



## Paul Sims

August 19, 1931 - April 7, 2020

Mr. Paul Sims made his transition in the early hours of Tuesday April 7, 2020. Please feel free to leave the family an everlasting note of condolence on our Tribute Page.

To everything there is a season... a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted: A time to kill and a time to heal: A time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Paul Sims, was born August 19, 1931 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was one of nine children. Paul was born to the union of the late Luther and Rhoda Sims, together they had Luther Sims Jr., Paul Sims, his twin brother, Silas Sims and Marguerite Sims. Luther Sims, Sr. prior to his marriage to Rhoda brought three children, Leroy Sims, Nanny Rose Purdy and Nelson Sims. Also, Rhoda (Owens) Sims prior to her marriage to Luther brought two children, Richard Owens and Jessie Lee Hickles. All siblings predeceased Paul, leaving him the "Last Man Standing."

Paul was raised in Little Rock during impoverished economic times. His father was 58 when he was born. As a result, his father imparted words of wisdom and principals into Paul at an early age. Paul embodied Christianity and lived his life in a faithful, principled manner. His deep abiding faith was honed throughout the years.

Paul graduated from high School in 1949, having attended Dunbar High School in Little Rock, AR. He then served in the Army during the Korean War. During his tour, Paul sometimes resided in San Francisco, California where his brother, Nelson Sims lived. There he bonded with all of his family from the west coast. Continuing in service, led him to the east coast as well, where he reunited with his oldest brother, Leroy Sims in Brooklyn, New York. Later, Paul received an honorable discharge from the Army and returned to Arkansas.

Paul met and married Pearl Brown and to this union one child was born, Dwight Sims "Rashad." Post marriage, Paul traveled to Kansas City, Missouri where his brother, Luther

Jr. resided. Paul lived and worked in Kansas for about two years.

Paul arrived in Detroit, Michigan, during the mid-60s where his mother and baby sister, Marguerite Perkins, lived. Also, his brother, Leroy's children mostly resided in Detroit. Paul was commonly known as Uncle Paul. He began employment with Chrysler Corporation where he retired after 30 years of service. Paul married Loretha Wilson in 1976 and she preceded him in death in 1983. During retirement, he matriculated to Wayne County Community College and attained two Associates Degrees.

My dad loved being a veteran and a proud supporter of the Tuskegee Airman. He wore his Tuskegee ball caps, t-shirts and jackets religiously. Education was very important to him. He was a consummate student in class and life. His passion for learning was exemplary. He gravitated to the youth and sought to make a difference sharing what he learned. He had a vigor for politics and the injustices toward black people. This inspired my dad to strike up conversations and challenge your thinking on issues that mattered. He often said the biggest influence in his life was his father, whom he watched vote for the first time in 1948 when blacks had to pay a poll tax in order to vote in Arkansas. My grandfather told him "I'm voting for your future." Poll tax ended in Arkansas in 1964.

My dad's primary interest was family and friends. He had a relationship with all of his siblings which is a testament to his character. One of the sayings about dad was "he may show up unannounced," but that was one of the ways he showed his love. He had a gregarious personality. His sense of humor was comical, but not of foolery, just a common sense approach.

Dad filled our hearts and mind with stories, anecdotes and pearls of wisdom. He was a people person. He gave of himself to all who crossed his path. He was eager to share his life's best practices with everyone. We know him to recall events and connect the dots for the entire family. He was the epitome of a man. A "no nonsense" and matter-of-fact type of man. He enjoyed imparting his wisdom, knowledge and discipline into the young folks. He leaves behind that challenge for the rest of us.

Dad...Uncle Paul, we love and miss you!

Paul made his transition in the comfort of his home in the early morning of Tuesday, April 7, 2020 (his father's birthday). He leaves to cherish his memory: one son, Dwight Rashad (Nancy); three grandchildren, Kellie Horton, Sameerah Rashad (Brandon), and Ameena Rashad; six great grandchildren, Damar'yon, Datavi'yon, Dai'yona, Jerome, De'Twane, and D'ior; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, "adopted" sons and daughters, and a multitude of friends.



# Cemetery

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## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI, 48442

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI, US,  
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**APR** **Family Hour** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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**APR** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - April 16, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ Glory be to God..R.I.H.

**SHONTE SISK** - April 16, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Dwight and Nancy,

We keep you and your family in our prayers. Paul lived a rich life and left a great legacy.  
Joe and Sandra (Gina) Banken

**Sandra** - April 16, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Dwight Darien and I are praying for you and the family

**Johnnie Anderson** - April 16, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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“ You will be missed Paul, we loved you. I remember when I was little and you and Loretha would get me often to spend the night. Love Mia



**Mia Reid** - April 23, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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“ Paul's favorite sayings

1. Don't live anywhere you don't pay rent!
2. If you are laying down and feeling bad, get up- Don't die laying down!
3. Everybody wants some money but everybody don't want to do what it takes to earn it!
4. If you don't work, you will steal!
5. If you have to go down, go down with your boots on and britches up!
6. I eat at my own table, i sought at my own gravy, it may not be a fancy house, but it's mine!
7. A woman needs her own money especially if she has children!



**Aameena Rashad** - April 16, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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“ Dearest Paul, thank you for the beautiful memories and care you left us with. I'll always treasure the time and support you had for our family. You personified the love you had for everyone in your life and we are eternally grateful for you. You lived your love and that makes me so proud to be one of your loved ones. Rest peacefully my dear cousin/uncle. I'll remember you always.

Love you always,  
Kim (Mable's baby girl)

**Kimberly Pettus** - April 16, 2020 at 02:09 PM

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“ To the family of Paul Sims:I:only meet your dad once and that was enough for me to remember his bright smile, his kindness and his no nonsense ways.He was straight up no chaser. He was also a great man that raised a great son. He would never want his family to grieve his passing...but to celebrate his life..Watching online that's exactly what you all did.He will be missed in the flesh here on earth...but guaranteed that bright smile is shining in Heaven, We love you guys...Brother Ernie & Sister Deb

**Deborah Orr** - April 16, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Charles Collins** - April 16, 2020 at 10:53 AM

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“ Darryl Woods lit a candle in memory of Paul Sims



**Darryl Woods** - April 16, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ Thank you for all your love, sacrifices and commitment to your family extended family and community. You were a Drum Major for justice and Freedom. I will forever remember the love you extended to me and those who were oppressed. I have your photo on my mantel and I will forever cherish it in my heart. You are a True Champion!!! My prayers are with Dwight , Nancy your beloved grandchildren & entire family. Rest in Peace SOLIDER. Much Love, Darryl Woods.

**Darryl Woods** - April 16, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Sims Family - April 15, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ My prayer are with the family. May Allah SWT comfort all and bring all back to point of ease of heart but still with admiration for Uncle Paul. May The Almighty see fit to raise Uncle Paul's good and to forgive his shortcomings and allow him room in his heavenly abode. Ameen.

**Bilal** - April 16, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ Our prayers are with you Dwight and family, may the continued strength allotted to you by our creator keep you all in this time of bereavement, from yours faithfully Loma Burke, Sherilyn Major and Jermaine Morris.

**Lwoma Burke** - April 16, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Correction - Leoma Burke.

**Leoma Burke** - April 16, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ My prayers are with you and your family. Remember he is only gone from here, but he will live forever in your hearts!! Love you guys!! Jenice

**Jenice** - April 16, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Sending my love to you during this time. I am blessed to have met and love such a great man. Missed but never forgotten. Myla, Angels, Phoenix & Kori

**Myla** - April 16, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Dwight May God take you in His loving embrace and comfort you in your sorrows. My prayers are with you and the family. Love you much, Dwana.

**Dwana** - April 16, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ My name is Myra Williams(Sims) I'm the second oldest of Uncle Paul's older brother Luther Sims Jr. My mother's name was Luther B Sims(Warren). I had the preveldge of spending time with Uncle Paul in North Carolina, Durham. Along with my granddaughter, Zabria, My son Quentin Luther Paul Sims, cousin Valerie, Reeves (Owen) and Husband Andrew. He was such a Delight ! I was thoroughly entertained. all the things that was said at the funeral explained his character to a tee. Thank you cousin Dwight for including us in your dads homecoming. would like to keep in touch, call at 919 638-9438

**Myra Williams** - April 19, 2020 at 08:16 PM

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“ Sending my deepest condolences . Love Always Shonte Sisk & Family



**shonte Sisk** - April 15, 2020 at 04:28 PM

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“ The Collins Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Sims.



**The Collins Family** - April 15, 2020 at 04:05 PM

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“ Love Always, Andrea purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of Paul Sims.



**Love Always, Andrea** - April 15, 2020 at 04:04 PM

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“ Uncle Paul was a great man. He always shared stories with me about my mother Irma and I will always be thankful he shared those moments with my family. We love you Uncle Paul and will miss you.

The Collins Family

**Charles Collins** - April 15, 2020 at 03:59 PM

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“ BURKE FAMILY purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Paul Sims.



**BURKE FAMILY** - April 15, 2020 at 09:00 AM

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“ Loving and missing you grand dad



**Ameena Rashad** - April 14, 2020 at 10:42 PM