



# James "Jim" Lenford Simpson

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James 'Jim' Lenford Simpson, born March 10, 1946, in Tulsa, to John and Evelyn Simpson. Jim passed away on December 1st, 2010 at the age of 64. The second of seven siblings, Jim graduated from Will Rogers High School in 1964. He joined the Navy out of high school where he specialized in mechanical work on air craft engines. After his military service, Jim returned to Tulsa and resumed his passion for cars, which became a lifelong pursuit. Jim built and helped build many street rods through the years, including his beloved 1940 Ford Coupe. Jim made hundreds of wonderful friends in the street rodding community along the way, stretching from coast to coast and as far away as Australia. He was known for his ability to craft parts from scratch for hot rods, custom made hot wheels and the large scale models that he enjoyed building. Jim also had a passion for collecting and customizing hot wheels and won several awards for his creations. He was also generous in donating toys to local children's charities. Jim had a special place in his heart for children. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, John and Evelyn and his brother, John III. He is survived by his daughter, Dedra, sisters Sandra and Susan, brothers Gary, Patrick and Scott, as well as a myriad of close friends in the street rodding world.



## Tribute Wall

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RJ

**Remia Jones** posted:

Patrick, please accept my condolences on the passing of your brother. May God bless, comfort and strengthen you and your family at this difficult time. Sincerely, Remia

December 6 at 2:14 PM

TM

**Todd Martinez** posted:

Scott, I'm sorry for the loss of your brother Jim. I know we connected on both levels – cars and Parkinson's, and I remember sharing our stories of Jim and my experience with my Mom. Our thoughts are prayers extend to you and your family. Todd Martinez

December 6 at 9:47 AM

IC

**Infinity Insurance Company** posted:

Scott and the Simpson Family – Our deepest sympathy and condolences extends to the entire Simpson family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God Bless. Infinity Insurance Company

December 6 at 8:59 AM

RH

**Robert Hayes** posted:

Jim was a dedicated and talented model maker and a member of our community at Largescalemodeler.com He attended our reunion with our good friend Doug Bishop . Jim will be sorely missed and in spite of his physical pain seemed to always have a smile AND a new idea! Thank you -also- Jim for your service to our country!! Bob Hayes, Topeka, KS

December 5 at 7:08 PM

TB

**Tanya Bishop** posted:

Jim was the type of person that brought "sunshine" wherever he went. I always enjoyed Jim's & Bubba's visits to our house. We'll miss you Jim. God Bless. Tanya Bishop

December 5 at 3:11 PM



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JG

**Joe Gaddy** posted:

Jim was a special person. While sweemingly gruff and uncaring, he was actually the opposite once you knew him. He will forever be missed by many. He certainly lived life on his terms while facing many obstacles. I thought of him often when encountering obstacles of my own [none compared to his], and will continue to do so in the future. Godspeed Jim.

December 5 at 2:54 PM

RC

**Robert Call** posted:

You and your 40 will be cool forever.

December 5 at 2:05 PM

JF

**James Ferris** posted:

ANOTHER GREAT CAR LOVER GOING TO HEAVEN,JIM R.I.P.

December 5 at 12:32 PM

JD

**Jim Dross** posted:

Over the years Jim and I spent many a day searching junk yards for "Old Car Parts" and I really liked the way he restored my old 40 Ford.God Speed my friend.

December 5 at 12:14 PM

DB

**Doug Bishop** posted:

Jim was a great friend. He was kind-hearted,honest,compassinate and generous. My memories of times spent with Jim and Bubba are precious and will never be forgotten. He will certainly be missed by the hundreds who were fortunate enough to have known him. My condolences to his family, Doug Bishop

December 5 at 11:08 AM

ML

**Meg Little** posted:

With sympathy for all the Simpson Family on your loss. Our loved ones live through our memories. Blessings and Peace, Meg Little

December 4 at 11:14 AM



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**Bob Burch** posted:

My deepest sympathy to my friend John's family.

December 3 at 2:27 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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