



John Wheeler Simms

November 20, 1936 - February 22, 2018

John Wheeler Simms born November 20, 1936 in Jacksonville, Texas to Bodie and Bennie (Franklin) Simms. His family settled in Santa Barbara in 1944. He attended Lincoln Elementary, Santa Barbara Junior High, Santa Barbara High School, and graduated from UCSB with a B.A. in Zoology.

Honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1962 having served as a Medical Specialist, John earned decorations as marksman (rifle) and expert (carbine). He later worked for General Electric and then UCSB as Manager of Loan Collections.

He was an active member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. His family was one of the two families that were the founders of Lewis Chapel CME Church in Santa Barbara.

Thursday, February 22, 2018, John passed away peacefully at home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bodie and Bennie Simms and leaves behind his devoted siblings: Myrtle A. Simms, William B. Simms, Julia Simms Taylor and many other relatives and friends. Viewing March 7, 2018 from 3pm-5pm at Welch-Ryce-Haider 15 E. Sola Street. The funeral service will be March 8, 2018 at 11am at Lewis Chapel 202 E. Gutierrez Street in Santa Barbara.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
(805) 969-3231

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown
15 E. Sola St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

Lewis Chapel CME
202 Gutierrez Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Just heard about John's passing. He was a great man and even better friend.*

Sincerely

Larry A Jones

Larry Jones - January 30, 2019 at 06:37 PM

BF

“ *To The Simms Family:*

I wanted to send a card, but I don't have any your addresses. From myself and the rest of my family, we would like to send our condolences and let you know how shocked and saddened we were. May you find comfort in your memories and with God's help.

Barbara Matthews Godwin & Family - March 14, 2018 at 07:28 PM

WL

“ *Dear Simms family,
May God bless you and keep you thru his
unfailing love. We Love you and we're
praying for you.*

Wiggins & Wanda Faye Lambert

Wiggins Lambert - March 08, 2018 at 05:42 PM

