



"Donnie" James D. Simar

January 19, 1941 - June 30, 2021

"Donnie"

James D. Simar

Jennings: James D. Simar was born in Iota, LA on January 19, 1941, to John M. Simar and Mary Reed. He was called to his Heavenly Father on June 30, 2021. Donnie served our Country honorably in the Army. He made his career as a gauger in the Petroleum Industry, he worked for Amoco until his retirement in 1991. Donnie was an avid outdoorsman, he loved to hunt, and fish, as well as tend to his garden. He was also a skilled carpenter. Donnie was well known for his dry sense of humor, and he never had anything bad to say about anyone. Donnie was honest, hardworking, a great father and friend to all, he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Donnie is survived by his longtime companion Roberta Gaspard of Jennings, LA; his daughters, Jeleana Simar of Evangeline, LA, Jennifer Simar Lavergne (Ray) of Lafayette, LA, Felicia Simar of Evangeline, LA, and their mother Sandra Simar; his brothers, John Derrell "Manny" Simar (Estelle) of Iota, LA, David H. Simar (Carolyn) of Iota, LA; his grandchildren, Joycelyn & Tristan.

Donnie is preceded in death by his parents, John M. & Mary Simar; his maternal grandparents, Billy & Laura Reed; his son, Jamie Simar.

A Mass of Christian burial for James D. "Donnie" Simar, 80 of Evangeline, LA will be held at St. Jules's Catholic Church in T-Mamou, LA on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at 12:00 PM. Donnie will be laid to rest in the St. Jules Cemetery following his Services. Those chosen to honor him as his pallbearers will be David Simar, Bryan Simar, Dean Simar, Cal Simar, Ray Lavergne, Patrick McFarlain, Dale Whitney & Leo Benoit. Honorary pallbearer will be John Simar.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Friday, July 2, 2021, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a rosary recited at 6:00 PM. The family request that visitation resume on Saturday at 8:00 AM until the time of his funeral Mass.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Jules/TeeMamou Cemetery

5861-5863 Riverside Rd
Iota, LA

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-4420
jimmy@matthewsfh.com
<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

Rosary

JUL 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUL 3. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Jules Catholic Church
5863 Riverside Rd.
Iota, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *"Donnie" James D. Simar*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Donnie and I worked together for Amoco's Thornwell field. Simar, as he was known was always the same gentlemen, always respectful of others. When experienced racism, I assigned to work with Simar, such a good man! He loved his family above all other things. Praying for healing and comfort for his family!*

Michael Cormier - July 03, 2021 at 08:05 PM



Excuse my typos, very emotional at this time

Michael Cormier - July 03, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *No Words express the depth of our sorrow for your loss. Rest In Peace Donnie 🙏🙏🙏
Sending love light and blessings in abundance. Love Pat and Connie*



Pat and Connie Newbound - July 03, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of "Donnie" James D. Simar.*



July 02, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Matthews Funeral Home - July 02, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of "Donnie" James D. Simar.



July 02, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Sad to hear of Donnie's passing as he was a great friend, classmate and teammate. I cherish the time we had together. RIP my friend as you will be missed,

Leland RoY - July 01, 2021 at 08:29 PM