



Gregory Louis Simi

December 10, 1951 - April 13, 2024

Greg Simi was born in Boston, MA to Theresa and Florio Simi in December 1951. He lived a wonderful, happy and content life till he died in The Villages, FL on April 13, 2024.

It took many years and many discussions to get Greg to try a cruise. But after the first one, he was hooked. Vacations became going on Caribbean cruises with his number one mate, Katie. Much of the fun was in the planning and anticipation. Greg loved his balcony rooms! Sadly, Greg Simi, 72, took his final cruise on March 30, where he suffered a stroke while in the port of Curaçao. Greg was ultimately brought home to spend his final days at the beautiful Cornerstone Hospice House in The Villages, surrounded by his adoring family.

After spending his first 40 years in Boston, specifically Dorchester, he took a transfer to The Big Apple. He embraced his life working in NYC, living in and raising his family in NJ, but he never gave up being a huge Boston Sports fan. Go Celtics! Go Patriots! Go Bruins!

He graduated from UMass with a bachelor's degree. He thought he wanted to be a carpenter, but instead decided to follow his father's footsteps, embarking on a long stint in the film industry. In 1974 he started working at United Artists/MGM, rising up the ranks for over 30 years. That job was where he met his wife. He ended his career with Summit Entertainment in 2010 when he

had the first of three strokes.

In 2014, the cold weather got to him and he made the move south. Greg loved The Villages and spent 9 years in the home that he helped pick out for him and his wife, Katie. People may say that he's in a better place, but to Greg, there was no better place than The Villages, FL!

Greg was handsome, loving, honest, funny...really funny sometimes! He was a fiercely dedicated father and husband. He was so many things to so many people. He loved "attempting" to play good golf, mostly because of the wonderful friends he made while playing. He loved reading and watching his Britbox TV shows.

He left too soon and his loved ones will miss him every day of their lives. No amount of time would ever have been enough for his friends and family, who so enjoyed having him around.

Gregory was predeceased by his parents Florio and Theresa Simi of Boston, MA and his father-in-law Bobby Smith of The Villages, FL.

Greg leaves Kate, the love of his life, his wife of 44 years. He leaves his children; Valerie and Jim Meehan and their children Olivia and Arlo, Stefanie and Peter Colombo and their children Gianna and Nicolas, Zachary and Josepha Simi and their children Leo and Beckham. He also leaves his mother-in-law Terry Smith, his brother Don and wife Pamela Simi and their daughter Andrea Simi, and sister Susan Simi and husband Henry Wong and their children Max and Maya Wong. He had a big extended family who will miss him greatly.

Miller Lite was Greg's beer of choice. Feel free to raise a glass and toast the good times, the memories, and his life well lived.

No plans have been made for a memorial at this time.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider The Cornerstone Hospice Foundation.

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KF

“ I was looking through a scrapbook of old UMass pics and something made me think of Greg a.k.a. Sess and his roommate Scott Bennet who lived down the hall from me and the weird, wacky but great times we had at the Field dorm there. Curious as to what happened to him in the 50+ years past, I looked him up on the internet and was sad to see that he had passed last year, but so glad to see the wonderful life he had and the endelible mark he left on everyone he came in contact with. I only knew him for a couple of years way back when, but I agree with everyone's assessment of him and glad to see he never changed. Greg, or "Sess" as we called him then, was one of those larger than life characters you never forget and glad you met!

My deepest condolences to all of his family and friends. See you on the funway pal!

Ken Fothergill - July 29, 2025 at 03:11 AM

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“ I met Greg in 1980 when I worked at em Loews theaters in boston.he.was with united artist working for Joe griffin the branch manager.he was a great guy always fun to deal with a true one of a kind.my sister who was a nurse at the carney hospital took care of his father florio towards the end of his life always.remarked how greg and his wife were always visiting his dad at the hospital.a true family man.rest in peace old friend greg.see you on the other side!!

Thomas Healy - April 22, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ I worked for Greg for many years at MGM in NY. I truly admired his work ethic and his sense of humor. I tease him for many years about his thick Boston accent. I kept telling him to “speak English”. My condolences to the family.

Richard Rettino - August 06, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Greg. Johnny Gallagher found me on facebook and told me. The three of us worked together with Kathy at UA/MGM back in the day. I had previously worked with his dad Florio (great man) at Disney. They had there first date at the place I was working as a bartender in Brighton. He was one of the best guys I've ever worked with. We both ended up in Florida, he in the Villages and I in Naples. I see both of us loved to go on cruise and probably were on the same boat once or twice. Wish we had crossed paths. It's been a long time my dear friend R.I.P. Jay Shippie

Jay Shippie - July 18, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ Kathy and family. We are so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. From enjoying him on Milton St all the way to St Croix over a span of decades, he was the life of the party and so fun to be around. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories. Peace to you all, Kerry and Trent Waldo and family

kerry waldo - May 01, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Greg as long as many of his close friends, since we only shared a few rounds of golf together. However, it was clear to me that Greg was an exceptional family man—devoted to his roles as a father and a husband to Kate, and a genuine friend who consistently focused on the brighter side of life. Greg's remarkable sense of humor and his ability to fully embrace life were truly inspiring. Like his friends and family, We will deeply miss him.

We hold onto the hope that we might meet again on the other side. Rest in peace, Greg. With deepest sympathy,

Joe and Rita

Joey Fitz - April 29, 2024 at 09:41 PM

“ Sorry for your loss.
So many fond memory's from dorchester to matapoiset to Amherst to Springfield New York to Vermont got in car anbd headed north and that's just the beginning.
Greg was life of party I had privilege of being Gregs ciollege roommate.it was best of times.
Abd what a loving caring wife.
Will never forget Greg and Katie showing up in snow storm. Always so nice getting together sharing how our families prospered .

scott bennett - April 26, 2024 at 06:00 PM

JM

“ Greg Simi was a family man first and foremost, and he loved nothing more than being with and celebrating all things Simi. As my father in law, he taught me- through his actions each day- how to love dotingly, unceasingly and unambiguously. I will always be inspired by not only the work ethic- working out every morning before traveling from New Jersey to Manhattan when I first met him- but the play ethic. Greg was always fun to be around, hilariously funny and empathetic. He always found a way to connect with everyone, and it worked. His oldest daughter does too. It was incredibly moving that in his last years with us- even with the discomfort that his first strokes left him with- all he really seemed to want to do when he came to Portland was to spend his afternoons watching his granddaughter play sports. Just like he loved watching his son and daughters play. I am so grateful for the example he set for me as his son in law as a father and husband. I will honor my memories of him- all dubbed in a strong Southie accent with a Miller Lite in hand- for the rest of my life. We'll really miss you dude :(



Jim Meehan - April 24, 2024 at 01:42 AM

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“ I will definitely miss Greg, my favorite neighbor! I believe the photos selected for this tribute are 'spot on' depicting how fun loving and funny Greg was. At the same time he was relaxed and casual. He really was the center of the Simi family orbit and everyone adored him. It was great being a neighbor and getting to know him and the very loving and supportive Simi family.
Best love, Anne Cobb

Anne Cobb - April 22, 2024 at 11:36 AM

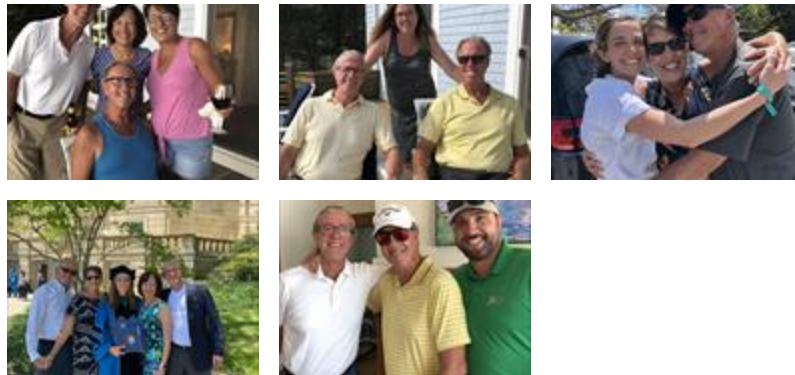
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“ We will miss Greg everyday. Sending prayers to the family

carol philip OUELLETTE - April 22, 2024 at 08:58 AM

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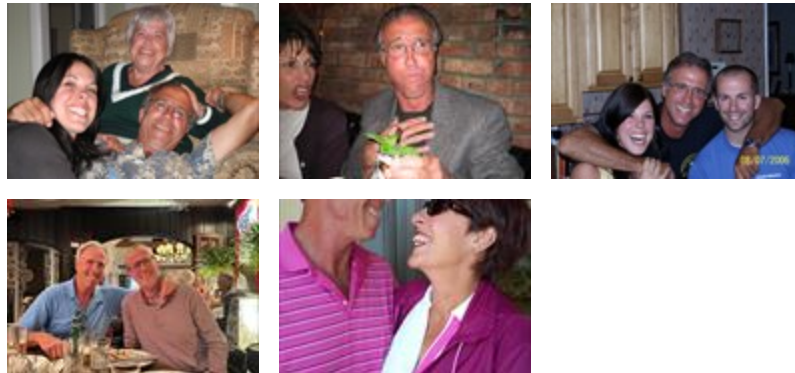
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Pamela Simi - April 20, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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Valerie Meehan - April 20, 2024 at 12:01 AM

JS

“ Big Papa Simi. I will miss you, I loved having another father figure in my life. I loved your relationship with Zach and the kids, you were always so kind and loving. Because of you I learned to golf and you gave me my husband. You will be forever part of our family and our boys will carry your name on to the next generation. We love you!!!



Josepha Simi - April 19, 2024 at 04:17 PM

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Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory - April 19, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ *Best sense of humor I loved him very much Will truly miss him.*
Jeremy

Jeremy Lubcher - April 19, 2024 at 01:26 PM