



Albertus Al Sims

January 21, 1938 - October 23, 2025

Albertus Sims, affectionately known as Al, passed away peacefully at home on October 23, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family and the grace of hospice care. He was 87.

Born in the small town of Heath Springs in Lancaster County, South Carolina, on January 21, 1938, Al was the tenth of twelve children born to Roy and Annie Hinson Sims. He grew up in the very home where he was born, a place that nurtured his deep sense of family, faith, and service.

A graduate of Flat Creek High School, Al continued his education at business school in Columbia, SC, before answering the call to serve. He first enlisted in the National Guard and later joined the United States Air Force, where he served honorably for five years. It was during this chapter of his life that he and his beloved Ruth Cauthen were introduced on a blind date arranged by mutual friends. Their connection was instant and enduring. They were married on February 20, 1959, at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Lancaster County—a union that would span more than six decades.

Al began his professional life at Springs Mills before joining Western Electric, which later became Lucent Technologies. He and Ruth moved to Charlotte in February 1963, just as they welcomed their first son, Paul. Al worked as an Electrical Technician until his retirement, bringing diligence and quiet

excellence to every task.

A devoted father and mentor, Al found great joy in the Boy Scouts—first as a young scout himself, and later as a leader when his sons joined. He beamed with pride as all three of his sons achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, a testament to the values he lived and instilled.

For 53 years, Al and Ruth were faithful members of Matthews United Methodist Church, where he served joyfully in the Fellowship Class, even holding the role of President for a time. His heart for service was evident in every volunteer role he embraced, always with humility and a warm smile.

Al was the last surviving member of his family of twelve. He was preceded in death by his sons, Paul and Scott, and by his dear friends and travel companions, Caleb and Lorraine Barnhart. Together with Ruth, they explored every state in the continental U.S. and even ventured to Hawaii during his Air Force years—memories that became cherished stories shared around the table.

Al is survived by his devoted wife, Ruth; his son Barry (Angie) Sims of Stallings; and his beloved grandchildren: Amber, Ashley, Jonathan, DeLane (Jesse), Meredith (Cody), Chandler, and Riley. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren Haylee, Katelynn, Ava, Lilly, Willow, and Amelia. His legacy lives on in the hearts of his extended family, his church community, and the many friends whose lives he touched with kindness, steadiness, and grace.

A service to celebrate Al's life, love, and blessings will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Matthews United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 3:00 p.m.

In honoring Al, we remember a life well-lived—a life of faith, family, service, and quiet strength. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Matthews United Methodist Church
801 South Trade Street
Matthews, NC 28105
<http://www.matthewsumc.org>

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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US Air Force military honors to be rendered following the service. All services conclude at the church.

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“ I worked with Al at Western Electric.
My thoughts and prayers are with his family
Betty Ann Rudisill

Betty Ann Rudisill - November 02, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Albertus Al Sims.



October 31, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Albertus Al Sims.



October 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Susan, Caitlin and Devon Teague planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Albertus Al Sims.

Susan, Caitlin and Devon Teague - October 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Albertus Al Sims.



October 28, 2025 at 11:51 PM



“ Sending All The Love From The Orlowski's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albertus Al Sims.

Sending All The Love From The Orlowski's - October 28, 2025 at 11:51 PM



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