



## SFC (Ret) Paul Joseph Simon

November 1, 1944 - April 1, 2012

Paul Joseph Simon, son of the late Norris Joseph and Claire Aimee` (Ordoyne) Simon, was born November 1, 1944 in Gramercy, Louisiana where he grew up and attended school. Paul graduated from Lutchter High School in 1964.

At the age of 19, Paul entered the United States Army, serving his country faithfully, but also excelled, earning several awards and commendations. Some of which include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, AIR Medal, Army Service Medal, Over Seas Ribbon 1st, Expert Qualifying Badge M16, Drill Sergeant ID Badge, Parachute Badge, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Service Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Senior Aircraft Crew Member Badge. He attained the rank of Sergeant First Class before his retirement July 31, 1984.

In 1965, Paul met the love of his life, Karen Suzanne Lawrence and the two were united in marriage on November 21, 1966. They were blessed with over 45 years together and three children, Michelle, Christopher, and Claire.

After leaving the Army, and being very interested in history, Paul decided to

further his education by enrolling in college courses, which he enjoyed very much.

Later he and Karen made a decision to become over the road truck drivers. The two were known by their CB Handles as Paul the “Crazy Cajun” and Karen was known as “Hot Sauce” to their many, many trucking friends. Even their son-in-law, Mark drove with one or the other during their 18-year trucking career.

In Paul’s spare time he enjoyed being outdoors especially deer hunting. Paul was an excellent woodworker and liked to embroider. He was a very good swimmer, and went on 10 K runs. He also enjoyed watching racing and football games on TV and keeping up with current events. Paul was also a member of the Laquey VFW and the Richland American Legion Hall Post 240 as well as an active supporter of the NRA. However, nothing could compare to time spent with his family and friends. He was especially proud of his grandchildren.

Paul went home to be with his Lord the evening of Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 1:28 p.m., in the St. John’s Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving wife Karen; two daughters: Michelle Johns and her husband, Tony of Phoenix, AZ; Claire “Carrie” Karr and her husband, Mark of Richland, MO; three sisters: Gail Black of Lutcher, LA; Ann Louque and her husband, Bobby of Gramercy, LA; Melanie Lanegrass and her husband, Chenet of Lutcher, LA; one brother: Michael Simon of Lutcher, LA; five grandchildren: Dereck, Cale, A.J., Lane, and Seth; sister-in-law: Joy “Snoozie” Simon of Paulina, LA; nieces: Amy and Gina along with several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Norris and Claire, Paul was preceded in death by one son: Christopher Simon and one brother: Leray Simon.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2012 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Jim Burton officiating. Speaker, and grandson, Cale Karr shared fond memories of his beloved grandfather. Music selections included "Amazing Grace", "I'll Fly Away", and "It Is Well With My Soul". Military honors were provided by the United States Army, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be left at [www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](http://www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Paul Joseph Simon*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *SFC (Ret) Paul Joseph Simon*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I know that this doesn't ease the pain but please take some comfort in knowing he is not suffering and is in a better place. The girls and I thought alot of Paul and we know he will be missed. If you need us for ANYTHING, just let us know. We love you all.##imported-begin##Telina Bohannon##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“ *Thoughts and Prayers to Your Family, sorry for your loss.*

*Love and God Bless,*

*Angie and Casey##imported-begin##Angela and Casey Bunnell and Family##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2012 at 08:45 AM



“ So sorry to here bout your dad. I have a picture of your mom and him together with Samantha when she was very young. I wish you all the strength and prayers to get through the healing process. If you need anything just let us know. He truely is a very wonderful man.##imported-begin##Tabitha Triplett##imported-end##

April 04, 2012 at 09:35 PM



“ OUR PRAYS ARE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##Karen & Jim Davis##imported-end##

April 04, 2012 at 09:08 PM



“ Karen, Carrie and Michelle.... A heavy heart goes out to your family. Your father was a great man. I feel very blessed to have met him, and am very lucky that the girls have some very special embroidery of his to hold onto for life. Will continue to pray for ALL of you that you find comfort in knowing that he is in Heaven watching over you all. Love you all.##imported-begin##Lacie Decker##imported-end##

April 04, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“ Haj, Karen, Carrie, I am deeply saddened and thinking of Paul, Chris, and all of you. Paul was and still is special to me. I remember his comforting hug and support at the hospital when Amanda was there. I am filled with so many memories...I love you. Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon Carr##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 03:31 PM



“ *Mama Si, Carrie, Michelle, and your families,  
Daddy Si will always hold a very special place in my heart. He was like my other father. I will miss him greatly, but I know he is in a much better place. He is no longer suffering and he will be watching over all of us every day. He is probably up in heaven passing out his benets that we all enjoyed so much. I cherish the time that I got to know and love him and his family. I continue to pray for each and every one of you. You all are in my thoughts.*

*Love, Tiffannie "Tiff" McDaniel-Neel*

*Tony Neel##imported-begin##Tiffannie McDaniel-Neel##imported-end##*

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April 03, 2012 at 02:44 PM



“ *Carrie and Family,  
We were saddened to hear of your loss, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Chaley and Joyce Fritts##imported-end##*

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April 03, 2012 at 01:45 PM



“ *Carrie and Family.  
I am so sorry about your dad please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
Hold on to your memorie, and let them guide you during this time of sadness.*

*Kenny Dalene McDaniel##imported-begin##Dalene McDaniel##imported-end##*

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April 03, 2012 at 10:12 AM



“ Karen, Carrie and Michelle,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with  
you.##imported-begin##Bill & Kathy Karr##imported-end##

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April 03, 2012 at 05:29 AM



“ our deepest thoughts go out to u and urs on this time of sorrow and  
need prayers sent to u all##imported-begin##dennis scott and  
michelle corriveau##imported-end##

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April 03, 2012 at 02:44 AM