11:00 A.M. at the Old Hopewell Baptist Church, 6001 CR 39 S, Plant City 33567, with Larry Peoples officiating, and where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment will follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Hopewell Baptist Church Building Fund and/or LifePath Hospice, 12973 Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, Florida 33637. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Hopewell Baptist Church
6003 CR 39 S
Plant City, FL

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Loris Simmons



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ James Loris Simmons was a very fine man. He will be missed by many friends and relatives. God Bless His Memory.

Tom Vann - August 13, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ Mr. Simmons help me with the steers of students when I got to Plant City We were members of the Turkey Creek investment club. Had a few good laughs together at vocation conference. He was one of the best men i knew.

Don Vaughan

Donald A Vaughan - January 18, 2013 at 02:53 PM



“ Buck, Rest in Peace my dear friend, thanks for always being there for me and helping me navigate life's twist & turns, you never stopped even when you finally got me thru high school lol, those years at Turkey Creek & Plant City High 1970 thru 1974 built a foundation that I lean on every day. I will always remeber how you gave Me, Leland & Russell enough rope to roam but not enough to get lost, Say Hi to Tammy for me and the rest of the gang. You may be gone but never will I forget you. Prayers for all the family and a hug to my old pals Palmer & Wayne and thanks for sharing your dad with me.

Wayne Bradbury

Wayne Bradbury - January 17, 2013 at 11:24 PM

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“ Heather Nicole lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Loris Simmons



Heather Nicole - January 15, 2013 at 09:13 PM

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“ I only took care of you for a little under a year but the thought of you being gone still hurts. You always had the most beautiful smile & a contagious laugh. One of the strongest good hearted people I know. You fought until you couldn't anymore. You said you did everything you wanted in life & you & Mrs. Inez raised the most amazing respectful kids I've ever known! We love you & miss you! May you rest in peace Mr. James <3

Heather Nicole - January 15, 2013 at 09:12 PM

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“ When I started the 11th grade at TCHS I was surprised to know that I had ag on my schedule rather than drivers ed. Seems Mr. Simmons had taught all my brothers and just picked me off a list to be his secretary in the ag department because of the Buser name. I was a little put off by being the only girl in ag at first but enjoyed it to the point that I also took ag in my senior year as well. He was a wonderful teacher and a really sweet man. I will be forever grateful for the experience I would have totally missed had it not been for him. He will be missed by many who had the privilege of being in one of his classes. Linda Buser Walker

Linda Buser Walker - January 15, 2013 at 01:12 PM

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Linda Buser Walker - January 15, 2013 at 01:06 PM