



Watson Townes Simons Jr.

January 13, 1953 - May 26, 2022

A memorial service for Watson Townes Simons, Jr., 69, of Tyler will be held on Friday, June 3rd, 2022, at 2:00 pm in the Chapel at Marvin United Methodist Church with Reverend Gerry Giles officiating.

A private family burial will take place in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Watson passed away Thursday, May 26, 2022, following a long illness.

He was born January 13, 1953, in Tyler to Watson Townes and Sara Smith Simons. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler and was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He graduated from Tyler Junior College, attending on a tennis scholarship. He also attended University of Mississippi and University of Texas at Tyler.

Not only did Watson love the game of tennis, but he developed lifelong friendships with fellow tennis players. His career in men's clothing spanned several decades. He worked at Reynolds Penland, where he was awarded "Salesman of the Year" several times, Harley's, and Penick and Chance. Watson's Christian faith was at the center of his life. During his long illness he spent hours praying for others, as he was a great believer of intercessory prayer.

Watson was preceded in death by his father, Watson Townes Simons, Sr. He is survived by his loving family, including his mother, Sara Smith Simons of Tyler; sister, Sally Simons Molinari and husband Stephen of Dallas; and his aunt, JoAnn Simons of Tyler; and many cousins.

If desired memorials may be made to a Christian ministry of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Private Graveside Service - Rose Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church Chapel
300 W. Erwin St.
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

BB

“ We extend our heart-felt sympathies to the Simons family with the passing of Watson. Your wonderful family and ours lived life during our early years on Fry Street. Wat was my best pal--for our weekend kickball games, for building forts and treehouses, and endless summer nights with neighborhood friends. As manager of Reynolds Penland in the French Quarter his eye for men's fashion was always right. Watson was a faithful and loyal friend, a devoted believer, and full of energy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sara, Sally and all of your family with the passing of this great man.
Michelle and Tim Brookshire

B. Tim Brookshire - June 05, 2022 at 01:49 PM

SH

“ Dear Sara and Sally--I was so very sorry to hear of your loss. I know Watson will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve his passing. I remember Watson always had a kind word and a friendly smile to share.
Fondly--Susan D. Hall

susan hall - June 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

SM

“ Dear Simons Family,
I was deeply saddened to learn today of Watson's passing. I hadn't seen him in decades, but we were good friends in Middle school and High school. I remember staying at your home when we were young. My prayers are with you and my heart is with Watson.
Steve McCreary class of '72

Steve McCreary - June 03, 2022 at 04:15 PM

MM

“ *Watson always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. we always shared a laugh together and i shall cherish those memories. rest in peace my dear friend. Mike Mckie class of 1972*

Mike Mckie - June 03, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DD

“ *Watson will be dearly missed. My prayers are with the family. Sally u are in my thoughts and prayers. Doug dotson*

doug dotson - June 02, 2022 at 08:10 PM

TH

“ *Oh. So very sorry. Watson was such a sweet, friendly guy. He was precious to me for as long as I can remember. My heart is heavy for all of the family. Prayers for all of you. Toni Smith Hibbs*

TONI HIBBS - June 01, 2022 at 08:53 PM

RH

“ *Sara and Sally,
So sorry to see that Watson has passed away. I bought clothes from Watson for years at Reynolds-Penland and Penick & Chance. Watson also had insurance with me for over twenty years and we spent many hours at his apartment and home in all kinds of crazy conversations. He was a fantastic client and friend that I will always remember. I'm just so glad he was a dedicated Christian and is now resting in peace. May God bless your entire family at this difficult time.*

*Julie & Robert Hahn
Dallas*

Robert Hahn - May 31, 2022 at 04:20 PM