



## Irvin Elias Simms Jr.

July 19, 1954 - February 19, 2023

Irvin Elias Simms, Jr., 68, passed away at his home in Cold Springs Township, MI on February 19, 2023, surrounded by his family. Irvin was born on July 19, 1954, in Detroit, MI. He is the son of Flora Mae (Hill) and Irvin Elias Simms Sr. Irvin married Susan Ellen (Lash) on February 19, 2000. He spent 23 years married to the love of his life. Irvin always had a passion for bowling, growing up around a bowling alley, he quickly took to the sport and learned the ins and outs of the game. He turned that passion into a life-long love of the game, playing and participating in bowling for as long as he could. He gladly managed Mancelona Lanes for the last 10+ years. When Irvin was away from bowling, he loved spending time outdoors, camping with family, and fishing off the pontoon on nice summer days. Working hard came natural to Irvin, he was a handyman who you could frequently find building something new around the house. He loved to attend car shows as well, his favorite car being a 1970 Pontiac GTO, cherry red preferably. As Irvin got older, he always made it a point to attend his grandchildren's sporting events. Taking it a step forward, he started to coach softball for Mancelona Little-league, enabling him to coach his granddaughters as well. Irvin was a very strong willed, strong headed, and independent man that always took it upon himself to do everything in his power to make life easier on his wife. Above all, he was a family man, who loved spending time with his grandchildren. Irvin will be missed by all and remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Irvin will be lovingly remembered by his wife Susan Simms; daughters Tracy (Wallace)

Simms-Samuels, Tiffany Albright; sister Barbara Simms, Kathleen Stropp, Sara (Anthony) Kritikos; grandkids Veronica, Austin, and Sarah; family friends Andy and Dawn Fischer. He was preceded in death by his parents; Flora and Phillip Stropp; father Irvin Simms Sr.; son Kenneth Lash; brother Steven Simms; Brother-in-law John Stanula; and parents-in-law Ken and Barb Lash. The funeral service will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 1:00 PM, the family will receive friends beginning at 12:00 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S. Cedar  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
(231) 258-3346

## Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Dombrowski lit a candle in memory of Irvin Simms*



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**Jean Dombrowski** - February 28, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irvin Elias Simms Jr..*



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February 24, 2023 at 11:03 AM

TS

“ How do I even begin to share a lifetime of memories? My dad was an amazing man and father! One that I always ran to when I needed something. He could fix everything. One that I always looked up to for guidance and advise....sometimes I listened, most times didn't and paid for it in the end 😭 Dad always told me his thoughts...good bad or ugly 😭 My dad was always tuff on me growing up and today I am thankful for that! I by far wasn't the perfect daughter, but a lot of who I am today is because I admired my dad. I always looked up to him. Sure we had our ins and outs, ups and downs but he is my dad and I loved him unconditionally. He always loved when we all could get together. Wether work or play, they were all precious memories that will never be forgotten. My father was a very stubborn man 😭 strong willed, and a very hard worker. There was nothing he couldn't do or fix. Having cold beers with dad was always a must! Wether it be after a hard day of work, enjoying a hot summer day by the pool, camping, by a bon fire or just because, Bud Light was always near by! I could go on and on about what a wonderful man my dad was. He will forever be my hero, my Daddio and I will live every single day of my life doing all I can to make him proud of his daughter!!

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Tracy Simms - February 23, 2023 at 01:56 PM

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“ BARBARA SIMMS lit a candle in memory of Irvin Simms



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BARBARA SIMMS - February 22, 2023 at 03:43 PM

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“ *Your Sisters, Barbara, Kathy & Sara-Beth purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Irvin Elias Simms Jr..*



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**Your Sisters, Barbara, Kathy & Sara-Beth** - February 22, 2023  
at 03:37 PM

SS

“ *I didn't finish because I didn't add a very important person who is a big part of our life. Whenever I needed her she was her in minutes Tiffany you will always be a big part of my life and thank you for all you have done for Irv and I, love you*

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**Sue Simms** - February 21, 2023 at 09:23 PM

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“ This says share a memory, how do you share just one memory when you have 24 years of love together. I can tell you I couldn't have ask for a better man. He was a hard worker to provide for me because he didn't want me to have to work. He did however love it when I started taking care of our baby granddaughter then our grandson, all our grand kids meant the world to him as to me also. He hadn't seen a couple of his grandkids for a few years and it really broke his heart but he will see them again one day. He has a great daughter Tracy that he loved dearly and her man Wally they put their life on hold to help her dad and me and they both did a awesome job. 2 of his sisters were both able to come spend time with him and his brother in law Tony as well. His granddaughter Sarah came up and she played her guitar for him and that just melted his heart. Austin and Veronica came to see him and Veronica even volunteered to drive us to traverse city for his appointments. There are so many people that helped out and I love you all so very much. His bowling family at Mancelona Lanes meant the world to him and he always told me Dawn and Andy were his kids too, they meant the world to him and me as well. Thank you all for all your love and support and prayers, may God bless you all!

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**Sue Simms** - February 21, 2023 at 07:53 PM

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“ Tracy Simms lit a candle in memory of Irvin Elias Simms Jr.



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**Tracy Simms** - February 21, 2023 at 07:13 PM

SS

“ Sue Simms lit a candle in memory of Irvin Elias Simms Jr.



Sue Simms - February 21, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Irvin Elias Simms Jr..



February 21, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ Distinguished Service Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Irvin Elias Simms Jr..



February 21, 2023 at 05:11 PM