



Eugene T. Sims, Jr.

February 6, 1930 - February 19, 2011

Eugene T. Sims, Jr., 81, of Murphysboro, passed away at his residence in Murphysboro, Illinois, at 8:50 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2011.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Murphysboro with Rev. Shaker Samuel officiating and burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Murphysboro. Pettett Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Eugene was born on February 6, 1930, in Murphysboro, Illinois to Eugene T. Sims, Sr. and Hannah Martha (Crowell) Sims.

He served in the U.S. Navy.

In 1956 to 1957, he taught Science and coached track at the Logan Junior High School. Then his family moved to Florida and from 1957 to 1969, he was an assistant Principal at Miami-Carol City Senior High, where he also taught Physical Education there and at Madison Junior High School and at Edgewood Junior High School.

Then, they moved back to Murphysboro, where he served as Assistant Principal at the Elverado School District Elementary Junior High, and later at

the Murphysboro High School. He then served as Principal at Orchard Hill, Lincoln, and Logan Schools, and retired in 1985.

After retiring, Mr. Sims filled one year vacancies by serving as principal at the Murphysboro Christian Academy and one year at Cope (Center For Optional Education), also in Murphysboro.

Mr. Sims was a very active member of the First Baptist Church in Murphysboro, where he served on many committees including Church Council and Board of Deacon. He taught Sunday School and was a very faithful member of the church choir

He volunteered for ten years at the Murphysboro Boot Camp, where he tutored there at the Boot Camp as well as at the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Gene was an avid fisherman and golfer. He and his wife enjoyed traveling together which included long walks on the beaches.

He married Leah Bradley on December 20, 1951, in Murphysboro, and she survives.

Other survivors include three children Michael Bradley Sims of Murphysboro, Kerry Lee (Patrick) Brockhagen of Columbus, IN, and Jeanne Marie Knope of St. Charles, MO;

four grandchildren Evan Sims, Jessie Sims, Timothy Slms, and Laura Lee Knope;

one great granddaughter Hannah Nichole Sims;

3 sisters Doris (Delbert) Cox of Lubbock, TX, Virginia Lee Sims and Rosemary

Sims Neal, both of Orlando, FL;

several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ Eugene T. Sims, Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ I had the privilege to meet Mr. Sims when my two Leslie Stoops Jr. and Jennifer Stoops or as known to Mr. Sims as Lucy, started school where he was then the principle. He called me into his office to have a meeting regarding my son. While having this meeting Mr. Sims proceeded to tell me that my son was a bully some of the other kids and really misbehaving in class. At the time all I could do was start crying and Mr. Sims patted my hand and told me not to worry he would work with my son while he was at school. He took my son aside and told him that starting the next school day if he did not get into any trouble all day then the next day he could help Mr. Sims put up the school flag of a morning and take it down of an evening and any other help that Mr. Sims would need he would let my son do it with or for him. I was never called back into his office to discuss my sons misconduct again, in fact he stopped bullying younger children and started getting better grades altogether. Mr. Sims worked with him until my son left that school. I always tell my son even now that he is in his 30s if it had not been for Mr. Sims my son would have been just another statistic. I will forever be grateful for such a wonderful, caring, compassionate man as Mr. Sims.

Beverly (stoops) McKee - February 24, 2011 at 06:00 PM

BM

“ Mrs. Sims and family our hearts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. Mr. Sims was a wonderful man and both Mr. and Mrs. Sims was such a wonderful asset to our childrens school years. He will be missed greatly. From my family to you and yours our deepest condolences.
Beverly (Stoops) McKee
(lucy's Mom)

Beverly (stoops) McKee - February 24, 2011 at 05:46 PM

DK

“ We wish to express our sincere sympathies to Laura Lee, Jeanne, and the rest of the Sims family. We are sorry for your loss, but may you find comfort in the fact that he is no longer suffering and has found peace with the Lord. God bless and keep you all in his loving care during this difficult time.

Dale & Ruth Knope & Mildred Kingsten - February 21, 2011 at 10:08 PM

TM

“ You are all in our prayers. Sammie says she loves you Aunt Kerry and don't be sad.

Tonya, Chris, and Sammie Manley - February 21, 2011 at 08:36 AM