



Brian E. Simpkins

January 15, 1967 - October 25, 2025

Brian E. Simpkins, 58, of Bradley, Illinois, passed away peacefully with his loved ones by his side on Saturday, October 25, 2025. He was born on January 15, 1967, in Benton, Illinois, the son of Wayne and Donna (Sims) Simpkins.

On July 17, 2009, in Kankakee, Brian married the love of his life, Dawn Simpkins, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and dedication to family. Brian cherished his wife deeply and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

A talented and hardworking man, Brian owned and operated All American Drywall, where he was known for his craftsmanship and strong work ethic. He enjoyed working with his hands and took pride in every project he completed. Outside of work, Brian had a passion for watching stock car races and bowling, hobbies that brought him joy and lifelong friendships. He was also a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Brian is survived by his loving wife, Dawn Simpkins of Bradley; his children, Brian W. Simpkins of Bradley and Rebekah (Natorian) Simpkins of Manteno; his step-children, Joshua (Janel) Johnson of Bourbonnais, Jessica (Brandon) Johnson of Bradley, and Ryan Johnson of Bradley; his brothers, Mark (Jeannine) Simpkins of Kankakee and Greg Simpkins of Whittington; his Aunt Debbie Sims of Bourbonnais, and his Aunt Caroline (Larry) Darr of Benton;

and his beloved grandchildren, Rowan, Dawson, Kode, Charlotte, Brooklynn, Conor, and Nevaeh. He is also survived by friends and other family including close cousin and friend Jeff (Carrie) Robinson of Bourbonnais.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his uncle, Donald Sims.

Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall



“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Brian E. Simpkins



Tom Mallaney - October 30, 2025 at 05:28 AM



“ KRISTINE TROMBLEY lit a candle in memory of Brian E. Simpkins

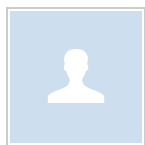


KRISTINE TROMBLEY - October 28, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Sarah C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian E. Simpkins.

Sarah C. - October 28, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brian E. Simpkins.



October 28, 2025 at 11:01 AM

TT

“ Tammy Mathy & Tony purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brian E. Simpkins.



Tammy Mathy & Tony - October 28, 2025 at 09:46 AM

DM

“ Brain was a good friend use to hang with him and his brother Mark so sorry for your loss



debra mulder - October 27, 2025 at 09:26 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. He won't be forgotten. May he rest in peace

Dennis & Beth Bisailon - October 27, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JW

“ Brian was a great friend of my husband an I. We use to go bar hopping an go play Bingo at Head u Here Bar. We had lots of memories.

John sr an Diane Wilt - October 27, 2025 at 03:15 PM

UK

“ Uncle Keith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian E. Simpkins.

Uncle Keith - October 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM

UK

“ *Uncle Keith purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brian E. Simpkins.*



Uncle Keith - October 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MS

“ *Monte Schweizer lit a candle in memory of Brian E. Simpkins*



Monte Schweizer - October 27, 2025 at 11:41 AM

MS

Donna and I would like to reach out and give everyone Our Heartfelt Condolences! Brian was a Good Man and even Better Friend! Gone way too soon! Blessed to be a friend with him for a long time! RIP Brother!

Monte Schweizer - October 27, 2025 at 11:45 AM

BP

Met Brian through friends always treated me like family. He was a kind heart person he will be missed forever in our hearts. We love you Brian R.I.P

Bonita Peach - October 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

SS

Brian was like one of mine even though I was only his Aunt. Held him as a newborn played at my house often with his cousins until he was in his teens always felt so much love for him his cousins and my kids. I'm so sad to have him go through all he endured. He's in safe in God's hands now. And you and all that loved him are in my prayers. I can't express in words how I feel .

Sharon summers - October 28, 2025 at 03:14 PM