



## Paul Robert Sims

May 21, 1959 - April 14, 2020

Paul Robert Sims, age 60, of Cedarville, Michigan, died on April 14, 2020 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on May 21, 1959 in Sault Ste. Marie, to Robert Frederick and Kitty Myrle (Norlin) Sims.

Paul grew up in Stalwart, Michigan and attended Raber Elementary School and then Pickford Public Schools. He went on to study Mechanical Engineering at Ferris State and then Lake State College. He moved to Marshall, Michigan, married, and had two sons. He worked in Mechanical Engineering for over 35 years in Marshall. Three years ago Paul retired to Cedarville, moving into the family house on lake where his grandmother had lived.

Paul loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and feeding deer. He liked snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, and boating. He also enjoyed participating in Civil War Reenactments.

Paul was a loving, protective father. He was a very thoughtful person and always wanted everyone else to be happy.

Paul is survived by mother, Kitty; his sons, Ryan (Robyn) Sims of Velva, North Dakota, and Randy (Lindsey) Sims of Richland, Michigan; grandchildren, Gavin and Avery; sister, Marlene (Randall) Blanchette of Muskegon, Michigan;

and brother, David (Gayle) Sims of Lowell, Michigan.

Paul is preceded in death by his father, Robert and sister, Kitty Lee Sims in 1953.

A visitation will be held on Friday, July 10, 2020 from 4-6pm at R. Galer Funeral Home. His funeral service will be held Saturday, July 11 at 10am, also at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Northwoods Christian Camp, 1574 E. Northwoods Rd., Pickford, MI 49774.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.  
Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Stalwart Cemetery

Stalwart, MI 49736

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Robert Sims*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Paul Robert Sims*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Paul Robert Sims*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Roger & Dawn Bryner purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul Robert Sims.*



**Roger & Dawn Bryner** - July 10, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and warm wishes to the Sims family at this time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Randy, Lindsey and all the Sims.*

**Paul & Jocelyn Bartone** - July 08, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Robert Sims.*



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July 08, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Paul Robert Sims.*



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July 08, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences, love and blessings to family and friends. Paul left us with so many happy memories, hardly a day goes by that we don't refer to at least one way he made us smile (even if just clapping coconuts!) We are so thankful to have been honored by knowing, and reenacting, with Paul, His kindness and generosity, as well as his professional skill, work ethics, and knowledge were only surpassed by his great love and dedication to his family. We know that Randy and Ryan, (and his grandchildren!) made him so very proud and were the greatest blessings of his life. He was an inspiration to all of us to be better, work harder and love the Lord more, in everything we do. Blessings to you Paul, we know you are watching from above and will always be with those you hold dear to your heart.*

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**Debbie Phillips** - July 06, 2020 at 10:31 PM

DS

“ Visitation: July 10 - 4-8PM  
Memorial: July 11 10AM

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**David Sims** - July 05, 2020 at 06:05 PM

JH

“ My condolences to the entire Sims family.  
I knew Paul for over 30 years as a good customer and as a friend.  
He taught me many things through the years.  
He was a great guy that will be missed by many.  
Sincerely,  
Jon Huntoon

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**Jon Huntoon** - April 22, 2020 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ I first met Paul in 1971 when our family moved to the Pickford area. We were both in the sixth grade, as I recall and we continued on as classmates through high school and finally, graduation in 1977. Band class was my favorite and I can still see Paul sitting in the front row and playing his trombone. He seemed to really enjoy playing and struck me as a very good musician. We would perform during football games, even in the rain and mud, and would occasionally have the opportunity to perform in local and regional band concerts. I remember Paul as a gentle giant, back then; one of the bigger guys in my class but always honest, kind, and friendly to myself and anyone else he came in contact with. He was a good student and a very good football player. As I recall, he played on the front line with a couple of his close friends. One of the coaches at the time referred to them as “ The Stalwart Mafia” and that nickname stuck all the way through graduation. In recent years, I began to connect with Paul again through Facebook and had the opportunity to dialogue about life and family. I am truly sorrowful that Paul has left us and am thinking about his children and grandchildren as I write this note. May you find comfort in the cherished memories of a life well lived as you continue to make your own memories with family and loved ones and may you also find and hold onto the faith in Jesus Christ that Paul held so close within his heart.

*Thank you Lord, for giving me the privilege of knowing Paul.*

*Sincerely, Mark Murphy*

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**Mark W. Murphy** - April 18, 2020 at 05:59 AM

DS

*Thank you so much, Mark...that means a lot.*

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**David Sims** - July 05, 2020 at 06:02 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mike Discher - April 16, 2020 at 04:19 PM

MD

Wow, cousin crush. U look great here.

Melody Joy Swords DeWalt - April 16, 2020 at 04:40 PM

MD

“ As another of those "reenactors" I had the honor of being with Paul on, and off the field of battle. With Paul, it was never about us big boys playing army. He had a love of history and a lust to learn more. I remember fondly our morning competition to see who could get the fire started and the morning coffee boiling. I actually won a couple of times but in retrospect, I'm sure he let me. During those many years of "fighting" and running around in wool with a 10 lb. rifle, Paul and I were shoulder-to-shoulder. I treasure those times and will miss him more than most will know. Deo Vindice.

Mike Discher - April 16, 2020 at 04:06 PM

DS

O yes...a lifetime of memories in his reenacting scenes...he even made it into the God and Generals movie!

David Sims - April 16, 2020 at 07:47 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mike Discher - April 16, 2020 at 04:02 PM

DS

*Thank you.*

David Sims - April 16, 2020 at 07:47 PM

BL

*I am so sorry for this great loss! Sending my love to his family and hugs to his mom, Kitty.*

Barbara Long - April 17, 2020 at 11:52 AM

BL

*I'm Barbara Walter, daughter of pastor J Robert Walter, Pickford Presbyterian church 1967-1980*

Barbara Long - April 17, 2020 at 11:54 AM

DS

*Thank you Barbara!*

David Sims - July 05, 2020 at 06:01 PM

JM

“ Paul was truly a wonderful man, loving his children and life. He was always friendly and happy to see me, and tried to talk me into reenacting with him, though the thought of a 60 lb. pack was more than he could talk me into-- he and Connie were friendly to Marcia, my wife, and tried to get her into Civil War costume without success. She and Paul had nicknames for each other and his mention always brought a smile to her face. I will miss him.

*Dr. Jim Maher*

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**Jim Maher** - April 16, 2020 at 02:58 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Paul's passing. Our families were close growing up and spent quite a bit of time together through church and other activities. I have 20+ years of very fond memories of spending time with Paul, Connie, Ryan, and Randy. It is true that good friends are family that you choose, and the Sims family was certainly a part of the Root family when we were growing up.

*Paul was always incredibly warm and friendly. He was supportive of me when I was younger and also when I started my professional career in Marshall. I'll always remember his deep bass singing voice and how his musical talents contributed to my choice to pursue music beyond high school.*

*My family and I send our condolences to Ryan, Randy, and the rest of the Sims family, who we love very dearly. Although we are sad to see Paul leave this world, we are comforted by the fact that he is at home, in heaven, where all of us truly belong.*

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**Jeremy Root** - April 16, 2020 at 11:55 AM