



## Mr. Larry Joe Sims

April 21, 1952 - October 31, 2017

### The Life and Legacy of Larry Joe Sims:

Larry Joe Sims was a renaissance and classic man to those who loved and cherished him. Larry lived a life of joy, and it is no accident that to family and friends he was an artist, designer, trendsetter, advisor, mentor, athlete, culinary genius, protector, comedian and philosopher. The two titles he held most dear were loving husband and devoted father.

The youngest son of the late Gillie Peyton Sims, Jr. and Alberta Louise Reed Sims, he was born on April 21, 1952, in Tupelo, Mississippi. He is preceded in death by his three brothers, Charles Everett Sims, James Edward Sims and Gillie Sims III. The family moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1965 and his parents raised their sons in a Christian and loving home. His family were faithful members of Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church and Christ Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Larry attended Detroit Public Schools graduating from Southeastern High School in 1970. He continued his education at Highland Park Community College and Wayne State University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. He also received an advanced degree from Central Michigan University, a Master's in Business Administration. As a professional, Larry worked for 42 years at the General Motors Tech Center where he held several key positions in the design department and as a human resources manager.

Larry married the love of his life, Silvia Lorraine Williams on August 16, 1986. They were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Gabrielle Lauren and Jourdan Alexandria, the lights of his life. Along with his beloved wife, Larry valued quality education, community service, entertaining family and friends and most of all his family and Christian faith. During his younger years, he loved to play softball and racquetball. His other pastimes included, fishing, shooting pool, watching westerns and making a mean homemade ice cream. He was a faithful member of Fellowship Chapel for 33 years where he served as a trustee for over 10 years.

Larry departed this earthly life peacefully at his home on October 31, 2017.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Nov. **3.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellowship Chapel  
7707 West Outer Drive  
Detroit, MI 48235

## Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. **4.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. **4.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Larry Joe Sims*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Cathy B (Orr) Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Joe Sims*



**Cathy B (Orr) Smith** - December 10, 2017 at 02:35 AM



“ *OMG, I just found out about his passing and I'm heartbroken. A few of his classmates & I we're talking about him today & said we'd get in touch through mutual friends & when we reached out we were given this devastating news. I'm praying for his family. We went to SE & graduated together. He was a great, kind, sweet, gentle & caring man. R.I.P. Dear Friend. You are truly missed. Gone but never forgotten. Cathy B (Orr) Smith*

**Cathy B (Orr) Smith** - December 10, 2017 at 02:27 AM



“ *Shirley King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Joe Sims*



**Shirley King** - November 08, 2017 at 06:56 PM

SK

*Our condolences to Sylvia and family. We saw Larry the day before his death at Home Depot, he was happy as usual, and looking forward to his daughter's wedding. Our thoughts and prayers be with you. He will truly be missed.*

**Shirley King** - November 08, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“*Dear Sylvia and family, please know that I am praying God’s strength for you. We can’t always understand the things that life presses upon us. But we can be assured that God’s loving and compassionate presence is with us always, especially when we need it most. May the Holy Spirit comfort you now and in the days ahead. With sincere condolences, Rev. Dr. Renee C. Jackson and family*



**Renee Jackson** - November 03, 2017 at 11:46 PM

CL

“*Praying for you In Your Time of Loss. May Faith sustain you and loving memories lift you.*

*William and Claudia Lee // Linda Sharon parents.  
Grace,Peace and Power.*



**Claudia Lee** - November 03, 2017 at 05:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Joe Sims.*



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November 03, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ *Sylvia,*

*“Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs” to you and your daughters.*

*Camille, Cameron & Marguerite/Family*

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**Camille Ann Evans** - November 03, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sylvia,*

*Jeanine and I want to express our sincere condolences. and we will continue to pray for you and your family*

*Larry, you will be truly missed, Your passing is so Surreal. I am still numb.*

*Craig Clemons*

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**Craig Clemons** - November 03, 2017 at 08:46 AM

LC

“ Love, Craig & Jeanine Clemons purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Larry Joe Sims.



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**Love, Craig & Jeanine Clemons** - November 03, 2017 at 08:26 AM

CC

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**Craig Clemons** - November 03, 2017 at 07:41 AM

TB

*Sorry for your loss*

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**Thomas Bond** - November 06, 2017 at 12:15 AM

RD

“ My deepest sympathy to the Sims family. I had the pleasure of working and sharing athletic competition both on the softball field and racquetball court against Larry. Will always treasure his memory along with that group that we shared. Please accept my prayers of strength and comfort during this difficult time. Ralph DeWitt GM Design Center

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**Ralph DeWitt** - November 03, 2017 at 06:47 AM