



Derek Guy Sims

August 18, 2016

Obituary of Derek Sims

Derek Guy Sims, 38, of Center Hill, FL, died August 18, 2016, in a vehicle accident. Derek was a 4-H co-leader of the Apple Pie 4-H Club, a coach of the Sumter County Meat Judging Team and was a member of the FFA Alumni and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 824. He enjoyed raising beef cattle, collecting tools, finding bargains, and he loved his tractor. He is survived by his wife; Laura Sims; children: Kodi Miller, Groveland, FL, Kandice Winterbauer, Groveland, FL, Courtney Whitman, Center Hill, FL; his parents, Benny and Terry Sims, Brooksville, FL; his grandparents, Guy D. Sims and Joyce Sims, Tampa, FL; his brother, Joe (Melissa) Sims, Orange City, FL; nieces: Kaley Sims and Emily Sims, Orange City, FL; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by Curtis and Monette Vaughn.

In Lieu Of

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his memory to Sumter County 4-H, 7620 S.R. 471, Suite 2, Bushnell, FL 33513.

Visitation and Service

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Purcell Chapel. A service will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Purcell Chapel with Pastor Dewey Huffstutler officiating.

Tribute Wall

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Laura Sims - September 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Laura, I am at a loss with the news David gave me on the sudden passing of your husband, Derek. I am so, so sorry for this loss. I pray that your great and warm memories carry you through the rough times ahead. May God Bless you and your family. Love, Marti*

Martha Benitez - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

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April Brannen - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with Derek. This is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. The family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ashlie, Kody, Lydia and Brady Lee - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *One of the best people I've ever known. He was an amazing dad, son, husband, and brother. Kodi, Kandice, and I have a lifetime of wonderful memories that we'll always hold close to our hearts. Loved to goof off and have a good laugh! Always there to lend a helping hand, no matter what time of day or night. He was loved by many and will always be with us, in our happy times and sad times. Rest in peace my sweet friend! We'll always love you*

April Brannen - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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LB

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Linda Bacon - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Pamela and Ronald Swan - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Sandi Brockway - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WC

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PH

“ *Terry and benny. I am so very sorry for your lost god bless you both i love you. Phyllis*

Phyllis - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Derek's passing. Derek was a joy and inspiration to all of us. He was truly loved and will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies go out to you all.

Angela and Douglas Ivie - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy. Derek is one of the kindest men I've ever met. May God embrace him into his kingdom and comfort you and your family during this time.

Mary Schoenauer - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Derek Guy Sims

Tracy Miller - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Laura, Courtney, loved ones and friends. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you in this tradgeic time.. May your sorrow be comforted with love and support... Remember what was prescious, Derek's life and those he touched.. I never met him but knowing you Laura from a long time ago I could see the joy, love, and happiness in your life... You are forever in my heart and prayer for everyone who have experienced a loss...

Tracy Miller - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ My heart continues to break for Laura, and Derek's entire family, friends, and loved ones. I've been praying everyday since I heard. I pray for everyone during this difficult time.

Angela Maria Yates - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *Our prayers are with you Laura and all the family. God bless!*

Vernelle Haney - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Our hearts and thoughts along with our prayers go out to all of his family and friends. A loss this way is never easy and we pray that he will rest in peace and know how many lives he touched and children he helped become that better person. May G-d be with you all.*

Eleine Chin-Shue - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Words cannot explain what I feel right now. Our tomorrows aren't promised that's for sure. My sincere sympathy goes out to this wonderful family. God Bless & we love yall.*

Debbie Conger Anderson - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Our hearts are heavy with the news of Derek's Passing. May our Lord bless and keep your family during this time of heavy hearts. Derek will always be remembered as a warm and caring person. He has been good to my kids and grandchildren. He will be missed terrible.*

Stephen and Mary Brannen - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Rest in Peace, Derek. Much sympathy to Derek's family.*

Dorothy Clements - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Dear Benny and Terry, we are so devastated to hear of your horrible loss. Derek was such a wonderful young man. We enjoyed so much seeing him at your parties and family gatherings. There are no words to describe how your family must be feeling at this time. Our hearts are breaking not only for the loss of Derek but also for the pain your family is feeling. You all will be in our prayers. We will be making a donation to the Apple Pie 4-H Club in honor of Derek. With deepest sympathy, Patty and Dave.

Patty Davis - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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ST

“ *My condolences to the family. I know Derek was dearly loved by all. Such a hard loss for all who knew him. My prayers go out to Benny, Terry, and Joe, as well as his wife and family. We will miss him, but we can find joy in knowing GOD has a new purpose for him and he is with the father of us all.*

Sandra Torn - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ *I am so sad to see this. My heart goes out to Laura, Kandice and everyone else in the family. Derek was just a kind man. I was blessed to have known him. Fly high with the angels Derek. Much love, light and prayers to his family.*

Melanie Zakel - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Prayers to Derek's family, friends and co-workers. Derek was such a kind and giving person, always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need or want. Derek taught us, "city people" so much when we made our move to Brooksville, helping to set up our land and home, never asking for anything in return. He was wonderful with kids, he loved them and they loved him back. Everyone he touched while on this Earth will have fond, loving memories of Derek and I know the Lord is saying, "In you, my son, I am well pleased".

Mark & Cindy Hoaglin - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Laura so sorry to hear about the lost of your husband, hey want to let you know that our hearts are hurting for you keep your head up strong know the god is with you I know that he must have had better plans for Derek he loves you love the kids I can see that in your face when I seen you and how happy you were and you love him so take care and if you need anything call me it's April's mom 813-695-9223 I just don't know what to say because there's just no words to say that'll bring him back so our prayers are with you bye

Laura bouilly - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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EL

“ So many things I can say, but all that I can say is what everyone already knows in what kind of man, husband, son, father, friend, and just a heck of a good person Derek was. He was that person you will never forget, or will have never spoken negatively of, because he was a great guy. We will both miss Derek and appreciate everything he has ever done for us. We send many thoughts and prayers to help his family through this difficult time. With heavy hearts Eric and Stephanie Leffler.

Eric and Stephanie Leffler - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Much love and prayers to Derek's Family. I had not seen him in many years but I do have only good memories of him! He was always the shy, quiet kid on the bus and very kind.

Christina Harrell - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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EG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Derek was an amazing person, his infectious smile could light up a room. I knew Derek in high school he would always help anyone that needed it. May God help you all get through this tough time. Erica Gonzalez

Erica Gonzalez - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We are at loss for words Derek will be in our hearts and prayers as we all as a family go through this terrible loss of such an amazing and wonderful guy. He touched so many people in so many ways. I know he is in heaven. God bless each and everyone .

Jerry and Nancy Woodham (Laura's parents) - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I know sorry isn't enough. Hope you find peace Laura in knowing how much you and Courtney were loved by Derek. Know he will always be with you in your memories. Love you girl.

Sandy Cassels - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sorry to hear about the tragedy no words could ever say or replace him I know you loved him so much when I saw you were so happy I know that you're hurting but have faith in God and know that he had something better in mind for Derek know that he loves you and the kids and he will always be with you in your heart I know it's hard just went through it with my mom but if you need to talk to someone it's April's mom give me a call 813-695-9223

Laura Bouilly - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers to the Sims family during this time .

Stephanie Harris - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Gina Watkins - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Derek had a big smile that will stay with everyone a lifetime! He always brought out the best in people and had the biggest heart of anyone I know! He will be missed by so many! My thoughts and prayers go out to Laura , the kids and his parents and family!*

Gina Watkind - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you all. ~The Wilson Family*

Michele Wilson - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Benny & Terry, I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I am for your loss.... Derek was a very important part of my life, watching him grow into a great man, father and husband has been so important to me.... Please accept my most sincere condolences for your loss, and to the loss of his family and wife.... I am so sorry and heartbroken... I will see you at his Memorial on Wednesday..... Love and Hugs to you both, Joe, and Derek's Family.... Lark*

Lark King - August 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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