



## Bobby Ray Simmons

October 4, 1931 - May 9, 2010

Bobby Ray Simmons was born October 4, 1931 in Guthrie, OK, the son of the late Jeff Lloyd and Blonnie (Moore) Simmons. He was the oldest of 8 siblings. He lived in Missouri until his family moved to Bell Gardens, CA in 1947. He worked at a Mobil gas station as an attendant after school and weekends. In 1950, he delivered ice before joining the National Guard (40th Military Police). The government mobilized him into the Army. He left the Army to go back to Wyatt, MO to work on a family farm. In August of 1950, he joined the Navy and served in the Korean War.

He married Vallie D. Komrosky, April 19, 1957 in Bell Gardens. They made their home in California until 1962. They lived in Nevada and Montana until moving to St. Francis, MN in 1968. He was a certified fireman and licensed paramedic and was employed at Elk River Ford in Elk River, MN as a mechanic until their move to Phoenix, AZ in 1978. They moved to Oriska, ND in 1990. He was employed by the Oriska School District. When he retired, he did scrap clean up and salvage. After losing the love of his life for 39 years on February 17, 1996, he spent winters in Drumright, OK and Phoenix, AZ. He loved to fish, go to the horse races, eat out, and to modulate on his CB.

Bobby is survived by his four sons, Ronald (Beverly) of Payson, AZ, Richard and Harry both of Oriska, and Kenneth of Valley City, ND; a daughter, Jacqueline (Adrian) Steinbrecher of Payson; grandchildren, Troy (Angela), Jeremy (Tina), Matthew (Kimberly) Thrane all of Watertown, WI, Chad (Nicole) Thrane of Denver, CO, Joseph, Joshua, and Jacob Simmons all of Payson, Anthony Simmons of Great Falls, MT, Kayla Simmons and Kodi Stuart both of Omaha, NE; 5 great grandchildren; a brother, Stanley (Jo Ann) of Torrance, CA; sisters-in-law, Mary Simmons and Nancy Simmons both of Aberdeen, WA; several nieces and nephews; and a close friend, Donna Weese of Drumright, OK.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and America (Sams) Simmons and James and Sarah Moore; brothers, Glenn Fay, James Harold, Carl Edward, Thurman Lee, and David Wayne; a sister (his twin); a son, Robert Daniel; and a daughter, Rebecca Louise.

# Events

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**JUN**   **Service**                      01:00PM

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Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S., Valley City, ND, US

# Comments

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“ So sorry for the loss of your father. I remember all of the good times at the Fourth of July lighting fireworks and sparklers. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**John Mosby** - May 18, 2010 at 10:35 AM

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“ To the Simmons Family, simply, thank you for sharing your dad with me. The evening I walked uninvited into his house after getting a call to go check on him will live in eternity with me. The look on his face when I simply appeared startled both him and me. It was just a phone left off the hook and not a medical crisis. We had a great laugh, and what a splendid way to meet a new friend. I also got to see him at the VA just a few months ago. What a cutie pie he'll always be. Now you're all just like me. We are in a club of blessed children who have our own angel. We get to call him by name, "Dad!" Love and prayers of comfort to carry you through this time.

**Jodi Rae Ingstad** - May 13, 2010 at 07:04 PM