



James Simmons

August 24, 1961 - August 10, 2020

James Douglas "Doug" Simmons, Jr., 58, of Bushnell, FL, passed away Monday, August 10, 2020, at home surrounded by his loving family. Doug worked for the CSX railroad for 38 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors.

Doug is survived by his wife of 24 years: Kristi Simmons of Bushnell, FL; son: Justin Simmons (Caitlin) of Woodstock, GA; daughter: Brittany Simmons (Jason Thomas) of Gainesville, FL; grandchildren: Clark, Olivia James, Ryland and Caden; parents: Kenny and Beverly Smith of Greenville, FL; sister: Susie Wittstruck of St. Petersburg, FL; niece: Lauren; mother-in-law: Sany Stamey of Astor, FL; father-in-law: Frank Rise of Talking Rock, GA and aunt: Sally Vancourt of Brandon, FL.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (with visitation from 1:00 to 2:00 prior to service) at Purcell Funeral Home Chapel in Bushnell, Florida.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Simmons*



May 11, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *Kristi, and family, I am so very sad for you and all the family. Please know, my heart aches for you. I miss you, I shall be in touch,*

Pauline Sanders - August 17, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ *We are saddened to hear about Dougs passing. We had many fun times with Doug, Susie, Beverly and Kenny in Durant. Our sincere sympathy to his whole family. Peace and comfort to all of you.*

Jamie & Julie Hinson - August 15, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *With deep condolences for Kristi, and all of the Simmons family, and prayers for peace found of healing memories.*

Throughout my tenure with CSX, Doug was always a gentleman and a patient resource for my unending questions. He will be sorely missed, and remembered fondly and with great respect.

Denise Lynch - August 14, 2020 at 02:05 PM

BS

“ Ms. Kristi ,Justin an Brittany don't really know what to say other than I'm sorry for your loss I've been blessed to have 2 daddy's POP's being my railroad daddy he will be greatly missed by many an he will continue to be looked up to by us all take it easy POP's I love ya

Brad Sanders - August 14, 2020 at 07:28 AM

PS

“ My condolences to Doug's family and many friends and colleagues. Doug left a lasting legacy on those he worked with and for the railroad he dedicated himself to for 38 years. We are all better for having known him. I pray you find peace.

Peggy Smith - August 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM

BT

“ Doug was the father of our two wonderful grandchildren, Justin and Brittany. He was a loving, wonderful father and they loved him dearly. We always respected Doug and thought the world of him. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends. He is pain free now and in a happier place. Rest in Peace Doug,

Winfield and Betty Tillis

Betty Tillis - August 12, 2020 at 08:43 PM

JF

“ Mr. Doug will be greatly missed. One fine railroader!!!

Florida Bridge Teams

Joey Folsom - August 12, 2020 at 11:08 AM

SA

“ I only knew Doug for a short time. Was one of his caregivers. I'm so glad I was able to be there to help him have a more comfortable life. One thing I know is he loved his manly hobbies and so many people lived him.

Sara - August 12, 2020 at 09:07 AM

JG

“ I met Doug for the first time about five years ago. I had heard his name during my years working at the railroad. I found him to be a very straight forward and cheerful spirit. As a manager I always found him to be fair and direct. He was a pleasure to be around. It was a great surprise to learn he has passed. I am currently out of state and will be unable to attend his service. I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. I as they have been touched by his presence and saddened. I will always remember Doug in prayer and thoughts. Rest In Peace my Brother!

Joe Gibbons - August 12, 2020 at 07:23 AM