



Laird C. Simons, II

September 6, 1937 - October 26, 2023

Laird Simons, beloved husband of Jane Stevens Simons, died on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at St. Lukes Hospice House. He was 86. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 6, 1937, he was a resident of Kansas City, Missouri for over 52 years. He leaves his wife, Jane, two sisters-in-law LA Glasgow, and Joan Perkins Starnes and seven nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Elizabeth Beury Simons and John Farr Simons of Philadelphia. He was also preceded in death by his three brothers: John Farr Simons, Jr; Charles Beury Simons and Robert Lawton Simons and his sister-in-law, Eleanor Spaeth Simons.

Laird attended Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia and graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. After graduation he began a career in broadcasting that covered entertainment, personalities and news. He worked at several stations including the Washington DC CBS affiliate before moving to Kansas City where he directed a KMBC news, midday magazine show. A man of many talents, he subsequently worked for Bernstein-Rein Advertising directing and producing television commercials for Walmart. He ultimately created his own independent video production facility – The Simons Group - serving a wide range of local arts and education clients. He is remembered for his artistic intuition, his way with words, hard work and wry sense of humor. He will be missed by colleagues, friends and family alike.

Special thanks to the Kansas City Fire Dept. Station 29.

Donations in Laird Simons memory may be made to the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey (KCFAA.org) or Germantown Friends School (germantownfriends.org)

Tribute Wall

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“ *My earliest memory, that I can remember, is a Christmas in early 1960's. He was always so good with his nephews and nieces. One year we all received a one troy ounce, Silver coin. I cherished that coin and my uncle from that day forward. I still have that coin and think of him every time I see it. I will never forget you uncle Laird, never! It might sound like I only loved him for that coin, but that was only the beginning of my love for him.*

JAMES SIMONS - November 11, 2023 at 05:19 PM

CJ

“ *Laird was my favorite Uncle growing up. He was very talented and funny when Jane came along it got even better with Comedy they played off each other. He lived a very hard life with a lot of pain. I always looked up to him with my medical problems and new if he could handle it so could I say hi to Dad for me. You're in our prayers Jane.*

Chuck Simons Jr.

charles Simons Jr - November 11, 2023 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Laird's favorite quote:
So come with me where dreams are born, and time is never planned.
Just think of happy things, and your heart will fly on wings, forever, in Never Never Land.*

—J. M. Barrie

Jane Simons - November 11, 2023 at 01:50 PM

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“ *Thinking of you, Jane. So many years of great memories with Laird will keep you smiling forever.*

Vaughn - November 08, 2023 at 09:22 AM