

The Order of Worship

Prelude		Mr. Tarver
Seating of the Family		
Opening Prayer		Rev. Cash
Worship in Song	How Great Thou Art	Mr. Caulder
Remarks		Rev. Cash
Worship in Song	It Is Well with My Soul	Rev. Caulder
Scripture and Remarks		Rev. Cash
Benediction		Rev. Cash
Recessional Music		Mr. Tarver

Those Leading in Worship

Rev. Jerome Cash ~ Pastor, Peachland Baptist Church
Mr. Lee Tarver ~ Pianist
Mr. Ken Caulder ~ Soloist

Sewing as Pallbearers

Mr. Michael Freeman
Mr. Marty Godwin
Mr. Steve James
Dr. Josh McLaurin
Mr. Howard McLean
Mr. Michael McLeod

The Obituary

On Saturday, August 23, 2025, Dr. James Vernon Sims, 83, passed away peacefully at his home.

Dr. Sims was born September 30, 1941, in Ohio and was lovingly reared by his grandmother in Lilesville, living in an apartment above the telephone company. He attended all grades of school in Lilesville, graduating from Lilesville High School Class of 1959 as the Salutatorian.

He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1965. In 1968, he earned a Master of Arts from Appalachian State University, in 1977 earned a Sixth Year Degree in Education and in 1985 earned a Doctorate in Education from Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Dr. Sims, known for his long and successful career in education with Anson County Schools, served as Principal of Peachland Elementary School, Principal of Anson Junior High School, Associate Superintendent of Anson County Schools and retiring as Superintendent of Anson County Schools.

During Dr. Sims tenure as superintendent, Anson County built four new elementary schools, Lilesville, Peachland Polkton, Ansonville and Morven. These schools were built from bond money he was instrumental in raising for their construction.

He was civically active in his community, serving on the Anson County Board of Education and several terms as a County Commissioner for Anson County. He has also been a member of the Wadesboro Rotary Club, Anson County Economic Development and Anson County Bearcat Booster Club.

He was a member of Peachland Baptist Church where he had served as a Sunday school teacher. He enjoyed a good golf game with his friends and was always kind, congenial, caring, and willing to help others in any way he could.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife, Ann Terry Sims; his grandson, Cody Helms (Desiree); his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Gilda and Benny Galliher; and his nephews, Benny Galliher, Jr. and Chris Galliher and their families.

In addition to his parents and his grandmother, Mary Henry Harrington, he was preceded in death by his son, Stan Sims and by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Rosa Lee Terry.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have cross'd the bar.

~Alfred Lord Tennyson

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A Service of Worship

Celebrating the Life

of

Dr. James Vernon Sims



3:00 PM

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home
2036 Mowen Road
Wadesboro, North Carolina