



David William "Bill" Sims

September 25, 1957 - January 17, 2026

David William "Bill" Sims, 68, of Rogers, died Saturday January 17 in Rogers. He was born in Springdale on September 25, 1957, to Pete and Bonnie Martin Sims. The youngest of 7 siblings, he spent his childhood in Springdale, trying to simultaneously find and stay out of trouble.

After high school, Bill attended VoTech (now NWTI) in Springdale. There, he learned automotive repair skills, a trade that he used to serve others for 45 years. He worked as a mechanic at dealerships in Northwest Arkansas, where he made countless friends. He was always willing to help those in need, repairing cars for others in his driveway or on the side of the road. When he decided to slow down, he served as janitor and handyman at First Baptist Church of Lowell, and then as a mechanic and bus driver for Rogers Public Schools.

In addition to repairing cars, Bill enjoyed driving and racing them. He loved to watch Nascar. He raced on various dirt tracks throughout the 1990s, and then began drag racing shortly thereafter. He still loved to go to the races, and enjoyed sharing this hobby with his son and grandsons. He also passed along his love of speed and cars to his daughter, who struggled to find a vehicle that could both accommodate her family and also accelerate quickly out of a curve.

Bill thrived when helping others, but was selfless when it came to his own needs. He spent many years as a volunteer firefighter at the Lowell Fire Department. He also served on the Lowell City Council. He was a soccer

coach for his son's soccer team despite having neither played nor watched soccer. He helped chaperone youth group trips for First Baptist Church of Lowell, once having to take his large rolling toolbox along for the trip on the old rickety bus being driven to South Carolina.

Most people remember Bill for his laugh and fun spirit. He often said, "I may grow old, but I refuse to grow up." It was rare for him to turn down an adventure whether big or small. If you asked him if he wanted to participate in something, he simply responded with, "What time should I be there?" In recent years these adventures often involved his grandchildren. He once ran a spontaneous 5k in the Bahamas. He participated in many Square to Square bike rides. He was always game for a day at a water park or amusement park, where he would ride the biggest rides and joke with the characters. He was happily "That Guy" in a skit while visiting Walt Disney World, a title he cherished. He surfed for the first time 2 years ago while on a cruise. He loved being on the lake, boating, and fishing with his family. He loved to watch Razorback sports surrounded by his children and grandchildren, both in person and at home. Even more than Razorback sports, he loved cheering on his children and grandchildren at their sporting and academic events.

Above all, Bill was proud of his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Haley Vo and husband Caley of Rogers; his son, Brad Sims and wife Jennifer of Rogers; his six grandchildren; Katie, Jacob, and Harper Vo; Will, Vivion, and Barrett Sims. He is also survived by Penny Sims of Lowell, the mother of his children; 2 brothers: Don Sims and wife Becky, and Harold Sims and wife Carolyn; 2 sisters: Cheryl "Jeannie" Simmons and husband Dave, and Sue Goldman. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends that he counted as family. His parents, his brother Charles Sims, his sister Charlotte Ralston, his brother-in-law Haris Goldman, and his brother-in-law Don Ralston preceded him in death.

Funeral Services will be at First Baptist Church of Lowell. The family will receive friends for an hour preceding, followed by a short service. In his honor, please donate to the Down Syndrome Connection of Northwest Arkansas, or

simply help out someone in need with a small act of kindness.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 1pm at First Baptist Church of Lowell. Burial will follow at Goad Springs Cemetery in Lowell.

The family will receive friends from 12-1pm at the church.

Memorials may be made to Down Syndrome Connection of Northwest Arkansas, 1200 W. Walnut St., Suite 1424, Rogers, AR 72758.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Goad Springs

Lowell, AR 72745

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Lowell
409 Johnson Ave.
Lowell, AR 72745

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Bill always had a smile on his face! I will miss seeing him*

Dee Gee - February 02 at 04:25 PM

VM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a good man with a good heart and always wore a smile. I am unable to be at the service but will be praying for friends and family. Vicki Yeager Morris (2nd cousin)*

Vicki Morris - January 21 at 12:35 PM

KA

“ *Bill had a heart of gold and lived out the fruits of the Spirit in his daily walk with Christ. We grew up together in school and at Lowell Baptist Church. His passing was so unexpected, and I am deeply grateful that I was able to see him in October. He will be greatly missed. Sending prayers to his family that he dearly love. I will see you again in heaven my friend 🙏💕🙏*

Katharine Vanzant Arno - January 21 at 05:24 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.*



January 21 at 12:09 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.



January 20 at 11:26 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.



January 20 at 11:13 PM



“ Parker and Fran, James and Amy Taylor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.



Parker and Fran, James and Amy Taylor - January 20 at 05:23 PM



“ Love Misty, Kerry, Jordan, Cole, Tyler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David William "Bill" Sims.

Love Misty, Kerry, Jordan, Cole, Tyler - January 20 at 12:33 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.*



January 20 at 12:33 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.*



January 20 at 12:21 PM



“ *Love Don, Harold, Jeannie, and Sue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David William "Bill" Sims.*

Love Don, Harold, Jeannie, and Sue - January 20 at 12:21 PM



“ *The Phipps, Vaughn and Jones Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David William "Bill" Sims.*

The Phipps, Vaughn and Jones Families - January 20 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.*



January 20 at 11:59 AM



“ *Jonathan, Jennifer, Duncan & Cole Taylor purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David William "Bill" Sims.*



Jonathan, Jennifer, Duncan & Cole Taylor - January 20 at 11:54 AM



“ *I'm so saddened by this news. Bill was the kindest-hearted, funniest guy and could light up a room with that smile. I know you all will miss him so much. He left a piece of himself with each of you. Hold onto that. It will warm you when it's cold and when you're lonely, you're never alone. He'll always be there. All my love and prayers.*

Holly Jones - January 20 at 11:47 AM

MH

“ I could write a book of all the wonderful memories I have of times spent with Bill. I benefitted several times from his loving and serving spirit referenced in the obituary. We helped each other raise our children (that's another book), traveled with youth group, worked VBS, played softball, and the list goes on. Now, the only sad memory is how I failed to maintain my connection with him. There should have been so many more memories. He will be sorely missed.

Mark Hornback - January 20 at 11:05 AM

KB

“ Haley, Brad and Penny,
I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad and friend. His life was full and love was apparent. May those memories help carry you through this time. Prayers for peace and understanding. -Kassie

Kassie Brennan - January 20 at 10:34 AM

DO

“ I just met your dad once, but knew he was a pretty great guy, from your stories. There's just something about a girl and her daddy, and to know you is to know you two had a special bond. He exuded warmth and kindness even when he was not feeling well. You and your family will remain in my prayers in the weeks ahead ❤️



Donna Olson - January 20 at 10:32 AM

TH

“ Bill and Penny were at so many of our grandchildren’s games. Bill always had a warm smile and handshake. I’m so sorry to hear of his passing. Penny/Will and Brad our family are keeping you close to our hearts. Prayers for all your loved ones. We share in your loss this month. We love you.

Tommy and Cindy Hatcher - January 20 at 09:36 AM

KM

“ Bill and my Daddy are certainly sharing a story in Heaven. Dad thought so much of Bill. Hugs and prayers Haley, Brad, Penny, and family!!



Kerry Morris-Hanson - January 20 at 08:40 AM

JM

I loved that he never wanted to "grow up!" He had a Peter Pan kind of charm and it was a pleasure meeting him. God Bless the family and continued prayers for you all.

Jan Murphy - January 20 at 12:21 PM