



Gary David Sims

August 19, 1952 - June 20, 2022

Funeral services for Gary Sims, 70 of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Lexington United Methodist Church in Lexington with Rev. Raegan Seaton officiating. Graveside services will follow in the I.O.O.F Cemetery in Georgetown, Texas at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 24, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Gary David Sims was born on August 19, 1952 in Ocilla, Georgia, the son of Ralph and Frances (Buchanan) Sims. At around the age of 6, he was baptized at the local Baptist Church after going with a neighborhood friend. Gary served in the U.S. Air Force where he helped the "God Squad" set up worship spaces for the different churches. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's in horticulture. Gary had a passion for horticulture and taught classes at the local junior college. On August 9, 1980, he was married to Becky Buchanan and they were blessed with four children. They enjoyed moving around the country where he worked for many different city's parks and recreation departments. Gary began his career in Albany, GA where he was Parks Superintendent. They moved to Dodge City, KS where he was Director of Parks and Recreation and was in charge of the zoo, airport, civic center, and basically ran the town. From there they moved to Texas where he

worked in Grand Prairie, Coppell, Lancaster, and Flower Mound where he retired as Executive Director of Community Services. He was proud that every town he served was named Tree City USA. After retiring they moved to Lexington, Texas where he wanted to start a little farm raising cows, chickens, and bees, and enjoyed working in the garden. He was known for his cooking and baking, especially his rum and Bundt cakes. Gary was skilled and had a passion working with his hands. He enjoyed crafts, making flower arrangements and wreaths for different holidays, and was a part owner of a candle shop. With many years of adventures, he was told many times he should write a book and that most people would not believe his stories unless they were there. His faith and church were also important to him. He served as a deacon at several churches he was a member of and would help at Lexington United Methodist Church with the food pantry and monthly meals. His greatest passion and love was being Grandpa.

Gary passed away the morning of Monday, June 20, 2022 at his home in Lexington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Sims, and his grandparents, Silas & Lucille Buchanan.

Gary is survived by his wife, Becky Sims of Lexington; daughter, Leah & Carl Johnston of Denton; Jordan & Jennifer Sims of Georgetown, Nathan & Danielle Sims of Round Rock, and Matt & Leah Sims of Burleson; six grandchildren, Christina and CJ Johnston of Denton, Kayeliegh & Johnathan Sims of Georgetown, Eric Sims of Round Rock, and Millie Sims of Burleson; mother, Frances Sims of Georgia; four siblings, Greg & Debbie Sims of Georgia, Jeff Sims of Georgia, Denise Sims of Georgia, and Steve & Patsy Sims of Georgia.

Serving as pallbearers will Jordan Sims, Nathan Sims, Matt Sims, Greg Sims,

and Steve Sims.

Memorials may be made to Trees for a Change at www.treesforachange.com.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

1117 East 7th Street
Georgetown, TX 78626

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Family Present for Visitation

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Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lexington United Methodist Church
508 North Rockdale St.
Lexington, TX 78947
lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com

Graveside Service

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary David Sims*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 23, 2022 at 11:35 AM



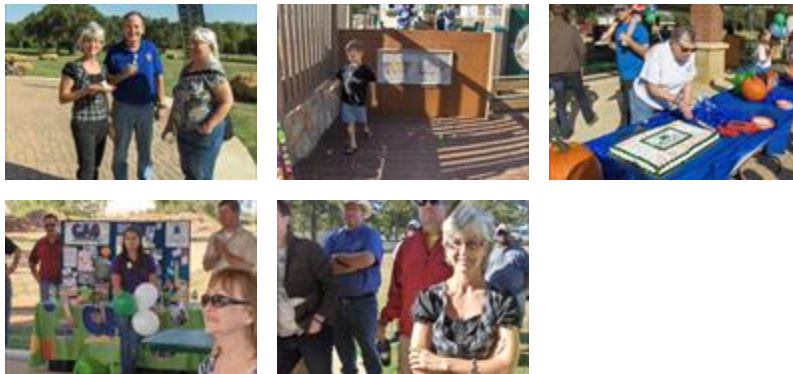
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary David Sims.*



June 24, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *10 files added to the album Town of Flower Mound*



Karmien Bowman - June 24, 2022 at 04:52 PM

SB

“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sweetie Bowman - June 24, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gary David Sims.



June 24, 2022 at 10:56 AM



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



June 24, 2022 at 07:14 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary David Sims.*



June 24, 2022 at 12:27 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Gary in Flower Mound and he was a great mentor to me and was always supportive of my career. Gary was definitely not afraid of a challenge. Once we were doing a chili cook off and Gary was bragging about his chili, so I challenged him to make a batch and enter it into the competition. He did make the chili and I remember him with a big smile. Gary was also willing to help out future professionals in the field. After I left Flower Mound, I would find myself in a tough decision and I knew that I could call Gary and he would help me find a resolution. I am fortunate that I get to work with his son Jordan in my current role and it always makes me think about my time with Gary.*

Jeff White - June 23, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary David Sims.*



June 23, 2022 at 12:45 PM

AW

“ Al and Mary Kay Walker purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary David Sims.



Al and Mary Kay Walker - June 23, 2022 at 12:04 PM

SA

“ SIM Auxiliary purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary David Sims.



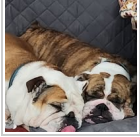
SIM Auxiliary - June 23, 2022 at 11:42 AM



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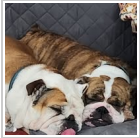
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 23, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ Joel McKnight purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Gary David Sims.



Joel McKnight - June 22, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ I can't adequately say Gary helped me in my career. I was in a turmoil/ crossroad and Gary took a chance on me at Lancaster. I was with him there for 3 years, and was able to get a job with the City of El Paso- which i am still at 14 years later.

I have heard folks describe him as headstrong, Stubborn, and other names. To me he was always a friend.

God Bless you and your family, I know you are in a better place. We will see each other again my friend.

Joel

Joel McKnight - June 22, 2022 at 09:35 PM

TS

“ 3 files added to the album Town of Flower Mound



Theresa Scott - June 22, 2022 at 11:58 AM

SL

He will be missed- thinking of Becky and family

Steven Lunsford - June 22, 2022 at 04:33 PM

MC

Gary will forever be my favorite boss. We remained close friends and occasionally stayed in touch even after 19 years. He told me about his health issues that last time we spoke, which was in August 2021. I had been praying and thinking about him a lot lately. Now, I know why. Someone once suggested that you should reach out to or pray for someone when they are on your thoughts in such a way. But, I am certain that he is at the "party" with the Father and having a terrific time.

I can still picture the tales Gary used to tell. They were hilarious stories. At the Lancaster Recreation Center, we were a family, and I'll never forget that. A lot of that fun went with Gary when he moved from Lancaster to Flower Mound. My former neighbor still recalls how when Gary, Steve, Joel, etc. came up the hill in their trucks to aid me when our house burnt, and was a total loss. It appeared to be something out of a movie; "Gary and the Gang"!

I experienced a lot of things with Gary, even my kidney transplant, my father's passing, and our house burning down. We were a family, I tell you. I shall always adore him and miss him terribly. He was such a blessing to me. Thank you Gary.

I'll be thinking about the Sims family and praying.

*Love,
Ms. C (Cynthia)*

Ms. C - June 23, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gary David Sims.*



June 22, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary David Sims.*



June 22, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *Gary was a kind and compassionate person and his service to the Town of Flower Mound's Parks & Recreation Department made our town a better place.*

Sue Ridnour - June 22, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Gary was a strong man. He keep on going when I'm sure he didn't feel good. I never got any of his cake, but his cookies were wonderful. We'll miss him.*

Cherry Stover - June 22, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Debra Wallace purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary David Sims.*



Debra Wallace - June 21, 2022 at 10:44 PM