



Donald "Pete" Simonin

October 12, 1923 - April 25, 2012

Donald Lee "Pete" Simonin, age 88, of Rensselaer passed away Wednesday April 25, 2012 at St. Elizabeth East in Lafayette. He was born on October 12, 1923 in Rensselaer, the son of Sherman and Jessie Denniston Simonin.

Pete attended the Rensselaer public schools. He retired in 1980 after 30 years as a parts salesman with NAPA Auto Parts in Rensselaer. He was a veteran of the US Army and a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Rensselaer. Pete enjoyed working in his yard and solving puzzles of all kinds

His first marriage was to Beverly "June" Wiltfang and she died May 9, 2004. On September 5, 2005, he married Patricia Ann Shumaker Bretzinger in St. Petersburg, FL, who survives.

Pete is survived by his loving wife, Patricia, two step children, Greg Bretzinger of St. Petersburg, FL, and Debra DeButy of Seminole, FL, a sister, Pauline Bailey of Fennimore, WI, and several nieces and nephews.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife June, 7 sisters and 3 brothers.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Friday April 27, 2012 from 9:00 -

11:00 AM at the Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer. Funeral services will be held at the mortuary on Friday April 27, 2012 at 11:00 AM with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery of Rensselaer. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
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Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Uncle Pete was always giggling! I remember he and Aunt Junie's trips down to FL and taking us out to Red Lobster when I was a little girl! He purchased my first ever Shirley Temple drink. :) I also remember the fun summer BBQ's at their house in Kentland when we would visit Indiana in the summer. I was always impressed by the 2nd fridge in the garage that was stocked with coca cola. Thanks for the great memories over the years!

Stephanie Storey Gonzalez - April 26, 2012 at 10:56 PM

AG

“ Arial Gudeman lit a candle in memory of Donald "Pete" Simonin



Arial Gudeman - April 26, 2012 at 08:24 PM

RF

“ Ralph And Lisa Pizer And Family lit a candle in memory of Donald "Pete" Simonin



Ralph and Lisa Pizer and family - April 26, 2012 at 08:22 PM

NZ

“ Uncle Pete was a favorite of mine at many o' events at the corner of College and Lincoln in Morocco. I sit and daydream of being able to go back to such a wonderful time in my life, with my parents married and family festivities in Grammy's house. I can recall laughter, love, and happiness. Uncle Pete and his dog Buttons would stop by to visit me at Merchants...Buttons IOvEd ice cream and U Pete knew just what his "dog loving" neice would do~fill a bowl with vanilla and take it outside to little black Buttons. "Hey~A Pete, say "hiiii" to Paul, and the rest of our Wiltfang family." You are a treasure! Love you!



Natalie Zacher - April 26, 2012 at 06:33 PM

RR

“ Ron & Vicki Robinson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Pete" Simonin



Ron & Vicki Robinson - April 26, 2012 at 05:42 PM

DH

“ Diana Hanford lit a candle in memory of Donald "Pete" Simonin



Diana Hanford - April 26, 2012 at 08:53 AM

SF

“ *Steve And Susie Pizer And Family lit a candle
in memory of Donald "Pete" Simonin*



Steve and Susie Pizer and family - April 25, 2012 at 08:11 PM