



## Robert Dale Sims

October 30, 1958 - October 31, 2020

Robert Dale Sims, known to friends and family as Dale, was born in Laurel, Mississippi on October 30, 1958 and departed from this life on October 31, 2020 at the age of 62.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Betty Sims of Stringer, MS; brother-in-law, Billy Wayne Lampkin; and father-in-law, Angelo Lampkin.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife of thirty-six years, Angela “Angie” Lampkin Sims; daughter, Sonya Sims Myers (Stefan); mother-in-law, Dorothy Lampkin; sister-in-law, Mary Chancellor (Rodney); and special cousin, Fred Pitts.

Dale graduated from Stringer Attendance Center in 1976 and Jones College Auto Mechanics Program in 1977.

Dale devoted his forty-three year career to auto part sales with Motor Supply, Kenney’s Auto Parts, Reliable Supply, Mid-State, and lastly, O’Reilly’s Auto Parts. His regular customers valued his vast auto parts knowledge and custom paint-mixing expertise.

Throughout the 1990s, Dale served on the Sharon Volunteer Fire Department as an EMT, First Responder, and Assistant Fire Chief.

As an organ donor, Dale will continue to help others as his final act of

selflessness.

A memorial service will be held graveside at Lake Park Hills Cemetery on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Long-time friends, Reverend Steven Holloway and Sharon VFD Chief, Mike Hodge will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sharon Volunteer Fire Department:

Sharon VFD

c/o Sharon Water Works

4173 Sharon Rd.

Laurel, MS 39443

The family asks that all who attend the service wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Dale was the definition of a hard worker; a trait instilled into him from growing up farming land, poultry, and cattle. He constantly kept busy, whether at work or at home. The grass never got too tall, as he frequently cruised the yard on his riding mower while wearing his straw hat. When he was not tinkering around the shop, he could be found on the couch watching Sci-Fi, the History channel, or the back of his eyelids as his snores reverberated through the walls.

A jack-of-all-trades, he had an array of hobbies throughout his life including carpentry, auto painting, auto mechanics, scuba diving, fishing, competitive sharp shooting, and antiquing. He possessed a plethora of wisdom and an innate way of knowing how to fix just about anything.

In 1984, he married the only woman who loved him enough to sign on for a lifetime of washing his dirty socks. A few years later, the couple became

parents and complete as a family of three. He was a fiercely overprotective father to his daughter, no matter how old she was. Friends and family could steadily rely on Dale. He made time to be there for people. A true animal lover, he had a soft spot for nearly all of God's critters, with the exception of the armadillos that made a mess of his lawn.

Dale was an enigma of a man. He could be intensely private and outwardly serious. This combination made him very convincing to those who were unaware of his dry humor and sarcastic ways. Always quick witted, he got great enjoyment from tricking anyone into believing one of his elaborate tall tales.

To quote one of Dale's catch phrases, "at this stage of the game," life will not be the same without him. He is loved and greatly missed by many.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lake Park Hills Cemetery  
2806 Emmy Dr.  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

PD

“ *Angie and Family,  
We are so very sorry to hear of Dale's passing. Please know we are praying for all the family. May God bless and keep you and give you comfort in your time of loss.  
Doris Poore, Charles & Phyllis Daughdrill and Family.*

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**Phyllis Daughdrill** - November 20, 2020 at 06:33 PM

ML

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May the Lord hold you tight in his arms.  
Prayers for you all.*

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**Marian Latimer** - November 19, 2020 at 04:45 PM

AR

“ *Angie: Praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead for you and your family.*

*David, Angela & April Rudolph*

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**Angela Rudolph** - November 18, 2020 at 03:23 PM

AC

“ *I worked alongside O'Dale for many years. We were in the fire department together as well. Dale taught me a lot about life. Sure am going to miss that man. May peace be with his family. Until we meet again..*

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**Adam Cochran** - November 17, 2020 at 06:10 PM

DM

“ *The Best, Friendliest Man, I Have ever met. He taught me more about life than I would have ever learned on my own. O'dale was one of a kind, no matter how bad things seemed he could always show you the Bright side.*

*I will always call him a friend and family. I will miss you're serious face and great wisdom you shared with all. Peace and rest my Brother. Love always*

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**Darren McCraw** - November 05, 2020 at 09:53 PM

GB

*I'm blessed to have worked with him and get to know him . I have seen him pull jokes on people that didn't know how he was . But they always remember him afterwards. And I seen people that knew him he could still pull it off. He was one of the best friends I had at work he helped me a lot over the past 22 years. I will miss him so much and treasure that time. Praying for Angie and Sonya because it will be tough for them in the days to come.*

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**george beaty** - November 19, 2020 at 01:05 PM

CM

“ *Rest in peace brother.*

*Charles McMillan*

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**Charles McMillan** - November 05, 2020 at 08:33 AM

TJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dale. He was great guy always had a smile and encouraging words. He will truly be missed by all of us that depended on him for information in the car world because he was always willing to help and share his knowledge of cars. He was the only guy I would go to when I had a question about my vehicles because I knew he would help me and I could trust what he said. He was a good friend and I can only imagen the loss you his family are feeling at this time. Just know Kim and I will keep you all in pray and our church family will do the same. God bless you and may God carry you thru the days to come.  
Tony and Kim Johnson

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**Tony Johnson** - November 02, 2020 at 11:29 AM

GZ

Angie, I send my deepest sympathy. I know you are grieving and hurting. You and your family are in my prayers.  
Georgia Sumrall Ziegler

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**Georgia Ziegler** - November 03, 2020 at 02:17 PM

LL

Dale was my best friend in high school. We spent hours and hours talking about life and what we wanted to do in when we left school. I treasure those times with him and have always remembered our discussions. I also remember all those nights at Pizza Hut. Thank you Dale; I will miss you my friend. Lloyd

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**Lloyd** - November 06, 2020 at 08:28 PM

RC

Dale was a great man and I have depended on his help for over 40 years. He will be greatly missed. May The Lord comfort his family.

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**Randall Coker** - November 19, 2020 at 06:41 PM