



Kenneth Ray Simmons

November 6, 1929 - April 10, 2023

Kenneth Ray Simmons, 93, of Springboro, OH, formerly of Alexandria, KY, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023, at the Hillspring of Springboro. Born on November 6, 1929, in Columbus, OH, he was the son of the late Henry A. Simmons and Mary Ruth Moser Simmons. Ken faithfully served his country in the United States Marine Corps from July 26, 1951 – July 25, 1953. On March 28, 1954, he married Patricia Wyatt Simmons of Falmouth, KY, and they created a wonderful life together. Ken earned his bachelor's degree in education from DePauw University and his master's degree from Xavier University. For 22 years, he served as the Athletic Director at Centerville High School, and he coached wrestling, for which he received many state awards. Formerly he served on the Board of the Ohio Wrestling Association. Ken was a talented woodworker, and he was known for his wood carvings of various types of birds. Ken was also an avid arrowhead collector. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his wife of 69 years, Pat Simmons; his two sons: Greg (Deborah) Simmons of Springboro, OH and Brett Simmons of West Carrollton, OH; grandsons, Zach of Dayton, OH and Matthew of Nashville, TN, his sister, Carol Southam of Salem, OR; his sister and brother-in-law, Dixie (Bill) Owen of Falmouth, KY; and a host of extended family and friends.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family in Falmouth, KY. Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, is caring for the family.

Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>).

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

409 Ridgeway Avenue
Falmouth, KY

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *To the Simmons Family,
So shocked to hear of Kens passing~~ your family is in our thoughts
and prayers!!
Frank & Joanne Chew*

Joanne Chew - May 02, 2023 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ *Ken was a great coach and good friend. We coached at Conner
High School together and had a ton of fun working together as
assistants to Wayne Badida.*

Joe Hunt - April 29, 2023 at 06:02 AM

MT

“ *Coach,
It is hard to put into words what you have meant to your family and
your wrestling family. There are so many young men who are
indebted to your guidance not just on the mat but in life, in love, in
education and in Country. Young men were lucky to have you help
them develop physically and mentally. All who were in Your Room
know what it was to wrestle for you. Individuals are given one shot
in life, we are lucky to have known your influence. My parents, one
teacher and you are reason I am an Educator now and a Coach.
You guided me in my career and life. I have been blessed with your
friendship. You and Pat are a true example of Love. We will miss
you Coach but you will never be forgotten.
Matthew Turton '84
Centerville Wrestling Alumni Association*

Matthew Turton - April 20, 2023 at 05:51 PM

DD

“ I met Ken when I was a young wrestling coach many years ago. He became a good friend and we had a lot of good times at tournaments, clinics, and coaching get togethers. He was a great man, a great coach, and as fine a gentleman as you could ever meet. Rest in peace.

Dave D. - April 16, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Simmons.



April 14, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Simmons.



April 14, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Dear Pat and Family,

I was saddened to hear of Ken’s passing. He was a dear friend, esteemed Sunday School classmate, and great patriot.

Please accept our sincere condolences. Should you desire rendering of military honors for your Marine veteran just let Woodhead’s know, and I feel sure that Hardin-Browning, Post 109 would be privileged.

May the Good Lord afford comfort.

Don and Shirley

Don Wells - April 12, 2023 at 08:54 PM

DM

My heart, mind and prayers are with The Simmons family. Coach had a very positive influence on me and many others. He is legendary will be missed by many.

Dan McCarthy - April 14, 2023 at 07:51 AM



Thank you Dan. Ken thought a lot of you as did our whole family.

Thank you Don & Shirley for the kind thoughts

Pat Simmons - April 14, 2023 at 11:08 AM

SP

Pat, So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I loved talking to both of you over the years. So many young men had a great opportunity at CHS to learn how to wrestle and learn about life. He was a great man who loved his family and his wrestling kids. May you find peace and comfort in the coming days. With Deepest Sympathy. Sue and Tom Poulton

Susan M Poulton - May 23, 2023 at 01:04 PM