



## Carl Edward Simmons

February 15, 1949 - October 28, 2019

Carl Edward Simmons, 70, of Mooresville, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2019.

He was born on February 15, 1949 in Woodbridge, VA, to the late Woodrow and Elsie Stone Simmons. Carl was a veteran serving in the US Army. He was also a NASCAR official for over 35 years and was very devoted to his racing career. He was known among the NASCAR Community as “36A” and “Back Stretch”. During his career, Carl was a mentor to many, friend to all. He was known to be stern but fair; loved to make people laugh and gave the best bear hugs. Not only was Carl devoted to his racing career, he was also a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son; and granddaughter, Bailey.

He will be deeply missed and loved by his wife, Cathy Simmons; daughter, Shelley Lewis and husband, Mark, and grandchildren, Andrew and Brooke Lewis; brother, Daniel Simmons and wife, Lynda.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 4th from 6:00-8:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, NC. A Celebration of Life with military honors will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 5th at Cavin-

Cook Funeral Home Chapel, Mooresville, NC. Burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Simmons family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Edward Simmons*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Carl Edward Simmons*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Carl Edward Simmons*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I remember you both for your unwavering kindness. My condolences to you, Cathy, and to your family.*  
- *Dianne Shipp*

**Dianne H Shipp** - July 24, 2020 at 11:29 AM

BG

“ Cathy, Shelly, Danny and families - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I have so many good memories of Carl from Bobby's \$ sign racecar, NASCAR flagman, safety person and his retirement from NASCAR after 35 years. He followed his dream to work with NASCAR. He called me when he retired and we had a long conversation about the old days , his health issues and his move to Mooresville. Don talked to him in Lowes just a few weeks ago He had his dog with him and Don said he looked good. I was very touched when he came to Bobby's funeral and put a NASCAR pin on Bobby's lapel. He was a special person and will be missed. God Bless All Of You. Betty Ann Glass & Family

Betty A. Glass - November 05, 2019 at 09:25 AM

SH

“ Carl you were a good friend and will be truly missed by the whole Hoadly gang which you were and always will be a part of, after all its where you got your start for the love of racing. You were very much a part of the Glass family when we were growing up being on the \$ pit crew for our dad while racing at Beltsville and Old Dominion speedways. We all had a lot of fun back then when racing was truly racing, it really was the good ole days. You'll be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy, and Shelley & her family. Sherry Glass Hannum



sherry hannum - November 04, 2019 at 08:43 PM

MR

“ Carl was one of my favorite nephews.  
From your Aunt Mildred. Love you. RIP.

Mildred Rigney - November 04, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.*



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November 04, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ *Praying for comfort. Carl was a man that if you met him, you never forgot him. I am blessed to have been able to laugh with him, get hugs from him and have his friendship. Cathy, I will keep you in my thoughts during this very difficult time. RIP Carl*

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**Robin Trivette** - November 03, 2019 at 02:11 PM

CI

“ For many of you, Carl was about NASCAR. For me he was Shelley's Dad and as you can see Calamity's friend. To hear Shelley talk about him as her Dad he always seemed bigger than life. And for Calamity he was someone who was kind and had a big heart for animals which she knew and wanted her picture taken with him. We lost her, a few days before Shelley heard about her Dad. Then Shelley sent me this picture and the first thing I said is I would be that they are already taking another selfie together and at least we both smiled for a minute. Everyone that knew you as Carl will miss you terribly and I know your furry friend Lady Bug especially. And for me, Mr. Simmons I will always remember you as Shelley's dad and Calamity's selfie buddy.

To all of your family still on this earth, my deepest sympathies go out for your loss.

From Shelley's family at CGH, the Farm and from me personally,  
Rest in peace Sir.

Cindy



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Cindy - November 02, 2019 at 03:44 PM

LJ

“ Lynda J. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.



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Lynda J. - November 02, 2019 at 01:46 PM

JT

“ Met Carl working the races at Michigan International Speedway. What a gentleman. Always stayed in touch since he retired. Cathy he will be greatly missed. My phone calls to him we're always a joy.

Cathy you and the entire family will be in my prayers.

Thank you Carl for all the memories

Jim Thompson  
Support Garage Supervisor

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Jim Thompson - November 01, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.



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November 01, 2019 at 12:36 PM

TP

“ My fondest memories of Carl are at NHMS when I worked on the safety crew. He was a great mentor during those years and we remained friends all these years. My prayers are with Cathy and family at this difficult time



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Trish Pellegrino - November 01, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.*



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October 31, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *We have so many wonderful memories with Carl... spent a lot of time with him at the tracks with Carl Edwards. This is a huge loss for us. Praying the Lord gives each of you comfort... Carl blessed so many people like us... He was always a joy to be around. Praying for the family!*

*Angie & Larry Little*

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**Angie & Larry Little** - October 31, 2019 at 03:46 AM



“ *One of the first Officials I met when I started going to races. Nicest man. So sorry Cathy. Prayers to you & the family.*

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**Stephanie Hite** - October 30, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ *Cathy and Family So Sorry for your Loss You Are In My Thoughts and Prayers*



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**Jerlene Bailey** - October 30, 2019 at 08:28 PM

RM

“ Thank you for always treating EVERYONE like a champion.....  
THANKS CHAMP !!  
Rest In Peace my great friend 🙏🏻

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**Robby Maschhaupt** - October 30, 2019 at 07:41 PM

HB

“ To a good friend, we shared many memories through the years. You will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
RIP my friend  
Hoss & Kathy Berry

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**Hoss Berry** - October 30, 2019 at 06:53 PM

AO

“ Thoughts and prayers to Cathy and family.  
Alice Owens

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**Alice Owens** - October 30, 2019 at 06:35 PM

DC

“ Carl, my friend you will be missed. I always enjoyed every race weekend and the moments we have shared over the years. I have such great memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy and the family.

*Derrick Cope*

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**Derrick Cope** - October 30, 2019 at 03:03 PM

MG

“ Sending prayers to Cathy, and family. Met Carl back in the good old days in Nascar. Started mowing with Carl at Charlotte Motor Speedway this past summer and enjoyed ever minute of it. RIP brother, I will miss you.

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**Mike Gantt** - October 30, 2019 at 03:03 PM

DW

“ Mr. Carl, as I called him, was the best neighbor and friend. He was like a father too. Always making sure I was Ok by calling me or coming over for a visit with his furry companion, Ladybug. We shared stories, laughed, and enjoyed talking NASCAR (even though I wasn't a fan hahaha). I will truly miss his smile, his care, his love for family, and how he'd take Ladybug in his red truck. Peace be with you Carl. We will miss you, but remember your gift of being a friend to many.

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**Debby Williams** - October 30, 2019 at 02:13 PM

MC

“ Words will never describe this man! He was tough but was also your best friend! Those who knew him will never forget and those who didn't just missed out on fun times and a great friendship!! Prayers for Cathy and family in your time of loss.

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**Mark Cash** - October 30, 2019 at 01:39 PM

JG

“ He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to all the family. We have very special memories of Carl. He was a very large part of our family. RIP dear friend.

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**Joyce/Richard Gum** - October 30, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.*



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October 30, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ *Carl was the greatest person. Everyone in Nascar felt highly of Carl. He had the greatest smile. Cathy I feel so much for you. I hope to see you when I come back to N C*

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**Gloria Ray** - October 30, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ *Richard, Connie, Amanda and Sarah Loudin purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.*



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**Richard, Connie, Amanda and Sarah Loudin** - October 30, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.*



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October 30, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Edward Simmons.*



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October 30, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ I knew you but a short time, but that short time had a life time of memories attached to it. When I first started working for NASCAR in the Nationwide Series, Carl and I got to know each other. We first roomed together about 4 weeks after I started working there. He came up to me at Charlotte that week and asked if I would like to be his permanent roommate for the rest of the year since we both got along good. Later we found out we flew out of the same airport in Greensboro and begin to be even better friends. He would always get me on the plan with him on zone 1 since he had more miles than I did. He was a thoughtful person as well. He called the hotel we were going to stay at the week before and always asked for a ground floor room. He always got up first to take a shower and fixed the coffee pot the night before. After he got done, I would take a shower, and when I got was done, there would always be a cup of coffee on the nightstand waiting on me after I was ready. He would be sitting there watching the weather channel and would tell me "it's going to be a cold one, you better take a jacket with you" or "it's going to be a wet one, you better have your rain coat". We always ate dinner together with Bill, and always had good times, good laughs, and good stories.

We also had times when he would tell me stories of the days from his past. When he use to drive the Busch hauler and show me pictures of the tracks he had been to and things he had seen. I remember one night I was trying to tell him a joke I read online and I couldn't get to the punch line without laughing. I was laughing so hard, he started laughing. I finally had to hand him my phone and let him read it himself.

He always called Cathy every night, and always either texted Shelley or called her. He loved his family.

He had certain sayings that you always expected him to use. If you ever held the door for him and told him to "go ahead" his reply would always be "what did you just call me". You would say that you said "go ahead" and he would say "Oh, I thought you called me a

*goat head". Eventually you would get used to it and when he asked you "what did you just call me" I would say "goat head" and he would say "that's what I thought you said".*

*He was always fun to be around and always had something to say that would make you laugh.*

*He will be dearly missed by many people.*

*Paul said it best in the book of Philippians*

*Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

*As we live on this earth we should live for Christ, but when that time come that we leave this world, you will be with God and you will gain more then you have ever thought of or ever desired to have in this world.*

*RIP Carl*

*Varun Patel*

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**Varun Patel** - October 30, 2019 at 09:11 AM



*Beautiful Varun....*

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**Roxy Kraemer** - October 30, 2019 at 11:17 PM