



Billy Sims

September 28, 1947 - February 25, 2023

Billy Gerald Sims of Bethlehem, Ga passed away at his home on Saturday, February 25, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Connie Faye and W.T. Sims. He is survived by his daughter & son-in-law, Kristie & Mike Sweat; daughter & son-in-law, Hollie and Jon Erwin; daughter & son-in-law, Misty & Tim Stark; brother & sister-in-law, Mike & Jerri Sims; former spouse, Cathy Sims-Payne; Grandsons, Zach & Alex Sweat, Jake & Ryder Erwin, Rowdy Stark; niece, Marisa Sims.

After graduating from Dacula High School in 1965, Mr. Sims joined the U. S. Army where he served in Vietnam for two years. Upon returning home, he joined the workforce at General Motors where he worked for almost 30 years. Throughout his life, Billy spent countless hours coaching, refereeing, and umpiring Dacula sports. His greatest joys involved spending time with his kids and grandkids.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 3, 2023 from 5 – 8 PM at Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Lawrenceville, Ga. Funeral Services will take place Saturday, March 4th at 1 PM in the Lawrenceville Chapel. Burial will follow at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in Dacula, GA.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. You may sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery

2570 Harbins Road
Dacula, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(770) 962-3100

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road, S.W.
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Sims*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 02, 2023 at 08:59 AM

LC

So sorry for your loss. Haven't seen Billy in years. God bless your family!

Linda Castleberry - July 19, 2023 at 09:02 AM

DH

“ *So sorry for the families loss. Sending condolences to you all. Sorry for not being able to pay our respects due to us having Covid. Tim and Denise(Sims) Huggins.*

Denise Huggins - March 04, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Sims.*



March 03, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy Sims.*



March 03, 2023 at 06:02 AM



“ *We will miss your visits so much. May you soar with the angels. Mike and Jerri*

jerri sims - March 02, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Sims.*



March 02, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *With Love- Ken and Kelly Atha and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Billy Sims.*



With Love- Ken and Kelly Atha and Family - March 02, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ 68 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 02, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Billy Sims.



March 01, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Billy Sims.



March 01, 2023 at 06:42 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Billy Sims.*



February 27, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *One of my favorite memories of Mr. Billy was when he was a basketball referee for the Dacula Athletic Association. We were playing a game in the old gym and a teammate and I had scored several times by what we called “snowbirding”— when all but one of your players never makes it all the way down the court on defense so that if you steal the ball or get a quick rebound, you can throw a long pass to the other end of the court for an easy , uncontested lay up.*

I had the ball and was getting close to the half court line before I was going to make the “snowbird” pass to my lone teammate on the either

other end. Mr. Billy, who was running down the sideline of the court as the referee, must have thought I was about to miss my opportunity to make the pass, so he loudly hollers to me, “ Throw it now ! “

I threw the ball in his cue !

We scored . He was proud! Ha !!

Such a kind man who always wore a smile !

Julie Cavoretto - February 27, 2023 at 04:09 PM

KS

Julie, Thank you so much for sharing this memory! That was him...always coaching (even while refereeing). I remember many cold mornings of opening up that gym...turning those lights on and waiting for them to warm up. Thanks again!

Kristie Sweat - March 01, 2023 at 07:22 PM