



# Thomas Lewis Sims

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## **Thomas Lewis Sims**

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**T**homas Lewis Sims, 53 of Ashburn, VA passed away peacefully on Monday, November 21, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer. Tom was born on Monday, May 19, 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the son of Margaret Brown Sims of Wheeling, WV and the late James Russell Sims.

He is joined again in heaven in a loving embrace with his beloved wife Mary Kathryn "Kitty" Sims who lost her battle with cancer in March of this year.

In addition to his mother, Tom leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Kathryn Camelia "Kate" Sims of Ashburn, VA and Allison Margaret "Allie" Sims; his brother, David & Lisa Sims of Wheeling, WV, sister, Martha & Rodd Welker of Wooster, OH; lifelong friend Jim Jochum; special friends John and Sandy Clohan and daughters, who will be guardians of Kate and Allie; plus numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

He was a graduate of Muskingum College and was the General Manager of Tysons Corner Westpark Hotel for 24 years. Tom loved coaching softball and was the long time coach the Shamrocks softball team. He was also a loyal supporter of the Powerhouse volleyball team. He was a member of Ashburn Presbyterian Church.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will also be held privately. The Sims Family expresses heartfelt thanks to the doctors and nurses at Loudoun Inova Hospital and to the staff and care providers at Evercare Hospice for the compassionate and exemplary care they provided to Tom over the past ten months.

The Sims Family welcomes expressions of sympathy and concern during this time of transition.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to the Kitty Sims Memorial Fund, c/o Ashburn Presbyterian Church, 20962 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA 20147.



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Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.loudounfuneralchapel.com](http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com).




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### Cemetery Details

 Cremation/ Interment to be held privately at a later date.



## Tribute Wall

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**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** shared a **Tribute Video**.



November 20 at 8:00 PM

**KM**

**Kent Murray** posted:

Sims Family, What can you say? Incredible Parents - Tom and Kitty were incredible people. When I thought of Ashburn, Community, Dedication, and Love for their neighbor, it was easy to see all of those things and more through Tom and Kitty. I truly admire Tom and Kitty. I remember so many talks I had with Tom at the ballfields. He was always smiling and always had a way of making everything positive. I am truly heartbroken over the passing of Tom and Kitty. It is truly an honor to know them both.

November 30 at 5:59 PM

**CB**

**Chip Block** posted:

What many may not remember is that Tom started his softball coaching career by coaching the Ashburn Presbyterian Church coed team. He organized and coached a ragtag group that would play night games in Sterling and Luckets while Allie and Brianna, toddlers at the time, played in the dirt in the dugout. Tom pitched, Kitty often caught or played right field, and somebody on the team almost always got hurt. Tom kept everybody smiling and laughing and he was the one player on the team that could hit home runs over the fence. We were young couples, enjoying each others company, having fun as the night fog would roll under the field lights. Tom and Kitty brought the joy and friendship then, and that friendship will will never be forgotten.

November 29 at 4:30 PM



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BS

**Bill Stat** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



November 28 at 2:30 PM

MS

**Margaret B. Sims** November 30 at 4:46 PM

Thank you, Bill. The sims family

BS

**Bill Stat** November 28 at 2:41 PM

Tom & Kitty were simply the most loving and kind hearted people you'd ever meet on this planet. It's just too sad to think that they won't be around anymore to make me smile. My memories of them will live with me forever. God bless them, and their families. Bill Stat

KW

**Kim Wild** posted:

Kate and Allie, Your mom and your dad were both amazing and we feel incredibly priveleged and grateful for having known them. Your dad coached our daughter Grace and she learned just as much from him on the field as off...because like your mom he led by example. We'll never forget his wisdom, gentle spirit or his fierce courage. Thank you for sharing him with us. We will continue to keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.~ The Wild Family

November 25 at 6:06 PM

MJ

**Michele And Mark Jones** posted:

Five years ago we met Tom and later, Kitty at a Shamrocks softball tryout. As we got to know Tom we appreciated him for his generosity, kindness and incredible energy. We learned a lot from him. For example, he re-defined the meaning of friendship in competitive sports as being more than what color uniform you wear. Here's to you, Tom. We're on your team--always.

November 25 at 2:04 PM

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November 23 at 9:03 AM

**KT**

**Katie Russell Turner** April 26 at 9:19 AM

I am afraid that am just now learning about Tom and Kitty. They popped into my mind about an hour ago and I was thinking about what a wonderful person Tom was in my life when I worked for him at Westpark Hotel & Econo Lodge when I was in my early twenties. I wanted to reach out to him now that I am adult and thinking about my own daughters and how I hope my daughters are lucky enough to have someone like Tom & Kitty in their lives. I wanted to say thank you and tell him how much I appreciated him, then and now. I wanted to ask him all about Kitty and his family. I am heartbroken.

**RV**

**Roxana Vasquez** November 29 at 9:14 AM

Kate, & Allie, I had the pleasure of meeting both of your parents Kitty & Mr. Sims, I have to say that both of them will remain in my heart forever, Kitty & I used to talk about our children all the time she was such a great mom. Mr. Sims was my boss for the pass 14 years he was not only my boss but also a good friend. Both of your parents were such wonderful people. :)

**RH**

**Rita Hoop** November 28 at 10:47 AM

Kate and Allie, we are so sorry that your dad went home to the Lord and your mom so soon. They were the best parents you could ever have and are so proud of you. We know you will feel their love and carry them in your hearts forever. You girls are so loved in Heaven and on Earth! Hugs and prayers to you, your dear grandmother and the whole family from the Hoops.

**LM**

**Larry Maloney** November 26 at 6:51 PM

Big Tom is a great guy - I have been lucky to know Tom for 7 years in the softball circles, we'd trade emails on softball stuff and always catch up when we were in same tournaments. Always positive and fun to be around. Katie and Allie - one of my favorite conversations with him a year or so ago, we were blabbing about things, but when we started talking about you both, and he lit up and he was so proud in telling me of all the different things you guys were up to... it was heartwarming. Every time I see a Shamrock, I'll think of Big Tom and what a great guy he is. Larry Maloney - Heartbreakers

**LJ**

**Lia And Steve Jones** November 26 at 5:27 PM

Kate and Allie, we are praying for you and have you in our thoughts and prayers. We loved Tom and thought the best of him. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.

**MP**

**Mary Powell** November 26 at 3:11 PM

I knew your mother and dad at Ashburn Presbyterian. I'm praying for you both and trust God to bless you abundantly as you continue to grow. May you share God's love everywhere you go,



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as your mother and dad did. Love in Christ, The Powell Family (Jeffrey, Mary, Stephanie, Olivia, and Rebecca)



**Mike And Robin Posey** November 24 at 5:17 AM

Katie and Allie just wanted to tell you we are thinking of you during this very difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your father was such a wonderful man and was loved by many. Mike and Robin Posey



## Media

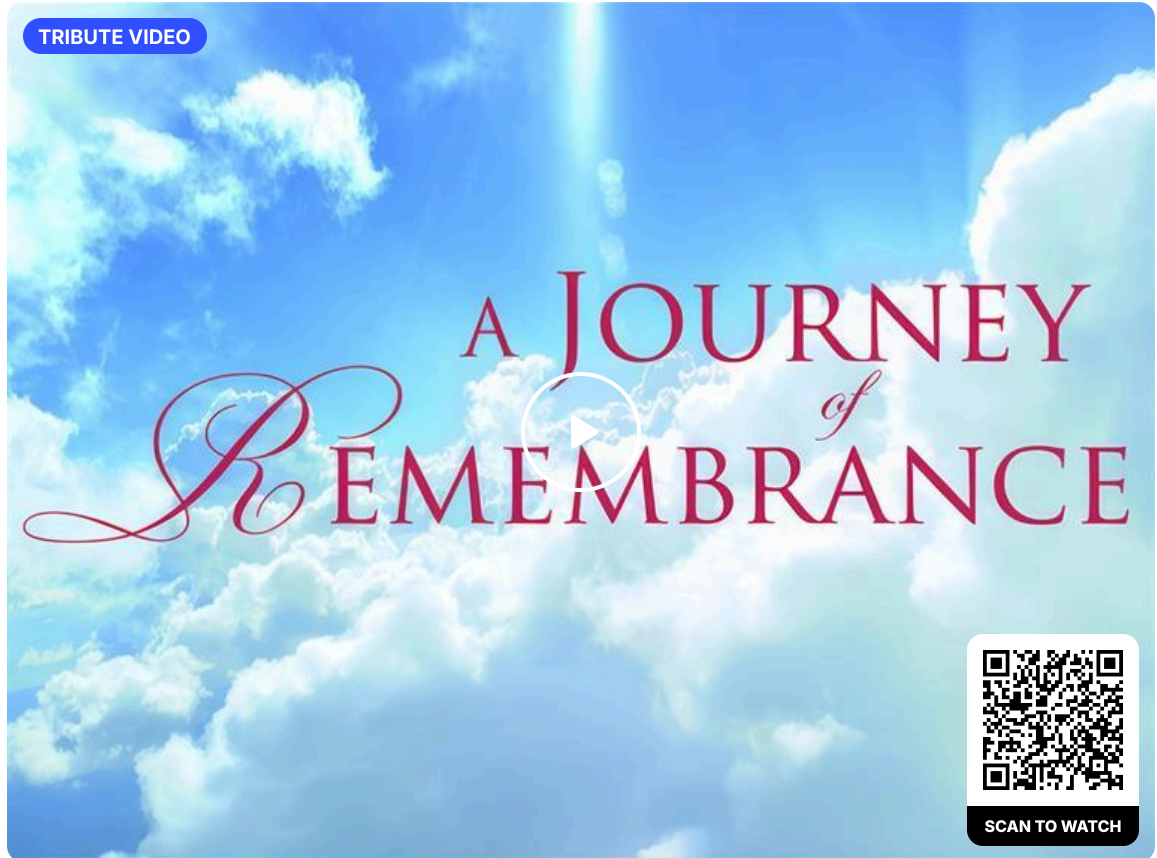
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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