



James Melvin Sims, Sr.

June 6, 1919 - March 30, 2018

James M. Hodgens Sims, Sr. (Jim) died at home on Friday, March 30. He was born June 6, 1919, in Jemison, Alabama, to Claud R. and Hattie Mae (Nix) Hodgens. After his father died, his mother remarried and Jim grew up in the loving home of his stepfather, Walter L. Sims.

After graduating from high school, Jim held several jobs, including a stint with the Civilian Conservation Corps, before becoming an electrician. He married Mamie Meroney in 1941; they remained happily married until her death in 2017.

In 1942, they moved to Mobile, Alabama, where Jim worked at Brookley Field. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and served through World War II. After the war, he returned to work at Brookley, moving into management. In 1961, he transferred to Kelly Field in San Antonio. He retired from civil service in 1974 and launched a new career as a contractor, building custom homes and doing remodeling. He continued to work as a builder and handyman until he retired for the second time at the age of 91.

Jim was a founding member of University United Methodist Church. He loved travel, fishing, poker, and political debates with friends. He was knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects and closely followed current events up until his death.

He is survived by children James M., Jr. (Lynne), John R., and Anastatia; grandchildren Cory, Revel (Carolina), DeShana (James) and Will; several great-grandchildren; his sister Doris; nieces, nephews, and numerous friends. The family thanks Tina Loy and Vitas Hospice for their devoted care.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Celebration of Life

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

University United Methodist Church
5084 DeZavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ It was our privilege to know Jim and Mamie. Jim was a good man and a special friend. He was sharp as a tack. You could discuss any subject with him—he stayed up with current events and had a world of experience and knowledge. We were always amazed how efficiently he could transport Mamie around and he did it in such a caring and loving way. Jim was a true gentleman all the time. We miss him but know we will see him again. This is only a temporary separation. God bless Jim and God bless his family.

Charles & Pat Jurek

Charles & Pat Jurek - April 06, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Melvin Sims, Sr..



April 05, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Melvin Sims, Sr..



April 05, 2018 at 02:11 PM

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“ Jim Sims was my neighbor, friend, and family for over 40 years. Always ready to lend a helping hand or sympathetic ear, join in a great discussion, or give needed advice over a glass of wine, Jim was always here for me. Words cannot express the void left in my life by Jim's passing. RIP my friend.

Shirley Mazotas Davis - April 04, 2018 at 03:10 PM

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“ Shirley Davis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Melvin Sims, Sr..



Shirley Davis - April 03, 2018 at 12:48 PM

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“ Anne Bailey, Shawn & Shana (Anastatia's friends) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Melvin Sims, Sr..



Anne Bailey, Shawn & Shana (Anastatia's friends) - April 03, 2018 at 08:56 AM