



## William Earl Vincent Simmons

August 24, 1956 - October 25, 2025

In loving memory of William Earl Vincent Simmons, August 24, 1956-October 25, 2025.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of William Simmons, age 69, of Halifax. He is lovingly remembered and missed by his children, Christian (Anne-Lise Griffon), Heather, and Jeffrey (Gaby Munoz), and grandchildren, Elliott Griffon-Simmons, Charlotte Simmons, and Eleonor Simmons Munoz. He and his wife Dinah (Chapman) were separated but always remained very close and supportive. He is also survived by his sisters, Janet Simmons and Anita Simmons-Clancy, Aunt Catherine Hennigar-Shuh (and Uncle John), Uncle Peter Hennigar (and Aunt Linda Marks), his Simmons, Hennigar, and Michieli relatives, as well as his Chapman in-laws. He was predeceased by his parents and grandparents. He is deeply loved and greatly missed by his family and his numerous friends. He loved all of his family very much and was grateful for their love and support.

William was a talented musician, with a great knowledge of and love for music, which he shared with his sons and their friends (who called him "Rock Dad"), and with many others. He loved spending time in nature, and Dinah and Heather have many fond memories of walks and road trips, as well as times just hanging out at the house. William was an electrician and was very interested in how things worked, mechanical and otherwise. He was a great seeker of knowledge and loved to share (or overshare!) it.

Social justice was very important to William. He had great concern for

marginalized people, and for environmental issues. He had a great interest in and respect for Indigenous culture. William had a deep, mystical spirituality, expressed in his love of nature and his sense of connection to all people and all of creation. He was kind and generous, made friends easily, and connected with many different kinds of people. He was incredibly outgoing and fun-loving, and his children are enjoying sharing memories of “woof your cookies ice cream parties” and many zany antics and adventures during their childhood. He loved a good in-joke (even if he was the only one who understood it!), and he had a Beatles or Marx Brothers reference for every situation.

His fifty-year struggle with mental illness began as a teenager: a very difficult battle, for him and for his loved ones, but despite it or through it, he grew in empathy, wisdom, and spirituality. He tried his best to shower love upon the world. A funeral will be held at St Stephen's Church, 6032 Normandy Drive, Halifax, on Monday, December 22, at 10:30am, Deacon Robert Doyle officiating. A reception will follow in the church hall.

If you would like to make a donation in William's memory, we would suggest a mental health foundation, or an outreach mission such as Soul's Harbour, Hope Cottage, or the Mikmaw Native Friendship Centre.

# Tribute Wall

HS

“ Dear Dinah and Family, my sincere condolences on your deep loss. I know he was deeply loved by his family May God bring comfort to you and your family at this time, May he rest in peace from all that he was suffering from. Harry Soper.

Harry Soper - December 02, 2025 at 09:29 AM

MH

“ I met William at Gordon B Eisner when he told me his last name, I told him that I once knew a Janet Simmons from my church. He asked me to describe her and I did. He said that you just described my mother. I had so much respect, love and admiration for your mother I was happy to meet and know William if only for a short time.

Michael Hiltz - November 13, 2025 at 05:55 PM

GN

“ LONG LIVE ROCK DAD!

greg napier - November 11, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DJ

“ Dear Janet and Anita and family, so very saddened to hear of Billy's passing. I remember him very fondly when I spent so much time at your family home on Cabot Street. Last spoke with him at a parent-teacher night when our kids went to the same school. Deepest condolences and much love being sent to you all. Love, Dachia

Dachia Joudrey - November 06, 2025 at 04:49 PM

TG

“ Dear Dinah so sorry to hear of Bills passing at such a young age .  
He was much loved by his family and is now in the hands of the  
Lord Luv and prayers

Theresa Goodhew - November 06, 2025 at 10:32 AM

DP

“ Dear Dinah ..... my deepest condolences to  
you and your family. May his soul find eternal  
peace in heaven. 🙏🙏



Dawn Purcell - November 06, 2025 at 10:21 AM

ZP

“ Dear Dinah , Anita and family ,  
Graham and I send our condolences to you on the loss of your  
cherished family member . May he rest in peace.

zita Poirier - November 05, 2025 at 01:00 PM

SC

“ Dinah & Family

Sorry for your loss. He was a cherished member of his family and  
will be missed.

RIP Bill.

Sandra Carroll-Hicks @ Michael d'Entremont

Sandra Carroll-Hicks - November 05, 2025 at 10:53 AM