



Kitty Myrle Sims

March 24, 1929 - April 12, 2023

Kitty Myrle (Norlin) Sims, age 94, of Stalwart, Michigan, after one last valiant vigil, quietly slipped away to her Heavenly Home on April 12, 2023, at MyMichigan Medical Center (War Memorial Hospital) of Sault Ste. Marie, as her Pastor Don and Shannon Bishop sang Mansion Over The Hilltop over her. A blessed tribute to a long life of wide impact. Kitty was born in Stalwart on March 24, 1929, eldest of three siblings, to Otto and Ethel (Izzard) Norlin.

Kitty grew up on a Stalwart pioneer farm, attended Tripp School, graduated from Pickford High School in 1946, and then attended The NE School of Commerce Business College in Bay City, Michigan. On August 16, 1950, Kitty married her high school sweetheart, Robert Frederick "Bob" Sims, at the Pickford Presbyterian Church. Having come to faith in Christ early in life through Youth Meetings at the fairground's community building, she invested her whole life into her family and God's kingdom, and helped provide by working as a school secretary, at Watson's Shoe Store, and at McDonald Realty, while raising their family. For many years, Kitty and Bob also farmed the Michigan Centennial Farm that Bob's grandfather pioneered, and his uncle had farmed before them.

Kitty had always been an active member of the Stalwart Presbyterian Church, now Stalwart Community Church, making a positive difference in so many lives by serving through the years as pianist and organist, Sunday school

teacher, Vacation Bible school teacher, Youth leader, producer of the famous Christmas programs and plays, and as the community coveted homemade-donut Halloween treat maker. She also owned a 60+ year record as a key force of the well-loved Stalwart Fair Dinners, serving as the pie-making queen for its closing years. Kitty also touched the world through membership in Women Today, Gideons International, Pickford-Soo Camp, and the Chippewa County Farm Bureau for years. For more than 20 years, she served on the Board for Northwoods Christian Camp as its co-secretary/treasurer. She loved missions and supported many gospel servants, and, with Bob in retirement, volunteered three summers of help at Alaska Bible College. Highlights of travel with Bob were a three-week tent camping tour out West with the family, Hawaii, the many falls of the U.P. one summer, and a beloved trip to Israel. Kitty enjoyed playing the piano and organ, singing as a family, quilting, Bible and book reading, flower gardening, camping, traveling, and her widespread card ministry through which so many have been blessed year upon year.

Kitty is survived by: one daughter, Marlene (Randall) Blanchette of Twin Lake, Michigan; one son, David (Gayle) Sims of Lowell, Michigan; eight grandchildren, April (Tony) Vandenbosch, Melody Blanchette, Shelley (Matt) Rose, David Aaron (Bekah) Sims, Elizabeth Sims, Sarah (Aaron) Venturini, Ryan (Robyn) Sims, Randy (Lindsey) Sims; eleven great-grandchildren with another on the way; and sister, Elsie (Dorsey) Klier, of Greenville, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Sims; daughter, Kitty Lee Sims; son, Paul Sims; parents, Otto and Ethel Norlin; brother and sister-in-law, Fred (Marian) Norlin; brothers-in-law, Marshall Cruickshank, and Larry Pomarius; sister-in-law, Elizabeth (Cruickshank) Pomarius; and brothers-in-law, Jim Dorsey and Leonard Klier.

Visitations will be on July 16, 2023, at Galer Funeral Homes at 2:00 P.M, and on July 17, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at Stalwart Community Church in Goetzville,

Michigan, with services to follow at 11:00 A.M., with a burial to follow at Stalwart Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions in her memory may be sent to one of the following ministries close to her heart: Stalwart Community Church, 8089 M-48, Goetzville Michigan 49736; Gideons International, 12025 S. Lower Hay Lake Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or Northwoods Christian Camp, 1574 E Northwoods Rd, Pickford, MI 49774.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Stalwart Cemetery

8450 E. M-48
Stalwart, MI 49736

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
fifh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Stalwart Community Church
8089 East M48
Goetzville, MI 49736
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Stalwart-Community-Church/100066746671817/>

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Stalwart Community Church

8089 East M48

Goetzville, MI 49736

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Stalwart-Community-Church/100066746671817/>

Burial

JUL 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stalwart Cemetery

Stalwart, MI 49736

Tribute Wall



“ *Kitty Myrle Sims*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Kitty Myrle Sims*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kitty Myrle Sims.*



July 13, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *to the survivors of Kitty, I wish you success in your lives going forward as I'm sure Kitty did. I grew up on a homestead farm about one mile south of where Kitty did so we knew each other well. She was a loving and talented person and I will always remember her.*

Wade A. Sims

Wade Sims - April 22, 2023 at 11:44 AM



Thank you so very much, Wade! Yes...so many memories on our homesteads.

David Sims - May 08, 2023 at 12:52 PM

PA

So sorry to hear of our loss of Kitty. met Kitty in F. Union Bible Study. I was so inspired by her loving manner, her selflessness, her love of God. She will always be a special lady to me.

Pat Anshutz - June 02, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kitty Myrle Sims.*



April 21, 2023 at 02:17 PM

BW

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Marlene and all her Family. I didn't personally know Kitty, but I loved her through the stories of her from her daughter Marlene. She was a wonderful woman with a beautiful soul and I know she will be greatly missed by all her Family and her many friends.*



Becky Wemple - April 15, 2023 at 10:43 AM

DS

Thank you so much, Becky. So glad you are part of my dear sister's support group!

David Sims - May 08, 2023 at 12:55 PM

LM

“ *A great faithful servant of Jesus. Always helping others. Oh for the many happy times we had on the farm. She is home now. Bless the whole family in this time of sorrow for us.*

larry myner - April 15, 2023 at 08:23 AM

DS

Dear Larry and Emmy....Thank you so much....a lifetime of "family" friendship, prayers and support. May the Lord bless you. You are a blessing.

- David

David Sims - May 08, 2023 at 12:54 PM

ES

“ What a wonderful legacy that she passed down to her family. Well done good and faithful servant !!

ed schwenke - April 14, 2023 at 06:35 PM

DS

Dear Ed and Patsy....thank you so much for your years of care and support, your faithful prayers through so much of life.... you are a blessing.

David Sims - May 08, 2023 at 12:54 PM

KS

*“ I met Kitty at Bible Study. I was a newbie to Pickford so went to the study. She was one of the ladies who was constant. I got to know her, then we both worked on a committee together. I've thought of her through these years, after we moved away from the UP. She was such a nice lady, a woman of God.
Thank you, Kitty for being a light in my life when things were quite bleak.*

Karen Salter - April 14, 2023 at 05:47 PM

DS

Dear Karen...thank you for your kind words...and the years of friendship, support and ministry with Mom. We appreciate your sharing so much.

David Sims - May 08, 2023 at 12:56 PM