



Eddie Roy Sims

November 6, 1932 - May 23, 2026

Funeral service for Mr. Eddie Roy Sims, of Covington, GA will be Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Scot Ward Funeral Services Chapel, 699 Legion Road NE, Conyers, GA. His remains will lie instate at 10 a.m. Interment, Green Meadows Memorial Gardens, Conyers, GA. Mr. Sims' visitation will be Friday, May 29, 2026 from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Young-Levett Funeral Home Chapel, 3106 West Street SW, Covington, GA 30014. Eddie Roy Sims, a man of unwavering determination, entrepreneurial spirit, and generous heart, peacefully passed away on May 23, 2026, at the age of 93. Born on November 6, 1932, on the family farm in Newton County, Georgia, to the late Cary and Pearlie Sims, Eddie Roy was the youngest of ten children - and a man who lived every one of his 93 years with purpose.

From his earliest days, Eddie Roy was a businessman at heart. As a boy, he cultivated and sold peanuts to neighbors, friends, and churchgoers - a humble beginning that foreshadowed a lifetime of hard work and self-determination. That same peanut seed, preserved by the family for more than 80 years, remains a living testament to the roots he planted and the legacy he grew. After being drafted into the United States Army at the age of 19, Eddie Roy served his country honorably during the Korean War. When he returned home to Covington, he went to work in transportation and logistics at Terminal Transport, before eventually finding his way to a local golf course - a place that would quietly change the course of his life. It was there that he learned mechanics, welding, landscaping, and grading. He watched, he learned, and

he prepared himself for something greater.

In the 1960s, during a time of profound social change and limited opportunities for many African Americans in the South, Eddie Roy Sims did what few dared to do - he started his own business. With a single tractor, a strong work ethic, and an unwavering belief in himself, he laid the foundation for what would become one of the area's most respected grading and excavating companies. His success was earned through long days, honest work, and a reputation for doing what he said he would do.

Beyond his business achievements, Eddie Roy was known just as much for the man he was as for what he built. He believed in the value of a person's word and the weight of their name - and he lived by that standard every single day. He never hesitated to give his time and his talents to those around him. A neighbor's car, a friend's equipment, a stranger's need - no ask was too small, and no person was turned away. He was a man of integrity in the truest sense - someone whose handshake meant as much as any contract.

Eddie Roy loved the land. Like his father before him, he cultivated a garden every season, pouring the same care into his crops that he poured into everything else - and sharing the harvest generously with family and friends. He had a deep passion for old cars, a love that traced back to the mechanical skills he spent a lifetime mastering. He was a man of deep and quiet faith, living his belief in God not through words alone, but through every act of integrity, generosity, and service.

While Eddie Roy built a successful business and earned the respect of his community, his greatest accomplishment was the family he loved and supported. He believed in leading by example, teaching the value of hard work, keeping your word, and treating people with respect. He found great joy in watching his family grow and took pride in seeing future generations carry forward the values that guided his own life. Nothing made him smile more than seeing his family together, knowing that the opportunities he worked so hard to create would benefit generations to come. His legacy lives on not only in the work he left behind but in the lives of the children, grandchildren, and

loved ones who were blessed to know him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mildred Lee (Belcher) Sims; his son, Herman Cobb Jr; his parents, Cary and Pearlie Sims; and all nine of his siblings.

He is survived by his daughter, Tammy Sims-Palomino; his son, Lanier Sims (Bionca); his grandchildren, E'Toyus Daniels (Chris), A.J. Palomino, Preston Sims, and Chase Sims; his great-grandchildren, Christopher Daniels and Karter Daniels; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends whose lives he touched in ways too numerous to count.

He is also survived by a son, Leon Sims, from a previous relationship; his grandson, Keith Davis; and great-grandchildren, Rhyan Davis and Christian Davis.

In February 2025, the Georgia State Senate passed Senate Resolution 300, commending the Sims family for their lasting contributions to Newton County and beyond - a fitting recognition of a family whose roots run deep and whose legacy will endure for generations.

Eddie Roy Sims built more than a business. He built a blueprint - for his family, his community, and everyone who came after him. He leaves behind not just a name, but a standard.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Upcoming Events

Service

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012