

Obituary

Darren Richard Simmons was born on January 20, 1966 in Portland, Oregon to Daryl and Irene (Tori) Simmons. They moved to Anchorage, Alaska when Darren was two years old. He gained two little sisters before his family moved to North Pole, Alaska. While Darren was in school, he enjoyed being involved in the drama program.

Darren graduated from North Pole High School in 1984, and then started volunteering at the North Pole Fire Department where he learned that he loved working in service occupations.

Darren welcomed his daughter, Kathleen Chloe Elizabeth Simmons, into the world in 1988. He joined the army in 1992 to try to provide a better life for his girl. He worked as a medic until he was honorably discharged. He ended up leaving with a disability, but he still enjoyed jobs serving others. He worked in the lunch program at a school in Texas. He also worked at a pet store where he enjoyed helping people with their pets. Darren loved animals and was very sad to leave his cat, Midnight, and his dog, Cleo, behind.

Darren will be missed. He was heartbroken when he realized that he would no longer be around for his mother. After his father died five years ago, he made it his personal responsibility to help take care of her. He fought hard to be there for her until his earthly body gave out.

Darren went to be with the Lord on February 19, 2024 after a long battle with cancer. He died as he hoped to, on his couch with family and friends surrounding him.

Darren is survived by his mother, Tori Simmons; daughter, Kathleen (Dustin) Walters; sisters: Dawn (Richard) Bennett; and Holly (Shane) Garrett; uncles and aunts: Bill (Patty) Chase; Dave (Liz) Simmons; and Donald Simmons; grandchildren: Kami; Mika; Robert (Crosby) and Dustin; Vanessa; Harlan (Walters); nieces: Regan Garrett; and Hallie; Ashley; Brylee (Bennett); nephews: Matthew; and Jesse (Bennett); grand-niece, Aspen Bennett; and numerous cousins.

Darren was preceded in death by his father, Daryl Simmons; his grandparents: Bill and Eunice Chase; and Harold and Laura Simmons.



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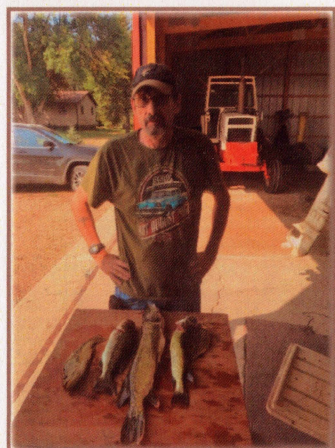
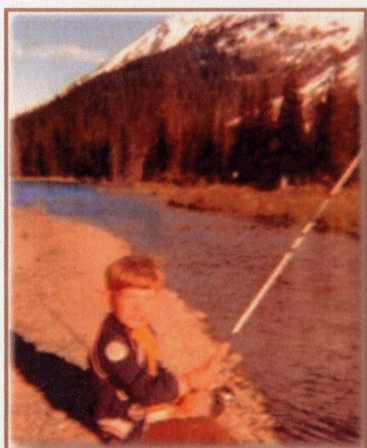
In Memory Of



Darren Richard Simmons

January 20, 1966 ~ February 19, 2024





God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next.

Amen.



In Memory Of Darren Richard Simmons

Entered Into Rest

January 20, 1966

February 19, 2024

Funeral Services

12:00 PM, February 26, 2024

Bethlehem Covenant Church - Wheaton, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Tim Shekleton

Pianist

Cheryl Shekleton

Pallbearers

Dawn Bennett

Holly Garrett

Shane Garrett

Bill Chase

Shawn Niebolte

Lyle Brecht

Military Rites Provided By

Merton Dale American Legion Post #80

Interment

Willamette National Cemetery - Portland, Oregon