



# Gareth A Simmons

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**F**uneral services for Gareth A. Simmons, 58, of DeRidder, LA, will be held at 10 AM., Saturday, May 30, 2009, in Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in DeRidder, with Rev. Alan Knuckles and Rev. Jimmy Glass officiating. Burial will follow in Beauregard Cemetery in DeRidder, LA under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder. Visitation will begin at 8 AM until service time the in funeral home, Saturday, May 30th.

Gareth passed away Thursday, May 28, 2009, at the Beauregard Memorial Hospital in DeRidder, LA. He was a long time resident of the Beauregard Parish. He retired from the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office after 14 years and was currently working as a Correctional Officer at the Pine Prairie Correctional Facility . He was the First Officer of the Southern Cruises Riding Club, Chapter # 152 of DeRidder and an avid motorcyclist .

He was preceded in death by his father, Sheldon Simmons and his sister, Shelda Lyn Cooley

He is survived by his finance' Beverly Hughes of Lake Charles; Mother, Veta Simmons of DeRidder; sister Joanna Cooley of DeRidder; Niece Daisy Gonzalez of Converse, TX and Nephew, Bradford Nesbitt of DeRidder, LA



CW

**Colleen Kennedy Watson** posted:

Veta, Joanna and family, We want you to know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. You have been a wonderful family to me and I so much appreciate your thoughtfulness. I know that you will be called on by God to minister to other greiving families who will lose their loved one, in this same way, in the future. Who better to console the hurting than a loving family of God. I will love you always,\r\nColleen and Guary Watson

June 2 at 6:12 AM

CA

**Carol** posted:

To Veta, Jo, Mickey, Brad, Daisy, and Beverly. My heartfelt prayers are with you. You have lost an asset to your family that will never be replace, nor forgotten. Gareth was my best friend. He worked on and had so much fun with the our Haunted Hayride, we toured Will Rogers Memorial, The Blue Whale, geo cached, I took him to an Amish resturant, and showed him things of interest around this area. He always wanted ribs, and baked beans. Then in the afternoon, he wanted a half a cinnamon roll, cup of coffee with cream and sweetner. \r\n\r\nMy sorority sisters in ESA are in shock. We expected to see him this fall for the hayride, and to bring Beverly for a weekend of cookouts, and fun. \r\n\r\nWhen you see a shooting star, think of Gareth, riding the heavens, watching over us, and looking for that next cache. \r\n\r\nGod loves each of us, and so do I.\r\n\r\nCarol

June 2 at 6:12 AM

JS

**Julia Holliday Sanders** posted:

I am a cousin of Garth's through the Holliday lineage. He and I shared alot of information on our research. He will be missed by us and the community. May God Bless and Keep each one of you. \r\nMy father was Elvin Holliday,

June 2 at 6:12 AM

RN

**Roger & Debra Nunn** posted:

No words can relieve the pain of your loss, you will always have the memories of the good times. We will keep the family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

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## Tribute Wall

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RC

**Rickey & Betty Cunningham** posted:

GARETH WILL BE TRULY MISSED! WE WERE NOT AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF HIS HEALTH CONDITION AFTER HE LEFT DERIDDER. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO HIS FAMILY AND LOVED ONE.

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BS

**Brenda Shirey** posted:

God Bless You Gareth. Our prayers are with your family. We will miss you greatly in the geocaching community.

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LE

**Linda Ellis** posted:

Gareth was my brother in law but I loved him like a brother. I will always be grateful for the endless hours he spent patiently teaching me about computers. \r\nHe was a good daddy to Scotty & Adrien. He loved them like they were his own sons and they loved him in return. \r\nWith his charming smile and unique personality Gareth made a lasting impression on so many people. \r\nMy thoughts and prayers are with family and friends as we all try to cope with this loss.\r\nThank you Gareth for being a part of my life. I will miss you. Rest in peace.

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SR

**Steve Redstone** posted:

With shock and disbelief I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences.\r\nGareth was a good man with a quick wit and always ready to brighten up ones day with a corny joke!\r\n\r\nI regret I didn't get to see him more often, living across the state as we did.\r\n\r\nMay his memory be a blessing to you as it will to me.

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gareth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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