



Jerry L. Simonds

July 12, 1933 - January 9, 2025

Jerry L. Simonds, 91 of Grand Island died Thursday, January 9, 2025 at Tiffany Square.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 AM Saturday, January 18th at Resurrection Catholic

Church. Celebrating Mass will be Jerry's son, Father Thomas Simonds, with Father

Vijumon Choorackal concelebrating. Family will greet friends an hour before service time.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Memorials are suggested

to either American Legion Baseball, Grand Island Central Catholic or Resurrection

Church.

Jerry was born on a farm south of Belleville, KS the son of Ralph and Maxine (Cory)

Simonds. He attended a one room country school in Talmo, KS. For many years Jerry

did farm work with custom combine crews, cutting wheat from Oklahoma to South

Dakota. When his family moved to Wichita, KS in 1940, Jerry returned to the farm

every summer. He graduated from Wichita University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. While at Wichita University, Jerry played baseball as a left-handed pitcher and continued on to play industrial baseball for Allens Concrete. He was united in marriage to Juanita Betlach on September 5, 1959 in Wichita.

In 1960 he was employed at Martin CO in Littleton, CO as contract administrator for 10 years. While there, Jerry negotiated changes to the Titan Missile System with the Air Force. In 1971, he held a Colorado Securities License with an office in Littleton. He then worked for the next 5 years at Triad/Merrick Machine in Alda, NE as a National Marketing Manager. In 1978 he joined Chief Industries as an International Sales Manager. He and Juanita traveled all over the world while he was with Chief. Some of his favorite countries were Switzerland, Poland, and Egypt. After a long and successful career at Chief, he retired, only to join Ryder, Rosacker, McCue and Huston selling health insurance and annuities. He wasn't one to sit still and very much enjoyed his retirement job.

He was notably a hard worker his entire life. But his favorite memories were spent fishing at the lake, pheasant hunting, playing poker, and countless hours at the

ballpark. He adored and admired the accomplishments of his two grandkids.
Never

missing a front row seat to their events. Which then blessed him with 5 great grandchildren, who always brought a smile to his face.

Jerry was a charter member of Resurrection Catholic Church, a member of Kiwanais

serving as past president, Goodwill Industries Board of Directors, past president of

Pheasants Forever-Loup/Platte Ringnecks, and a Teammates Mentor.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Juanita; son, Father Thomas Simonds,

along with Lisa (Charlie) Asche; grandchildren, Keri (Alec) Anania and Kyle (Hannah)

Simonds; and great grandchildren, Ellie, Ava, and Izzie Anania, and Kate and Garner

Simonds.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son, Steven Simonds.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
4110 Cannon Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Simonds.*



January 13, 2025 at 12:30 PM