



## Thomas Montgomery Simmons

January 8, 1997 - January 11, 2026

Thomas Montgomery Simmons, 29, of Carthage, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026. Tom was born on January 8, 1997, to Douglas and Elizabeth Simmons. Tom was a member of the Grace Episcopal Church in Carthage and was employed as a railroad freight conductor at Missouri and Northern Arkansas. He was a kind man with a big heart and loved to play many sports including, bowling, golf, football and softball. Tom will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Paul Matteo (Lisa) of New Jersey and Jay Simmons of Carthage; niece, Saoirse Matteo; and grandmother, Sandra Spradling Fritsch.

Tom was preceded in death by his grandparents; Don and Barbara Simmons and James Spradling.

A Memorial Mass will be held for Tom at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at Grace Episcopal Church in Carthage, Missouri. A reception will follow at the Parish House of Grace Episcopal Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Any contributions can be made to the Carthage Humane Society, Fair Acres YMCA Child Care Program, or Carthage R-9 Foundation.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

KF

“Mr Tom” is what my son called him. He was his favorite counselor at the afterschool Y program. He adored Mr Tom because Tom always had time, words of encouragement and wisdom, and a beautiful smile. He brought laughter and joy to that program. Thank you for sharing him with my son.

Kimberly Fisher - January 20 at 04:41 PM

TN

“ Beth and Doug, this is Tammy and Lyndel Navarro. We recently learned your son Tom passed. We are so terribly sorry about this I unfathomable loss. Honestly, no words. What we do want to convey is we are praying for you both and your family.

Tammy Navarro - January 18 at 01:18 PM

MD

“ Mr. Tom was an charismatic young man, who was a magnet for our son and all the other Y kiddos! We are so very thankful he had the opportunity to help shape, guide and encourage so many youth. Big prayers of comfort for his family at this very difficult time. May all the wonderful memories bring you peace.

M. Dally - January 17 at 01:09 PM

TK

“ Doug, Beth, Jay, and Paul,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was an incredible young man. My heart breaks for you all.

Twyla Hawkins Kester

Twyla Kester - January 15 at 01:28 PM



WP

“ Here’s a revised version that flows better, tightens the wording, and keeps the heart exactly where it is:

*Tom was an incredible athlete and an even better friend. He wasn’t just the person you called when you wanted to have fun—he was the kind of person who genuinely cared more about everyone else around him before ever thinking of himself. We shared countless memories together, and he beat me in just about every sport we played: bowling, basketball, disc golf, real golf, and so much more.*

*Tom will be deeply and forever missed.*

*Gonna miss ya, TIP! ❤️*



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**Walker Pugh** - January 15 at 06:28 AM

KW

“ Beth, Doug, and Sandy,

*So sorry to hear of your family’s loss.*

*Kelly Woestman*

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**Kelly Woestman** - January 14 at 05:04 PM

LL

“ My deepest condolences Doug, Beth and family. My heart breaks 💔 for you all. I understand and will be here for you if you need.  
Lari LeMasters



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**Lari LeMasters** - January 14 at 11:41 AM

MS

“ Mary S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Montgomery Simmons.

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**Mary S.** - January 13 at 07:32 PM

RR

“ Doug, Elizabeth and extended family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. May God provide you all with peace and comfort at this difficult time.  
  
Rosella Cole Rayner

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**Rosella Rayner** - January 13 at 01:46 PM

PA

“ Patricia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Montgomery Simmons.

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**Patricia A.** - January 12 at 07:16 PM