



## James Andrew Sims

April 10, 1943 - January 3, 2015

James Andrew Sims, 71, of Bessemer, AL, formerly of Kosciusko, MS, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 3, 2015. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Sam P. and Helon McGee Sims; two brothers, Sammy (Martha Lynn) and Joe (Molly) Sims. James enjoyed reading, cooking, and traveling. He held an Amateur Extra Class radio license and he was a proud volunteer for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Search & Recue Team. He was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the U. S. Army for over 25 years attaining the rank of Master Sergeant in the Military Police. James is survived by his wife of 25 years, Lisa Leath Sims; one son, David Sims (Andrea); step-daughter, Amy Bryant (Drew); three grandchildren, Marvin, Lukas, and Zoe Sims; one brother, David Sims (Sicily); three sisters, Martha Lawrence (James), Helon Herth, and Ava Batson (Jimmy); numerous nieces and nephews. The services will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015 at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home, visitation at 1:00 PM, memorial service at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Team.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
P.O. Box 629  
McCalla, AL 35111  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

GB

“ I was Andrews ex younger brother in law. I thought Andrew was the coolest guy I had ever known.ii loved this guy and I'll never forget him.gary broome

gary broome - October 02, 2025 at 10:52 PM

CR

“ Well, I am indeed behind in the news. James Andrew and I grew up together in Kosciusko, MS and were good friends. I am saddened to learn of his passing and pray God's abundant blessings upon his family.  
Rest in peace my old friend.....Benny and Perla Crosby - Sanford, FL

Crosby - July 31, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ Lisa and family we were so sad to hear the sad news of your loss. Praying for all of you!!!



Sherry Cooke - January 09, 2015 at 12:08 PM

AW

“ Lisa, and Family. All the very kind words that have been sent, My Heart is very heavy today, as Jim is laid to rest. I first met Jim early in 1979 in Heidelberg and besides him being my Platoon Sgt. we became very close friends. When I departed Germany in July of 1980, I made a commitment to Jim then that we would Always stay in touch. We indeed did just that. I can recall Jim getting me hooked up on Facebook, him telling me this will be great- we will be able to locate all passed members of our unit. Well we all know this is how the reunions all started. So on this very sad day Buddy, you know I am thinking of you and I always will until we meet again. Rest In Peace ( Sarge)

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**Art Stock- Wisconsin** - January 09, 2015 at 06:18 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James Andrew Sims.



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January 08, 2015 at 07:31 PM

CR

“ A man whose caring and steadfast determination and willingness to keep a person happy and motivated is what I will keep in my fondest memories. That hearty laugh and southern Gentleman outlook is something I hope continues on with all the people he has met and touched. Proud to call him friend. From Heidelberg to Chicago to our next meeting. God Grant you Peace. Carlos Rivera

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**Carlos Rivera** - January 06, 2015 at 08:20 AM

NV

“ Lisa, Andrew was our hero, our protector, our great neighbor. No one will take his place. Truly a giver to all of us. It is an honor to have him be a part of our life. You were blessed to have him all those years. Keeping you all in my prayers.

Nancy Vann - January 05, 2015 at 06:53 PM

KM

“ Lisa, Ava, Helon, Sis and David, my heart breaks for you all. May God's grace give you peace during this difficult time. James Andrew had many Army friends and co-workers who remember him as a leader and a mentor. What a wonderful legacy for your families.  
Kitty Sims Moore



kitty moore - January 05, 2015 at 05:54 AM

 Donnie Lepper

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Donnie Lepper - January 04, 2015 at 11:32 PM



What a sweet couple!!! So so sorry for your loss!!!

Sherry Cooke - January 09, 2015 at 12:09 PM

 Donnie  
Lepper

“ *Donnie Lepper lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Sims*



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**Donnie Lepper** - January 04, 2015 at 11:24 PM

 Donnie  
Lepper

“ *We always had fun with Andrew at the birthday parties. I'll always remember some of the events going on at the time, and the stories he told about them. One being the reunion with his Military friends, I know he was really excited to meet them all again. Another and maybe more recent was the kids visiting from Germany, I know he really enjoyed them being around. In a lot of ways he reminded me of my older brother, always something going on, something fresh, something to tell me about. Maybe he's doing that today? Lisa and family, it is my prayer the Holy Spirit hold you and comfort you through these times. As difficult they are, have faith He will be with you. Love and hope to see you soon!*

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**Donnie Lepper** - January 04, 2015 at 11:23 PM

 Jeffrey  
Sr.

“ *I was proud to have served with Sgt Sims at the 66thmpco in Karlsruhe, W Germany 1981-1983. Jeff Seibold*



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**Jeffrey Sr.** - January 04, 2015 at 08:04 PM

GK

“ It is hard to put into words what Jim meant to myself and my fellow Soldiers. Jim was the glue that held us altogether, he was our Platoon Sargeant, but more importantly he was our Mentor. Jim led by example, he never wavered in his steadfast support of us all. He instilled in all of us a hard work ethic, get your work done-then you can play! I will miss his ready smile, quick humor, and his special way of reliving our shared past. Thank you Sarge, for being who you were, and for the lessons you taught us all. I will never forget you, Rest in Peace. May God comfort and keep your loved ones.

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**Gerrit Vander Kamp** - January 04, 2015 at 07:37 PM

AH

“ We will sure miss you !!  
While we are mourning the loss of our friend,  
others are rejoicing to meet him behind the  
veil. - John Taylor  
Love you much, Andy !!



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**Anne Hernandez** - January 04, 2015 at 07:20 PM