



## Harold R. "Dick" Simmons

November 18, 1940 - March 21, 2024

Harold Richard "Dick" Simmons 83, of Bonita Springs, FL and a former resident of Grand Rapids, MI - father, stepfather, and grandfather, passed away after a brief illness on March 21, 2024.

He was born in Ionia, Michigan on November 18, 1940, a son of the late Harry and Irene (Navin)

Simmons. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 2006.

He graduated from SS Peter & Paul Academy and Ferris State University.

While living in Grand

Rapids, Dick served as a partner in the international accounting firm of BDO US, previously

named Seidman & Seidman. He traveled thousands of miles throughout the United States and

Europe serving many clients in insurance and other industries.

Dick's special love was Ireland. He often visited the birthplace of Maggie's parents and instantly

became family with her large clan of Irish cousins who resided in County Kerry. Dick was the

author of a travel book titled "Secrets in Seeing the West of Ireland" He proudly shared his

book with his family, friends and colleagues. The book documented all his favorite destinations, pubs, golf clubs, the “Ring of Kerry” and the joys of meeting his wife’s relatives.

Dick was an avid golfer and a member of the Palmira Golf Club in Bonita Springs. He also visited and played many courses in Ireland.

He is survived by his wife Maggie Simmons, of Bonita Springs, his children, Geoff Miller and his wife, Kathryn of Rogers, AR, Molly Miller, and her husband, John Pino of Andover, MA, Joseph Simmons of Grand Rapids, MI, J. Scott Simmons of Holiday, FL, and Karyn Sampson and her husband, Dan of Rockford, MI. Dick and Maggie have 9 grandchildren, Allie Miller, Andrew Miller, Molly Miller, Sophie Sampson, Carly Sampson, Jackson Simmons, Samuel Simmons, Domenic Pino and Lucia Pino.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Stephen Simmons, and his brother, Thomas Simmons.

A Mass in honor of Dick will be celebrated on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 10:30 AM at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road in Naples. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held this summer at the Saint Roberts Church in Ada, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Dick to the St. Matthews House 2001 Airport Road S., Naples, FL 34112.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

APR **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Catholic Church  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.  
Naples, FL 34120

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ *johanne luth lit a candle in memory of Harold Simmons*



johanne marie luth - April 19, 2024 at 12:19 PM

JL

“ *My husband and I met Dick in the grill room at Palmira. He was so easy going and easy to talk with. I am glad that our paths cross, we found him to be so welcoming and will miss talking with him.*

johanne marie luth - April 19, 2024 at 12:19 PM

EC

“ *Maggie, please let me know when the service will be at St Robert's. i plan to be there. My prayers to you at this difficult time 🙏*

Elaine Caswell - April 10, 2024 at 11:35 AM

EC

“ *Many fond memories from the Caswell family in Michigan. So sorry for your loss. Dick was a great friend to my husband, Jon Caswell.. They are now together with Carl watching the Final 4.*

Elaine Caswell - April 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences Mrs. Simmons on the passing of your husband Dick. You know that I am always there for Geoff. Respectfully, Michael McMonagle.*

Michael D McMonagle - April 06, 2024 at 06:03 PM

BM

“ Maggie, So sorry for your loss. It's a tough journey - take it one day at a time and accept all the help offered. My prayers for you and the family. Barbara

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**Barbara Main** - April 03, 2024 at 08:28 PM

JM

“ Dick gave me one of the best memories of my life when I went to Ireland in 2000. Playing golf, going to several pubs, and visiting Maggie's relatives were a highlight that I will never forget. Maggie also was responsible for helping me to contact Dick when I wanted to move to Grand Rapids from Detroit to join Seidman and Seidman. My years at the firm were some great memories and led me to be hired by The Michigan Catholic Conference. Dick was always a great friend and someone that I had great respect for. He will be in my prayers and I will plan on attending the Mass at St Robert's this summer. Maggie, you are also in my prayers.

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**Joe Mahoney** - April 03, 2024 at 06:03 PM

SM

“ Dear Maggie so sorry for your loss. You are blessed with a wonderful family. When I think of our time at St Mary's you are remembered and still loved!  
My sympathy on Dick's passing. Stephen Montgomery

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**Stephen H Montgomery** - April 02, 2024 at 03:38 PM

TB

“ I remember three things vividly about Dick. First his very thoughtful and insightful emails about various topics of extreme interest in our world of today. Second our many delightful conversations where we swapped stories about our mutual trips to Ireland. The third one needs a little explanation-Dick was in my golf group and we have an annual St. Patrick's Day "Green Ball" event where the object is to not lose the green ball. One year Dick played it on one hole but we could not find it when I went to tee off on the next hole. We thought we lost the event but when Dick grabbed his putter out of his bag on the next putting green the green ball was attached to the end of it! {Dick had a devise that allowed him to pick up the ball without bending over}. We all had a great laugh.  
Dick was a great guy and I will miss him. Terry Barnicle

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**Terrence M. Barnicle** - March 29, 2024 at 05:44 PM

MG

“ I'll always fondly remember playing golf with Dick, his great big quirky, all-knowing smile, his wicked sense of humor, but most of all, his overwhelming kindness.

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**mark s Giersch** - March 29, 2024 at 09:48 AM