



Peggy JoAnn Sims

July 25, 1929 - October 16, 2024

Our beautiful wife and mother, Peggy JoAnn Sims, died October 16, 2024 at her home in Bonita Springs, Florida surrounded by her loving family. Peggy Dawes was born at home July 25, 1929 in Urbana, Indiana, to Everett Dawes and Edna Cook Dawes. She celebrated her 95th birthday in July.

Beginning a true love story, Peggy married the love of her life, James “Rex” Sims in Lakeview, Michigan on June 13, 1949, and began to build their life together. They were a true union, working together in several businesses and raising their family. Peggy was the CFO of all their endeavors and up until the end of her life, she was involved in the family finances.

The Simses moved to Rochester, Indiana, in 1960 when they founded Fulton Metal Manufacturing Company, and built it from the ground up. They successfully retired to Bonita Springs, Florida, in 1978. However, upon arrival they realized that there was more to do, and Rex started Builders Glass Service. In 1985, they created Heaven Scent Flowers where their daughter, Susie Sayger, has continued to build on their success. Peggy and Rex were business partners, as well as life partners.

They were fortunate to have travelled the world, flew on the Concorde to Europe and returned on the QE2, visited the Holy Land and were baptized in the River Jordan, and extensively toured Europe and the Caribbean. One of

their highlighted trips was visiting Stonehenge for their 50th wedding anniversary. Peggy was Rex's co-pilot of their Cessna airplane, and even upholstered the interior.

Peggy was a member of the Bay Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, Founding President of the Bonita Springs Ladies of the Elks, member of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce and a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Paramount in her life was her family, being a devoted mother and loving wife. Survivors include her husband of 75 years, Rex Sims, of Bonita Springs; son, Steven Rex (wife Christine) and Suzanne "Susie" Sayger (husband Jim) all of Bonita Springs. Also surviving are her sister, Patricia Wilder, of Albany, Ga.; and grandchildren Abbe and Lucas Guddal, Bonita Springs.

Special thanks to our outstanding nursing team, Alice, Sophia, Melissa, Brenda, Ana, Analily and Claudia for their loving care that they provided to Peggy.

Preceding Peggy were her grandsons, Brandon Sims and Jacob Guddal; her five siblings, Donna Wilder, Bernadine Ayers, Betty Brubaker, Pete Dawes, and Quennith Dawes, who died in infancy.

A celebration of life event will be held at the Rex Sims Banquet Hall in the Bonita Springs Elks Lodge, Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, Wednesday Oct 23. Funeral services will be at 4:30 with the Rev. Patrick Womack officiating. An open house will follow until 7 p.m.

Flowers are welcome and appreciated, as Peggy loved them. Please send your tributes through Heaven Scent Flowers, where she spent many years of her life making others happy with flowers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wheelchair Fund at The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, Inc., PO Box 474, Bonita Springs, FL 34133.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 4:30 PM (ET)

Rex Sims Banquet Hall in the Bonita Springs Elks Lodge
3231 Coconut Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Open House

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Susie, I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I remember your parents when my dad worked for Rex back in the 70's. Your parents were also so kind to me when I was a little girl. I remember going to your house and your mom giving me Hawaiian Punch and I played with your dachshunds. I wanna say "hans" and "franz" but if I can accurately remember your dogs names from 50 years ago that would be crazy. Please give my best to your dad - Susie Jackson Eikenberry (George's daughter)

Susie Eikenberry - November 01, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Peggy JoAnn Sims.



October 22, 2024 at 08:53 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 05:13 PM

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“ *Our Deepest Sympathy with the loss of you mother (in-law) and grandmother. We know her as a very warm and kind lady, who was always very interested in others. You are in our thoughts, heart and prayers.*

Love, Alan & Marjo White

Marjo White - October 22, 2024 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your precious mother/wife, Mrs Peggy Sims. She is so very loved and admired by so many. She will be missed. My she rest in enternal peace. Fondly, Cris Lynch & Don Sitta*

Cristine Lynch - October 21, 2024 at 12:45 AM