



John W. Simmons, of Townsend

February 9, 1947 - January 25, 2025

Townsend – John W. Simmons, 77, passed away peacefully on January 25, in the West Roxbury VA Medical Center with his family by his side.

John was born in Leeds, Alabama on February 9, 1947, a son of the late Fred E. and Edith F. (Wheeler) Simmons. Shortly after graduating from Ayer High School, John enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1964; He was deployed to Vietnam from 1967 - 1968, where he proudly served his country until his honorable discharge.

Upon returning home, John worked for various computer companies, eventually retiring from IBM. In his spare time John loved going fishing or simply cheering on his favorite New England sports teams, the Red Sox, Bruins, and Patriots. John was an avid reader, who amassed not only an impressive book collection, but movie collection as well.

He loved nothing more than his family; while his boys were young, he greatly enjoyed coaching them in some of their team sports. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, who will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his wife Joyce (Ames) Simmons of Townsend; four children, Cass Simmons of Australia, Carson Simmons and his wife Annie of CA, Jordan Simmons of Townsend, and Cameron Simmons and his wife

Kathleen of NH; grandchildren, Walker and Savannah Simmons of CA; siblings, Paul Simmons and wife Dianne Carter of VT; Judy Gendreau of NC, two sisters-in-law, Madeleine Simmons of Methuen, Jean Simmons of AL: many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

He was predeceased by two of his brothers Ray and Wayne Simmons.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in John's name to the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Association P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090-6011 or the Fisher Hospitality House 1400 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

Tribute Wall

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“ John was my boss for a time back in the late 70's and early 80's at Digital. He was such a great guy. We had some fun times playing golf and drinking beers along with some of the other guys. He was a loyal and good friend. It was an honor to know him.

Rick Shaw - January 30, 2025 at 05:35 AM