

# *Celebrating the Life of*

Gary E. Sims was born to Darroyl and Margaret “Margie” Sims on December 24, 1951, in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Gary was a talented athlete who loved playing, coaching and watching a variety of sports. Gary attended Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska, where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree. Later he went on to study at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota for his Master's Degree.

Gary met Gloria early in his educator career while working in White River, South Dakota. They were married on June 17, 1977, and were blessed with 3 children, Autumn, Sunder, London and 1 grandchild, Kolten. Gary was a great provider for his family and enjoyed reading to his grandson and taking him to his 1<sup>st</sup> baseball game at the MN Twins stadium.

Gary started with the Maynard Public School System in 1986 as the principal. During the MACCRAY incorporation he became the High School Principal and later the Junior High Principal. He dedicated 30 years to the school system upon his retirement.

Gary was well known amongst his students and peers for his love for Coca-Cola, his amazing card collection and his love for the NY Yankees and Indianapolis Colts. He could often times be found in the hallway, lunchroom, or gym shooting hoops with the students. He took great pride in always knowing the names of every single one of his students.

Gary passed away on June 9, surrounded by family and friends while at the Vista Prairie at Copperleaf in Willmar.

Gary is survived by his wife, Gloria Deutsch Sims; two daughters, Autumn of Walpole, MA, and London of Cincinnati, OH; and grandson Kolten, Walpole, MA, besides other relatives and many friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Darroyl and Margie Sims; his sister, Linda and a son, Sunder.



*Gary E. Sims*

*1951 - 2023*

In Loving Memory Of

# Gary E. Sims

## IN MEMORY

*When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same;  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

December 24, 1951

Hot Springs, South Dakota

June 9, 2023

Willmar, Minnesota

### Celebration of Life

Friday, June 23, 2023 5-8 p.m.

Maynard Event Center

Maynard, Minnesota

### Officiant

Pastor Amy Juel—Palmer

### Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Nelson Mike Dammann Jim Trulock

Sherry Broderius Anthony Ruiz

Darwin Lindquist Katelin Wentzel

### Interment

Pine Lawn Cemetery

Rapid City, South Dakota

Arrangements By

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*

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