



## Arthur Victor Simon, Sr.

February 2, 1933 - June 11, 2023

Arthur (Art) Victor Simon, 90, fell asleep in the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 11, 2023. Art was born February 2, 1933 in Visalia, California to George and Lydia Simon.

Art attended and graduated from Visalia Union High School. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Graduated from College of the Sequoias. He married Shirley Ann Tillotson on March 2, 1957 at Grace Lutheran Church in Visalia, California. They had three children. Arthur Victor Simon Jr, Vicki Ann (Simon) Willis and Andrew Tauer Simon. Art and Shirley were married for 64 years.

He graduated from Fresno State in August of 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and an Elementary School Teaching Credential. He began his teaching career at Goshen Elementary School. He earned a Master of Arts in the School of Education from California State University, Fresno in 1972. He retired from Visalia Unified School District in 1992 as an elementary school principal at Linwood and Packwood schools.

Art was a life-long, active member of Grace Lutheran Church. He sang in the church choir and performed many solos at numerous weddings, funerals and church worship services. Art was a "whistle while you work" person. A running joke from the teachers he supervised was that he was never able to sneak up on a classroom because you could hear him whistling as he approached. Art

played fast-pitch softball and in later years slow-pitch softball. He retired from softball at the age of 78 after suffering the first of three strokes. Art loved spending time working with the numerous fruit trees, berry vines, grape vines and vegetable garden, singing while he worked.

Art was preceded in death by his wife Shirley, daughter Vicki and grandson David. He is survived by his two sons, Art Simon Jr (Samantha) of Visalia, CA and Andrew Simon (Lorene) of Visalia, CA. Seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters, five nephews and eight nieces. Art will truly be missed by all those who knew him.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church with memo note: Youth Fund

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, July 15th, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church, 1111 S Conyer St, Visalia. Graveside services will be held 9:30 AM Saturday, July 15th, 2023 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUL 15. 9:30 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

## Funeral

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
3830 W. Tulare Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Victor Simon, Sr.*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - July 12, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MK

“ *Art was asked by my then Fiancé (Theresa) and I to sing several songs on our Wedding day including the Lord's prayer back in 1982. Beautiful Voice. Mark*

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**Mark Kelm** - July 15, 2023 at 06:29 AM

TK

“ *A very beloved member of Grace Lutheran Church, and beloved friend of our family ❤️*

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**Theresa Kelm** - July 15, 2023 at 02:20 AM

  
Cynthia  
Duke

“ *Tearful but beautiful! You will be missed Uncle Art. I know there is a great reunion in heaven celebrating he is home. I will miss his smile, dimples, singing & gentle soul. So many good memories. I look forward to eternity with the Simon Family. My heart is sad but my soul rejoices. 💕💕 Luv Cindy*

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**Cynthia Duke** - July 14, 2023 at 05:04 AM

SS

*Thank you Cindy! He is now free of the trappings of those strokes and we know that he will once again be whistling and tending in the garden*  
❤️🙏

**samantha simon** - July 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM

LS

*Thank you Cindy! He is definitely missed. He was always a pleasure to be around.*

**Lorene Simon** - July 15, 2023 at 01:22 AM

RF

“*Mr. Simon was my teacher at Goshen school. He was very positive, friendly and upbeat. He sang at school functions occasionally and had a great voice. He is definitely one of the positive memories of my growing up. You couldn't hope to meet a nicer person. God's blessings to his family.*  
*Randy Ford, Louisville TN*

**Randy Ford** - July 11, 2023 at 01:26 PM

SS

*Thank you for your sentiments 😊 I'm sure he remembered every student. Blessings to you as well. 🙏*

**samantha simon** - July 14, 2023 at 11:54 AM

LS

*Randy thank you for sharing!*

**Lorene Simon** - July 15, 2023 at 01:24 AM