



John J. Sim Jr.

June 7, 1930 - July 7, 2019

Wantage - John J. Sim, Jr., age 89, passed away on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Newark to the late John J. Sim, Sr. and Olive (Mc Clean) Sim, he has been a resident of Sussex County for most of his adult life. Mr. Sim had been a teacher for the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District until his retirement. Mr. Sim was a member of the Sussex United Methodist Church. Besides his parents, Mr. Sim was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Jean (Hooey) Sim in 2011 and his sister, Anne Yurchak. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Laura and Dana Selley of Richmond, Virginia; his brothers, William Sim and Robert Sim; and his sister, Barbara Yurchak. A remembrance service of John Sim's life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 22, 2019 at the Sussex United Methodist Church, 15 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends are invited to stay to visit with the family after the service to celebrate Mr. Sim's life until 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Fisher House Foundation, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 410, Rockville, MD 20852. Private burial services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment will be held at the convenience of the family

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Sussex United Methodist Church
15 Bank Street
Sussex, NJ 07461

Tribute Wall



“ *This is so sad. Mr. Sim was my 8th grade teacher as well as my neighbor for a lot of years. You could not ask for a nicer family! RIP Mr. Sim! You definitely made a difference in my life! Linda (Bednar) Fagnoli*

Linda Fagnoli - July 17, 2019 at 06:25 PM

CT

“ *Around 1985 after John retired, he substituted at Branchville Group Home with developmentally disabled adults. I started as a sub and often worked with him. He was a mentor in every way. God bless him.*

Cathy Tchorni - July 15, 2019 at 07:37 PM

DQ

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of your father. John and I were colleagues and friends at Sussex Middle School for many years. We shared ideas and often had great fun doing science projects together in our classrooms. He was a joy to work with and I will always remember his kindness to staff and students.*

Dot Quelch - July 14, 2019 at 10:30 AM

TP

“ *Laura and family, I send my deepest condolences. I will always have wonderful memories growing up in Simmons Lake and he being part of that., our Simmons Lake family! Also a great teacher and just kindhearted man. May he rest in he peace.*

Terri Peter - July 14, 2019 at 08:32 AM

DH

“ He was a great teacher.... I called him on the phone last year and he remembered who I was.. wow I said.... Rest In Peace thank you for teaching us



debra soules hulse - July 13, 2019 at 08:29 PM

JC

“ You were always one of my favorites. May God embrace your Soul and hold you in his loving arms for all eternity. May this candle light your Pathway to Heaven. RIP Mr. Sim.



Jacqueline Cloke-Soules - July 13, 2019 at 08:13 PM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Laura, and all your family on the loss of your father, John J Sim, Jr. I have very fond memories of your Dad. He was my 7th grade teacher at the Sussex Middle School on Loomis Avenue. He was an awesome teacher, and created an atmosphere of learning for his students. I excelled in his class. I later became neighbors more recently with your father. In the fall while taking our father to an appointment, we saw your father and immediately he said, “Hello Debbie.” He recognized me and my sister, Cheryl shortly after. He will be deeply missed in every way! May your favorite memories give you peace! You are in our prayers!
In our deepest sympathy,
Ronnie, Rayna & Debbie Howell Wantage, NJ

Debbie Howell - July 13, 2019 at 07:09 PM

BB

“ *Best math teacher I ever had and the only year I got good grades in math. All because Mr Sim took the time to make sure each of us in his class understood how to do the work before moving on. Great teacher! I ran into him at the Sussex Post Office a few months ago and had the chance to tell him how much I enjoyed his class. May he rest in peace*

Bernice Bajda - July 13, 2019 at 06:37 PM

DK

“ *Denra Ellis Kuen lit a candle in memory of John J. Sim Jr.*



Denra Ellis Kuen - July 13, 2019 at 06:24 PM

DK

“ *To the Sim Families He was my teacher when I was younger. He was a good guy. May he R.I.P*

Denra Ellis Kuen - July 13, 2019 at 06:24 PM

WS

“ *Laura...lots of people knew your dad as their teacher, but I got to know him as my best friend's dad, too. So sorry for your loss*

wendy shire - July 13, 2019 at 05:35 PM

AH

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of this true gentleman..... he was always so nice!

When I was in 8th grade, he let us listen to the World Series during class.... we all loved him for that!!! Not many teachers back then were willing to "step outside the box".

He will be missed by students from many years ago, but who have never forgotten him.... that is how much he affected all of us....

God speed Mr. Sim..... I know you are with Jesus, the angels and your beloved Jean.

amanda haas - July 13, 2019 at 04:48 PM

TZ

“ Laura and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your Father was one of my favorite teachers. I will remember fond memories always.

Tammy Eldred Zajac - July 13, 2019 at 02:13 PM