



Mr. Larry Dale Simmons Sr.

September 25, 1930 - May 27, 2026

Larry Dale Simmons Waynesville, NC

Larry Dale Simmons, Sr., 95, passed away on May 27th, 2026, after a lengthy illness.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Harold and Julia Vashti Kelly Simmons. Larry was born the third son of Harold and Julia, in Newport, NC on September 25, 1930. Larry grew up on a farm but at 19 left for Savannah, GA, where he began driving a truck and the trucking profession became his life for the next 71 years. He has done it all in the trucking profession from driving to mechanic work to finally owning his own company. After retiring, Larry continued to work as a consultant for another company. Larry was very influential in Georgia Motor Trucking and Truck Stop Ministries. Larry was a born-again Christian who always supported his church as long as he could. He served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, treasurer, and many other facets of the church. Larry's final membership was at Reedy River Baptist Church in Greenville, SC.

He is survived by the love of his life of 71 years, Palma Dean Burroughs Simmons of Waynesville, NC; three children, Larry Dale Simmons, Jr., of Savannah, GA, David Mikell Simmons (Peggy) of Clyde, NC, and Lisa Dawn Simmons Allred (Jeff) of Youngsville, NC; seven grandchildren, Jason Simmons (Danielle), Joshua Simmons (Laura), Jesse Simmons (Erin),

Brandon Lewis (Sally), Caleb Simmons (Sally), Rachel Robertson (Khalen), and Kathryn Pareago (Chris); eighteen great-grandchildren, Ariel, Josh, JP, Zerek, Foster, Cali, Khalessia, Hendrix, Skylar, Corbin, Emmalyn, Reid, Jaxon, Nyoka RaLou, Savannah Kate, Eleanor, James, and Matilda; one great-great-grandchild, Roman; his sisters, Rachel Wolfe of Washington, NC, Rita Mottern (Mike) of Niceville, FL, Jessie Harrington of Wendell, NC, and Ann Ray (Rick) of Zebulon, NC.

Larry was preceded in death by his brothers, Horace, Neil, Dick, Gaston, and Billy; his sisters, infant Ruby, Rose Raines, and Laretta Whaley.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 1:00pm until 2:00pm with the funeral service to follow at Reedy River Baptist Church in Greenville, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Truck Stop Ministries at PO Box 80 Jackson, GA 30233 or For Haywood of Pinnacle Church at 415 Fibreville St. Canton, NC 28716.

In family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at The Haywood Lodge in Waynesville for their excellent care for Larry.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Reedy River Baptist Church
871 N Hwy 25 Bypass
Greenville, SC 29617
(864) 834-7681

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Reedy River Baptist Church
871 By Pass 25 North
Greenville, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ *Preston and Ann Golightly lit a candle in memory of Larry Simmons*



Preston and Ann Golightly - June 10 at 11:30 AM

PG

“ *Palma, David and all of Simmons Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



*Love God, Love People,
Preston and Ann*

Preston and Ann Golightly - June 10 at 11:22 AM

DB

“ *Larry came to me when I was in a time of need back in the '80's. He was such an example of a Christian leader in the industry. The apple didn't fall far as Dale is now a close friend who exemplifies Christ in all he does. No need to be sad. Larry is with our Lord.*

Dickey Best - June 04 at 01:53 PM

JT

“ *I worked in engineering at Savannah Sugar and had several occasions to interact with Larry. He was always a pleasure to work with. I considered him to be a good friend.
John Thompson*

john Thompson - June 04 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sending our condolences and prayers - our loss is Heaven's gain! I met Larry back in the 1980's when we used to sell him trucks for his fleet. Larry was one of our very good customers, but more importantly a good friend. I am honored to call him my friend. Mr. Earl Allen, who still works for us here at Freightliner of Savannah, also sends his condolences and prayers. God bless the Simmons family during this time. Jason Williams - Freightliner of Savannah/Augusta*

Jason Williams - June 01 at 05:19 PM

RB

“ *To all the Simmons family, especially Mrs Palma, on Larry's recent passing. We just heard today of his passing. We love both of them from our days at Jasper Springs church and Palma was our SS teacher. Pls let Ms Palma know we're praying for her!*

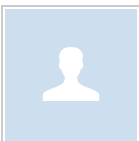
russell bright - June 01 at 01:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Dale Simmons Sr..*



May 29 at 08:45 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Dale Simmons Sr..*



May 29 at 07:16 AM

KW

“ Kelly Whaley lit a candle in memory of Larry Simmons



Kelly Whaley - May 29 at 07:01 AM

DJ

“ Dale and family. What a great testimony for a life well-lived! His place in heaven has been assured. Thinking, and praying for the family.

Scrappy Jackson, Savannah Fire (Retired0

DANIEL D. "SCRAPPY" JACKSON - May 29 at 05:55 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Dale Simmons Sr..



May 28 at 06:46 PM

JF

“ The staff at Haywood Lodge & Retirement Center would like to extend our sincere condolences to each of you. Larry was a part of our family and such a blessing to all of us. We will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers today and the days to follow. God Bless You!



Janice Fisher - May 28 at 06:28 PM