



Sims McCutchan III

June 6, 1942 - November 22, 2018

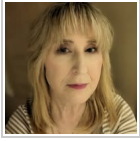
Marion Sims McCutchan III passed away on November 22, 2018, of a heart attack. Sims was born June 6, 1942 in Marshall, Texas, to Marion Sims McCutchan, Jr. and Johnnie Adeline Davis McCutchan. After graduating from Marshall High School he earned a BA in History at the University of Texas at Austin. He taught English and Speech at Pearsall High School in Pearsall, Texas for four years before returning to the University of Texas at Austin to earn an MA in Library Science. He worked at the University of Houston Law Library before moving to the Houston Public Library System in 1975, where he worked for the remainder of his career. His service as the Head Librarian of the Heights Branch Librarian for nine years was recognized by the City of Houston with Sims McCutchan Day on October 14, 1985. He subsequently became Region Manager for Houston Public Library's Park Place and Alief Regions. He retired in 2003.

Sims's loves were many, varied, and intense, and he loved sharing them with others. Sims found continued great joy in his many dear friends, those from his childhood and youth, the students he taught and mentored in Pearsall, colleagues from work, neighbors, and others he found who shared his interests and concerns. He loved his dogs, good food, good conversation, good books, travel, theater, fire trucks, and trains. Beginning with the town of his birth, he became fascinated with cities, their histories, buildings, and how they worked, with public transit of particular interest.

He is survived by his partner of 35 years, Margaret Culbertson, of Houston, Texas, cousins Mrs. Terry Butler Bailey, also of Houston, and Clarence Ray Davis of Richmond, Texas, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty A. McCutchan, of Texarkana, Texas. Donations may be made in his memory to the library, history museum, theater company, or progressive organization or candidate of your choice.

A remembrance celebration to honor Sims will be held at a future date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. McCutchan was my first supervisor when I got a shelver position at the Heights library. He was always kind to me and is the best boss I ever had. I was so sad to read of his passing. May you be in heaven with your Creator.*

Bridget Hollan-Tu - January 10, 2021 at 02:32 PM

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“ *Sims was a warm, kind, funny and attentive friend. His intellectual curiosity was boundless. His extensive knowledge of Houston, of fire departments, New York City, restaurants, trains, and especially of books of all types was a marvel. His many friends are blessed to have known him. He was a caring and generous man.*

*Paul Lester
Houston*

Paul Lester - May 24, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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“ *I was thinking of Sims this morning and just learned of his passing. He was my supervisor, mentor, and a good friend. His kindness will always be treasured.*
A. Martinez

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