



William "Billy" Simmons

November 30, 1938 - April 15, 2026

William F. Simmons, 87, of Bourbonnais, formerly of Manteno, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at his home.

He was born November 30, 1938, in Tamms, Illinois. He graduated from Manteno Highschool and was a star player on the basketball team with Coach Ed Hays. He served in the United States Army, 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He married Patrica K. Galloway at the Kankakee Presbyterian Church on October 5, 1963.

Billy loved tinkering with cars and woodworking. He also enjoyed car shows, flea markets, and NASCAR. He also enjoyed hunting. In his younger years he also liked drag strip racing. Bill loved his restored 1980 GMC pickup and dancing.

He is survived by his wife Patricia K. Simmons of Bourbonnais, daughter, Chris Simmons of Joliet and Brian Simmons of Bourbonnais; as well as several nieces and nephews.

William is preceded death by his parents and sister, Linda (Sam) Davis; in-laws, Ralph and Ila Galloway; brother-in-law, Jeff Galloway; and nephew, Corey Marcotte.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 24, 2026, from 4pm to 7pm at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home, Manteno. The funeral service will be held Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11am. Burial will immediately follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Make a Wish Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CI

“ *Celia Iniguez purchased the Strength & Solace S
pray for the family of William "Billy" Simmons.*



Celia Iniguez - April 24 at 03:14 PM

JH

“ *Pat, Chris and Brian,
I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that you find peace and strength
during this difficult time.*

Janelle Hindmand - April 21 at 09:59 AM

MM

“ *MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of
William "Billy" Simmons*



MR MRS - April 21 at 08:32 AM

SM

“ *Pat, Chris and Brian. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all.*

Shirley Miles - April 20 at 08:00 PM

BK

I'm so sorry for such a huge loss. You are all in my prayers 🙏

Beth Kirkman - April 20 at 08:19 PM

SF

“ Bill is my brother in-law & I want to say that he was a good man who would help family & friends with so many projects. He built his own home & then helped many others get their homes, garages or sheds built!

Loved stock car racing & procedure to help others to get their cars running to race.

Bill was full of stories & if he kept an audience he could go on for hours! He will be missed!!

Sharon Fred - April 20 at 06:59 PM

DL

“ Aunt Pat, Chris and Brian I am so sorry. Uncle “B” was a great man loved hearing all his stories. He will definitely be remembered. Love you all!!

Deanna

Deanna Laminack - April 20 at 06:16 PM

LC

He will be missed by all who loved him. Rest in Peace

Linda Crites - April 20 at 11:10 PM

KG

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was an extremely talented man who could do almost anything, from building houses to building engines and everything in between. As a young teen I learned a lot from Bill. Our family benefited greatly from him as he was always willing to help with any project anyone had. We leaned on his talents for years. His work ethic was off the chart. In the right setting he would be the life of the party, and a untiring dancer! Men of his caliber don't come around often! We will all miss him.

Rest Easy Bill

Keith Galloway - April 22 at 11:50 AM

NL

Pat and family, sorry to hear of your loss. I think of you and all your family often. Nadine Lowery

Nadine Lowery - April 25 at 04:30 PM