



## Donald Franklin 'Skillet' Sims

July 11, 1951 - August 5, 2023

Donald Franklin (Skillet) Sims, 72, was born in Muskogee on July 11, 1951 to Bert and Ruth (Chisholm) Sims and passed away Saturday, August 5, 2023 in Muskogee. Loving his hometown, Don lived here throughout his entire life. After graduating high school, he joined the National Guard where he faithfully served four years. After serving in the National Guard, Don started his career as a welder and pipe fitter. He was an avid golfer, spending many days with a golf club in his hands. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Ruth Sims; and his nephew Tony Ferguson.

Donald is lovingly survived by his son, Levi Sims of Fort Gibson; sister, Carol Reed of Muskogee; nieces, Gina Ferguson and Toni Ferguson, nephew, Peyton Ferguson, all of Muskogee; aunt, Leona Hale of Okmulgee; cousins, Angie Ausbrooks of Okmulgee; Martin Hale of Sapulpa; Trevor Hale of Sapulpa; Karen Martin of Morris; and Rhonda Williams of Henryetta, extended family and many friends.

A Celebration of Life Reception will be held 2PM-4PM, Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Maylon's.

The family of Donald Franklin (Skillet) Sims has entrusted his care and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for the Sims family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

AUG **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mahylon's  
3301 Chandler Road  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ I will always been thankful for my dad. He helped bring me into this world. Unfortunately, I had to see him leave this world. I always had 2 dads. My biological and my Stepdad who I considered my dad for 32 since he raised me. That does not mean I love more or less. I felt we always had the friendship more so son and dad. If we called we picked up right back off .The things of this is, you can get away with anything at dads during the weekend. You get the discipline at home but there were many child hood friends I had at my home. The last words I said to him were, "I love you Dad." However, his body was so bad I could hug him lightly. I think once his ashes are spread he can fly away and be with grandma and my cousin Tony. And for Carol and I to be with him as well. Thank you for reading. He was a funny man and witty. I get this from him. So God bless you until I see you later. Never say goodbye say see you later and I will in time.

---

**Levi** - August 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM

JK

“ Jeanette Joe Karnes lit a candle in memory of Donald Sims



---

**Jeanette & Joe Karnes** - August 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ *Joeandjeanie beavers lit a candle in memory of Donald Sims*



---

**Joeandjeanie beavers** - August 07, 2023 at 10:10 PM