



Oscar Alonzo Simkins II

November 24, 2023

Oscar Alonzo Simkins II, 91, passed away at home on November 24, 2023 with his family by his side.

The son of Ethel (nee: Mood) and Karl Simkins, Oscar lived 89 years on a farm on Canhouse Road, Elmer, NJ, before moving to Friends Village in May of 2022. He was born on August 16, 1932, on his paternal grandfather's birthday, thus named after him. Oscar was born and raised on a dairy farm and he continued in that family tradition, taking over his parent's farm and milking dairy cows for over fifty years.

Oscar married Peggy (Bach) on April 2, 1955 and they were married for over sixty-eight years, loving each other to the end. Together they raised four sons and a daughter on the family farm, living by example what it meant to live out the Christian faith.

Oscar avidly pursued his hobbies of hunting and fishing all his life, killing his last turkey just months before he passed away. He loved hunting and fishing stories, remembering each "hunt" vividly!

Oscar also loved playing sports and watching his children and grandchildren play sports. He was known in the softball league for his mean knuckleball pitch, and he continued to pitch until age 55. Remarkably, Oscar was still competitive enough to play softball in the Salem County Civic League with his sons.

For more than sixty years, Oscar and Peg were members of a pinochle club that met monthly. He left a legacy of pinochle by teaching his children and grandchildren to play pinochle at very young ages. Competitive Pinochle was the highlight of family gatherings, with Oscar taking most of the bids! He continued playing pinochle at Friends Village and with friends from First Baptist Church in Woodstown.

In addition, Oscar was known for playing practical jokes on his family and friends, and April Fool's Day was always his favorite holiday!

When Oscar sold his dairy herd in 1987, he found a niche helping area farmers with custom work. In addition, he became a school bus driver and he also umpired many games for Elmer Little League and for the Salem County Softball League. Oscar and Peg also enjoyed many years of traveling together once they both retired, notably Australia and England, where son Luke lived. Oscar also enjoyed many hunting trips with his family and friends, including his annual deer hunting trips for forty years to upstate NY with his close friends Garry and Kenny.

Oscar attended Alloway School and graduated from Woodstown High School. He was very involved with the FFA while in high school. He was a lifelong member of the Aldine United Methodist Church, having served as the Sunday School Superintendent for many years, teaching Sunday School and also serving on the Board of Trustees. Oscar was also a member of the church choir, and his voice could be heard over many others as he belted out the hymns in his deep bass voice. In his younger adult years, Oscar was a member of the Aldine Quartet and also sang with the Ranch Hope "Hopefuls" choir. In his free time as a younger adult, he enjoyed learning to play the guitar, taking glass blowing lessons and karate lessons.

Survived by wife Peggy, sons Andy (Annette), Luke (Julie), Mark (Joyce),

Chris (Inga), daughter Becky Joyce (Charlie), eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by brother Karl (Alberta) Simkins and sisters Mary Shiveler, Sara Crispin, and Linda (Wayne) Wright. Also survived by many special nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Karl and Ethel Simkins and baby sister Anna Mellie Simkins.

Visiting hours will be held at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Funeral services will be held at the Aldine United Methodist Church, 780 Friesburg Aldine Road, Elmer on Saturday, December 2 at 11 AM with visiting hours from 10-11 AM prior to the service. Burial will take place in the church cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Aldine United Methodist Church, 780 Friesburg Aldine Road, Elmer, NJ 08318 or to Ranch Hope, PO Box 325, Alloway, NJ 08001.

Cemetery Details

Aldine United Methodist Church Cemetery

780 Friesburg Road
Elmer, NJ 08318

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home
64 Broad St.
Woodstown, NJ 08098
adamsfuneralhome@comcast.net

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Aldine United Methodist Church
780 Friesburg Rd.
Elmer, NJ 08318

Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Aldine United Methodist Church
780 Friesburg Rd.
Elmer, NJ 08318

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Oscar Alonzo Simkins II.*



December 01, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Oscar Alonzo Simkins II.*



November 30, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *To a man who taught me much about life. My deepest condolences to the entire Family at this time.*

Michael Danner - November 29, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Alonzo Simkins II.*



November 29, 2023 at 07:11 PM

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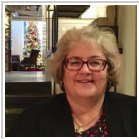
“ With Love, Jeff and Janie Coleman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Oscar Alonzo Simkins II.

With Love, Jeff and Janie Coleman - November 29, 2023 at 07:11 PM

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“ Oscar left many great memories with all who know him the story's will last for years I know he is entertaining the angles in heaven a special man

Joe Doak - November 29, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Oscar Simkins



Carol Molinari Monks - November 28, 2023 at 07:11 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Oscar Alonzo Simkins II.



November 28, 2023 at 02:09 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Alonzo Simkins II.* ”



November 27, 2023 at 09:23 PM