



John L. "Muffler" Simms Jr.

January 17, 1947 - January 28, 2012

Age 65, of South Wilmington, IL, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Morris Hospital in Morris, IL. Born January 17, 1947 in Joliet, IL. Veteran of the United States Army, having served in Vietnam. John retired from the Laborer's Union. Member of the VFW in South Wilmington. He attended the Abundant Live Fellowship in Custer Park. Previous owner of Reco's Tap in South Wilmington. He was a DJ, avid NASCAR and Chicago Cubs fan, and enjoyed gardening. Surviving were his mother, Dorothy (nee Ulbrich) Simms of South Wilmington; fiancée, Suzanne Lee of South Wilmington; one daughter, Cori (Jim) Hedlund of Maple Park, IL; Suzanne's children, whom he treated as his own; William (Carol) Zacharis of Custer Park, Andrea (Ed) Foley of Essex, David (Katie) Zacharis of Lockport, IL, and Cathy Manley; twelve grandchildren, Emma Hedlund, Morgan & Logan Zacharias, Michael, Samantha and Christopher Zacharias, Mary Madison Foley, Angela and Thomas Zacharis, and Tiffany, Kimberly, and Britney Manley; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, David (Kathy) Simms and Bill Simms, both of South Wilmington; four sisters, Cheryll (Javier) Rodriguez of Joliet, Donna Simms of Morris, Jill Princko of Wilmington, IL, and Cindy Biebeck of Braceville, IL; one brother-in-law, Ralph Countryman of South Wilmington; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his father, John L. "Jack" Simms, Sr.; one sister, Luann Countryman; and Stephen Zacharias. Funeral services were at the United Methodist Church in South Wilmington, Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Dennis Brooks and Pastor

Greg Linkous officiated. The pallbearers were David Simms, Jr., Christopher Simms, Jamie Princko, Jason Princko, Todd Countryman, and Jim Hedlund. Interment with military honors was in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. The visitation was Wednesday, February 1, from 4-8 p.m. at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., South Wilmington Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall



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