



John / 'Jack' Simons

June 24, 2008

John C. Simons, 87, known as “Doc” to his friends and “Jack” to his family, passed away quietly Tuesday, June 24, 2008, surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 1 at 12 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 25th Avenue and East E Street in Torrington. Interment will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Friends and family may call Monday, June 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the Colyer Funeral Home. The family suggests donations be made to the Eastern Wyoming College Scholarship Fund. He was born Feb. 23, 1921, in Salem, Utah, the son of Ezra Ord and Effie Mae Mattinson Simons. He married Ora Miles on Aug. 7, 1953, in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. She preceded him in death on May 7, 1993. He was a member of the Woodland Park Ward in Layton, Utah. He served twice as a bishop in the Torrington Ward and as a High Councilor in the Cheyenne Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He also served an LDS mission with his wife to Sydney, Australia. Following service with the Marines during World War II, John graduated from Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He was a founding partner of the Goshen County Veterinary Clinic in Torrington and also a founder and director of the Veterinary Technician Program at Eastern Wyoming College beginning in 1974. He was a member of the American College of Theriogenologists and the author of numerous articles and texts on animal nutrition. John served in the Wyoming State Senate in 1965, the House of Representatives in 1970

and was a member of the School Board for the Goshen County Unified School District for 16 years. He also served one term as president of the Wyoming School Board Association. He is survived by his three sons, Kent Simons of Miami Beach, Fla., Joe (Pam) Simons of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and John (Jennifer) Simons of St. Paul, Minn.; two daughters, Elizabeth (Blair) Whatcott of Layton, Utah, and Jean (Brent) Applonie of Salt Lake City; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Frances Wilde of Provo, Utha, and Florence Husari of San Francisco, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one daughter, Katie; two brothers, Keith and Daryl; and one sister, Geneve.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *What a great man. My heart goes out to you for your loss. God Bless!!*

Kristy Stall Weglin

Kristy Stall Weglin - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Our heart felt sympathy goes out to Doc's family. We both have such fond memories of Doc and Ora. Many happy hours were spent on the tennis courts together. Ora would tell us to "rush the net" not realizing my mind couldn't command my body to hit the ball while thinking of rushing the net. Both Doc and Ora had great patience with me! It was an honor to consider them "friends." We are so sorry for your loss. Cynthia*

Cynthia and Jim Hudelson - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Dear Simons Family,
I was sorry to learn of the death of your father. I have many fond memories of "Doc". I take comfort in knowing that he is with his beloved Ora, and Katie. Please accept my deepest sympathy.
Sincerely, Thelma Perryman*

Thelma Perryman - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Doc was truly a great man, who will truly be missed. Rarely does a day pass without me feeling some of his influences in my life. Semper Fi Doc. May the Good Lord bless and keep you.*

Rick Patterson - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *What a great man Doc was. I wondered where he had moved to over the years. He is now up in Heaven with your Mother. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Beth Dieriex

Beth "Lay" Dieriex - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Dr. Simons treated our cattle for many years. He was always a good friend of our family, and he will be missed.*

Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM