



Paul Frederick Simmons

March 29, 1939 - January 10, 2015

Simmons, Paul F., January 10, 2015, age 75 of Westland. Loving father of Michael G. Simmons. Dear brother of Norma Simmons and the late John Simmons Jr. Teacher of 40 years, retired from Dearborn Public Schools. Honorary life member of the Michigan Chess Association. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Chess Association, PO Box 40, Flint, MI 48501 or St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48152. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

Glen Eden Memorial Park

35667 Eight Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
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Funeral Service

JAN 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Paul was my middle school teacher ant Woodworth and chess coach. He was so down to earth, and FUNNY! He took us everywhere for tournaments in his station wagon. Though we were young and pretty unwise, Mr. Simmons actually engaged in conversation with us. One of the best teachers I ever had.

Amit Sharma - May 17, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ Paul Frederick Simmons

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

DS

“ We were so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. My husband served on the Board of the Michigan Chess Association with Paul for many years. We also took many teams to many Chess Association Tournaments and always saw Paul and his teams.
Mike and Debby Skidmore

Debby Skidmore - January 16, 2015 at 07:39 PM

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“ The Michigan Chess Association Board of Directors purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Paul Frederick Simmons.



The Michigan Chess Association Board of Directors -
January 16, 2015 at 08:44 AM

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Eric Bemer - January 14, 2015 at 05:07 PM

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Paul, when I teach my girls how to play chess, it will be on your board. Memories and Stories of your legacy will supply us with unknown energy forces as we plot our next moves.

Eric Bemer - January 14, 2015 at 05:57 PM

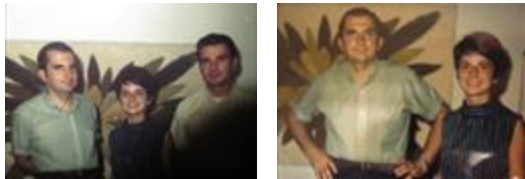
RR

A great educator a great man a francophile...his legacy lives on in his students we were fortunate to have him ..merci Mr simmons

Ron R - April 30, 2021 at 12:20 AM

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Eric Bemer - January 14, 2015 at 05:05 PM

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Eric Bemer - January 14, 2015 at 05:03 PM

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“ *Mr. Simmons was my middle school French teacher, and Academic Games coach. I quit his chess club, because I beat a cute boy, and discovered cute boys don't like when girls win. I'll never forget Mr. Simmons, one of my favorite teachers of all time. He was a good teacher, but more importantly, he built up my self esteem. I wish I would have kept in touch. I've thought about him often, as he was a strong influence in my life. I love French films, and crab legs because of him (he rewarded a group of students with a trip to Red Lobster). I felt that he really cared about me, and I know he loved his son very much, because of the way he spoke of him. I've always wanted to thank him. I waited too long. Merci, Monsieur Simmons. Love, Amy Gonzalez*

Amy Gonzalez - January 13, 2015 at 06:54 PM

SH

“ Peace & comfort to all family members ,so sorry for your loss...Memory of Paul goes way back to the 50's-His lovely family lived across the street from us-He was a very intelligent nice man-Loved his parents and especially his sister Norma-Walked to school together only went to different schools-Lost contact when our parents moved us out to the country-Prayerw with Wings sent to your family-Sincerely, Shirley-Szakaly-Ferguson



Shirley - January 11, 2015 at 10:41 AM