



Phillip L. Simmons

June 15, 1935 - May 23, 2018

Phillip L. Simmons, 82 of Kearney, died Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Good Samaritan Society – St. John’s in Kearney, NE. Funeral services will be on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Church of God in Kearney. Pastor Charlie Gable will officiate and cremation will follow services at the church. Visitation will be on Friday, May 25, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and also 1 hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Phillip was born on June 15, 1935 in Furnas County, NE to Henry A. and Thelma F. (Cline) Simmons. He attended Beaver City High School and graduated with the class of 1953. While in high school he enjoyed being a member of the school band and also playing football. He married Doris Stalder in 1953 and to this union 3 sons were born. Phil and his family lived in several different communities before settling in Kearney. Phil developed a love for cars and trucks at an early age which eventually translated into a 50 plus year career as an auto body technician. Phil greatly enjoyed stock car racing and raced on circuits in Kansas and Nebraska claiming several track championships throughout the years. His love of racing continued long after he stopped racing as a fan of sprint cars and also Nascar. He was a dedicated

member of the Church of God and served on the leadership council for a number of years. He was also a lifetime member of the B.P.O.E. Kearney Lodge #984, the Holdrege Eagles #3122 and also the NRCA. Phil enjoyed watching Nebraska Football and also driving to get parts for various vehicle projects. Phil loved antique cars and owned several in later years; his favorite being his 1969 Cadillac convertible. Phil loved to read and also watch westerns. He enjoyed listening to music. His son Keith kept him supplied with cd's that he played and sang for his dad. Steven often brought his guitar to the home and played for his dad. Phil enjoyed listening to both of his sons' music. He married Susan Orvis on June 30, 1978 in Kearney. He enjoyed vacationing in Estes Park, CO in addition to the many trips he and Susan took including from Alaska to Mexico and from Galveston, TX to Niagara Falls and many states in between.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Susan of Kearney, NE; sons, Keith (Nancy) Simmons of Milltown, MT and Steve (Peggy) Simmons of Kearney, NE; mother in law, Florence Simmons of Estes Park, CO; nephew, J.D. Simmons of Doniphan, NE; niece, Diana Simmons of Norton, KS; brother in law, Dr. B.T. Orvis of Slippery Rock, PA; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; several special great and great great nephews and nieces, cousins and many loyal friends and his dog Sammy.

Phillip was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Simmons; son, Terry Simmons; niece Deb Kinne; great nephew, Jeremy Simmons

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church of God
4310 17th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip L. Simmons*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. and Susan. I went to High School with Phil and also enjoyed watching him race. I was a very close friend of he and Doris as she was in my grade and a close friend and we all lived in the same approximate area. My husband and I enjoyed their friendship and meeting the boys. The years have flown by and I haven't seen him for quite some time but want to express my sympathy and remember the good times..*

Elaine (Williams, Broz) Magstadt - June 01, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathies are with you and the family Susan. So Sorry for your loss. Thoughts Prayers coming your way. God Bless. Doug and Ilene Stanley*

Doug and Ilene Stanley - May 30, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ *Walter Whitney & family
I and my brother Ed raced many years with Phil and have many memories on and off the track with Phil. Me and my family would like to offer our condolences to Susan and all of Phil's family.*

walter whitney - May 25, 2018 at 09:16 PM

RB

“ Susan, I'm so sorry to read of your lose. I'll be praying for you. Rita Ankenman Bose.

Rita bose - May 25, 2018 at 01:47 PM

FS

“ Florence Simmons purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Phillip L. Simmons.



Florence Simmons - May 25, 2018 at 11:45 AM

BO

“ Bruce Orvis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Phillip L. Simmons.



Bruce Orvis - May 25, 2018 at 10:52 AM

JW

“ Thanks for the many memories Phil and Susan over the many years. Respectfully, Jim Wenburg

Jim Wenburg - May 23, 2018 at 06:54 PM

DS

“ *Diana Simmons lit a candle in memory of Phillip L. Simmons*



Diana Simmons - May 23, 2018 at 06:01 PM

DS

“ *Uncle Phil your love and support of me throughout the years meant more to me and the kids than you'll ever know you became like a father figure to me and even tho I didn't always listen I did value your advice. Like the time you told me not to get that Oldsmobile Calis just because it was pretty that you would find me a car if I'd just wait turns out I should have waited and you were right that car was a night mare, but you got me a really pretty red one that ran great until someone decided to wreck it. Amber and I will miss your skills of picking just the right car for us. Love you Uncle Phil May you rest in peace*

Diana Simmons - May 23, 2018 at 06:00 PM

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“ *I raced with Phil and became his motor builder and crew chief. From York NE. Please know prayers are On going for Phil and family.*

Ivan Tracy - May 23, 2018 at 05:38 PM

DS

So sorry for your loss Suzan ,he was a good man ! Accept our sympathy and prayers! Dale and Marilyn Sickler

Dale Sickler - May 26, 2018 at 08:47 PM