



Mark L. Simon Sr.

November 25, 1931 - November 8, 2020

On November 8, 2020, husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend, Mark Louis Simon, Sr., passed away from natural causes at the age of 88. Mark was born on a dairy farm at Euren, Wisconsin on November 25, 1931 and was the youngest son of Henry and Mary (Deprey) Simon.

After Mark graduated from Casco High School, he joined the US Air Force in 1951 and for the next four years he was stationed at multiple bases during and after the Korean War. While stationed at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Washington he met Phyllis Herzog at a restaurant where they were sitting at the lunch counter and a big June bug flew in and landed on him, she removed it and that was the beginning of their 46-year relationship. On June 10, 1954 they were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Lincoln, Wisconsin.

After the Air Force, Mark provided well for his family while working as a car salesman, construction worker, truck driver, railroad brakeman, and flight instructor. Some of the places Mark was employed was American Breeder's Association, State Battery, Boeing Corporation, Dick Block Construction, Great Northern, Burlington Northern and finally retiring from BNSF railroad. Mark also found the time to get his pilot's license and earned his flight instructor credentials so he could teach future pilots in Billings and Glendive, Montana. Mark loved to find, restore and sell many "diamonds in the rough" antique cars and was a member of the Billings Roaring 20's Car Club. He was also a lifelong member of the BPOE Elks and American Legion in Great Falls, Billings, and Glendive, serving on many committees and boards and attaining

Exalted Ruler in the Elks. He also enjoyed golfing, skiing, singing in the church choir, and playing his trumpet. As many of his friends and family knew, Mark could talk to complete strangers and they would be his lifelong friend after a 15-minute conversation. He loved to laugh, tell stories, visiting with people and excelled in eating while maintaining his thin physique.

After the passing of Phyllis Simon in July 2000, Mark met DeLight Kelly and were married on January 19, 2002 in Glendive and spent many happy years traveling, cruising, flying, maintaining their home and gardening.

Mark is survived by his second wife, DeLight. Surviving children and grandchildren are; daughter and son-in-law, ReNae and Larry Grantier of Belgrade, Montana; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Brant Dallas, grandsons, Matthew and Clint Dallas all from Alaska; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Juliana Simon II, grandchildren, Jake, Sierra and Zachary Simon, granddaughters, Lyndsey Simon and Shannon (Simon) and Dave McArron and great-granddaughter Arlene McArron and step-great grandson Elias all from Washington; step-son and wife, Jerry and Susan Kelly of Glendive, Montana; step-son Mike Kelly of Helena, Montana, step-son and wife Steve and Lisa Kelly, step-grandchildren Evan and Kayla Kelly of Glendive, Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Mary Simon; brother Cletus Simon; and first wife, Phyllis Simon.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial with military honors will be at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, November 13, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Mark will be transported by motorcade to Billings and laid to rest in Mount View Mausoleum in Billings. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **13.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

316 West Benham Street

Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark L. Simon Sr.*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Mark L. Simon Sr.*



LaNette Simonton - November 17, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Carl Barnick lit a candle in memory of Mark L. Simon Sr.*



Carl Barnick - November 15, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *We are so sad to hear about Mark. He was a good, multi-talented man who will be sorely missed by many. We grew to know him through choir, and we were pleased that he married Delight, whom we knew in Glendive. She was always so pleasant at Buttreys. May your broken hearts heal quickly.*

Gene and Brenda Olheiser

BRENDA OLHEISER - November 13, 2020 at 11:06 AM

CP

“ *To the family. So sorry to read of Mark's passing. Cherish all the fond memories.*

Cherise Patterson - November 11, 2020 at 05:33 PM

TD

“ *Mark, we thank you for many memorable times...*

Tj Donahoe - November 11, 2020 at 12:09 PM

SS

“ *Susan Simon lit a candle in memory of Mark L. Simon Sr.*



Susan Simon - November 11, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mark L. Simon Sr..*



November 11, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ *We send friendship and Prayer 2 each of you. May the memories and your Faith, bring smiles each and every day. Mark was one of a kind, the true gentleman
Hugs!!*

Mike and Jacky Saur - November 10, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Mark L. Simon Sr.*



Andeen Raymond - November 10, 2020 at 01:40 PM

DJ

“ *Your in my prayers. Hold onto your special memories they will help you thru!*



Dixie Justice - November 10, 2020 at 12:52 PM

PZ

“ *I so enjoyed my conversations with Mark. His obituary describes him perfectly! Condolences to his family. A life well-lived.*



Penny and Don Zimmerman - November 10, 2020 at 08:51 AM

LF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Linda Frank - November 09, 2020 at 04:57 PM

RY

“ *Rita Young lit a candle in memory of Mark L. Simon Sr.*



Rita Young - November 09, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ *Heather Frank lit a candle in memory of Mark L. Simon Sr.*



Heather Frank - November 09, 2020 at 12:06 AM

KM

Mark and I were the two best male singers in the Sacred Heart Choir, in fact , we were the only men in the choir! I always got a kick out of him, a true and kind gentleman.

Kevin McGovern - November 17, 2020 at 05:51 PM