



## Mark Sims

November 8, 1960 - April 12, 2020

Joseph Mark Sims, age 59, of Bowdon passed away on April 12, 2020.

Mark was born to the late Jimmy Paul Sims and Helen Wright Sims. He was a Christian by faith, professing his Salvation at the age of 13.

He attended Roopville School and graduated from Central High School in 1978. He graduated from West Georgia College in 1982 with a degree in Marketing. He attended the Northwest Georgia Regional Police Academy in 1986, graduating with honors.

Mark dedicated his life to public safety. He became a volunteer firefighter with the new Carroll County Fire Department in 1979. Assigned to Station I at Tyus, he achieved the status of Firefighter First Class and Instructor I & VI. He held the ranks of Lieutenant, Assistant Chief, and Chief during his 10+ years of service.

In 1980, he began a full-time career in law enforcement. He worked for the Bowdon Police Department from 1980 to 1983 as a dispatcher; again from 1985-1997 as a police officer with ranks of Corporal and Sergeant. He worked for the Carroll County Sheriffs Office from 1983 to 1984 on radio and from 1997 to 2016 as a deputy sheriff. He served as an Administrative Assistant, then became a part of the team during the new jail construction, obtaining the rank of Lieutenant. In 2010, after attaining he transferred to the Training

Division as Sergeant. He specialized in Basic Jail courses, Peace Officer Standards & Training Standards, and Emergency Medical. He retired due to health reasons in 2016.

In 1985, he was appointed as the first Director for Carroll County Communications (911). Specifically for organization, training, Policy & Procedures, and supervision.

He was also very active in the community. As a member of the Carrollton Jaycees. He served as a Board member and Internal & Administrative Vice-Presidents. He received numerous awards including a US Jaycee Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1983. He also received awards for speaking competitions, notably Runner Up for the Ga Jaycees' Speak-Up competition in 1982.

Mark also served as Vice-President and President of the Veal Community Center for many years. Helping to keep the Old Veal School building funded & operational.

He was an avid wrestling fan. Having been mentored by his friend, Big Bill Dromo, he learned various aspects of the business. He later became part of the Ga/Ala Wrestling Federation from Bowdon, drawing weekly shows for charity. He also worked for several organizations as an announcer and manager.

Besides his dedication to the Georgia Bulldogs and the Atlanta Braves, he loved southern gospel music. He attended gospel singings all his life, even becoming an accomplished drummer, with a soft, easy sound that was greatly appreciated. He traveled with several local and regional groups for many years.

He is survived by his greatest love, Sherrie. They were married July 3, 1988. He is also survived by his mother, Helen Sims of Roopville; a sister, Jean (Denny) Burns of Whitesburg; sisters-in-law, Linda (Ronnie) Powell of Clem and Anita Dewberry of Tallapoosa; nieces and nephews, Leigh Anne Border of Carrollton, Amanda Dewberry of Tallapoosa, Scott (Amanda) Rogers of Dallas, and Scoot (Jennifer) Rogers of Douglasville; plus a host of great-nieces and nephews.

Due to the ongoing community health concerns, a private graveside will be held at Veal Community Cemetery. Interment will follow.

# Cemetery Details

**Veal Community Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ Mark and I were the “ dynamic duo” from 4th grade on; at Roopville, our teachers often put both of us in charge of the bulletin board and other class projects, and we always worked together in group settings at Central- me the creative one and Mark the organizer and trouble shooter. He and I organized a 6th grade baseball league complete with hats and weekly schedule. Due to his knee problems, he was our manager on the first Roopville recreation department baseball team ( I still have our 1974 team picture on the wall of my home). He knew each player’s position, their strengths, and weaknesses of both teams playing. Our coach, my dad, told me many times that Mark gave him valuable info on our and the opponent’s team without looking it up; he had an uncanny ability to digest info, organize it, and file it in his brain. I moved away after high school, but we picked up where we left off at reunions. I just learned about his death on September 8th. The clear statement that he had accepted Jesus turned my sadness to joy and anticipation of our next meeting👍  
Tony Lott -Class of ‘78

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**Tony Lott** - September 08, 2020 at 09:13 PM

BW

“ Mark I first met you when I was attending the Police Academy at Floyd Jr College in Rome Georgia in 1994 you taught one of our Ports and a few years later in 1996 you were my Partner and Sgt at Bowdon Police Dept.  
Thank you for all the training and good times out on Patrol till we meet again my friend God Speed.



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**Billy Walton** - April 23, 2020 at 11:03 PM

FS

“ Hi Jean, Mrs. Sims, and sweet Sherry. Amanda told me about Mark, and I am so very sorry. He was a sweet guy, and I loved it when he played drums for Faith & The Believers. Rick also thought the world of Mark, so I know they have probably been chatting. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers!



*Faith V. Smith*

Faith V. Smith - April 16, 2020 at 11:18 PM

MB

“ RIP Mark. It was a pleasure and honor to have known and worked with you.

Moe Blair - April 16, 2020 at 11:11 AM

TL

“ RIP My friend I enjoyed working with you all those years

Thomas Ianning - April 14, 2020 at 03:41 AM

DH

“ DIANE HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Mark Sims



DIANE HENDERSON - April 13, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DH

*Will greatly miss you!*

DIANE HENDERSON - April 13, 2020 at 08:35 PM

LF

“ *LaDonna Fryar lit a candle in memory of Mark Sims*



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**LaDonna Fryar** - April 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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*You will dearly be missed my pal*

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**Sherman Lowery** - April 13, 2020 at 05:11 PM