



Vincent "Kipp" Simms

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Vincent Kipp Simms, our beloved husband, father, son, brother, cousin, and uncle, passed away on April 13, 2026, at IMC in Murray, UT, after a valiant fight with Stage 4 esophageal cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Kipp, as he was known to family and friends, was born on June 7, 1973, to Vincent J. and Jessie O'Donnell Simms in Price, UT. He grew up in Spring Glen ("Simmsville") among brothers, cousins, and friends. His days there were spent searching "Grandpa's Hill" for Indian pottery, 4-wheeling, rappelling, and swimming in the Price River—all those things boys love to do. He was the family gardener and mowed lawns in Spring Glen for several years.

Kipp graduated from Carbon High School in 1992, lettered in cross country, and served on the seminary council. He served an LDS mission in the Texas San Antonio Mission.

He graduated from Weber State University in 2006 as an electronic engineer and worked as a field engineer for various engineering firms in the SLC/Provo area.

In October 1999, he married Janae Brown in the Mount Timpanogos Temple; they were later divorced. On October 6, 2018, Kipp married the love of his life, Michelle McCracken, whom he first met when they were both missionaries in San Antonio. When he saw her at the airport, he felt the impression that she was the angel he would one day marry. It took 26 years, but he finally won her heart. They were sealed in the Provo City Center Temple, and Kipp was never happier.

Kipp loved spending time with his son, Skyler Kipp, and his daughter, Aleya Michelle, and was completely devoted to them. Kipp was the best dad. He loved fishing, but cancer eventually took away his ability to cast his line. He was also an avid journal writer and filled over 50 journals, reflecting on his life and experiences. Ever the daredevil, on his 50th birthday, he arranged for his brothers to go skydiving with him to celebrate.



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Kipp was diagnosed with cancer on October 1, 2024, just a few days before Kipp and Michelle's wedding anniversary. His brothers filled their home with flowers the day he came home from the hospital. Kipp fought a valiant battle, enduring excruciating pain with a positive and cheerful attitude. All he wanted was 24 hours without pain. "I'm going to beat this," he would say.

Kipp is survived by his loving wife, Michelle, of Murray, UT; son, Skyler Kipp, of Dallas, TX; daughter, Aleya Michelle, of Provo; mother, Jessie Simms, of American Fork; brothers, Mike Neilsen (Jill), of Beaver; Jared (Sierra), of Spring Glen; Thomas (Amy), of Syracuse; and Nathan (Sheri), of Eagle Mountain; sister-in-law, Layna, of Colorado; mother-in-law, Nancy McCracken, of Sugar House; brother-in-law, Randall McCracken (Andrea Hebert), of Salt Lake City; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vincent; brothers, Aaron and Steven; and niece, Kaidra.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the LDS Church, 6180 S. Glenoaks St., Murray, Utah. Viewings will be Friday, the 24th, from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and Saturday, the 25th, from 10:00–10:45 a.m., both at the church.



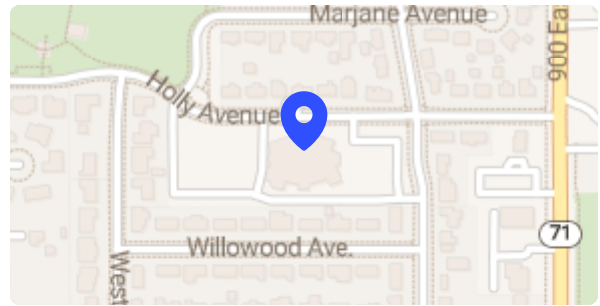
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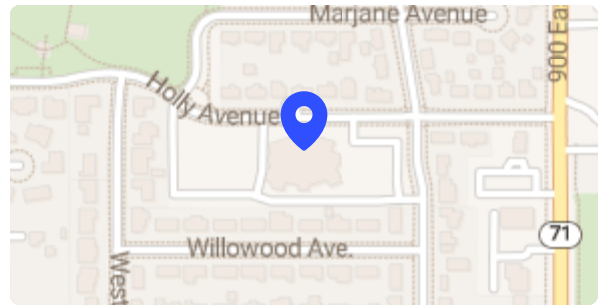
Viewing

- Friday**, April 24, 2026
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM MT
- Little Cottonwood Ward**
6180 S. Glenoaks St, Murray UT



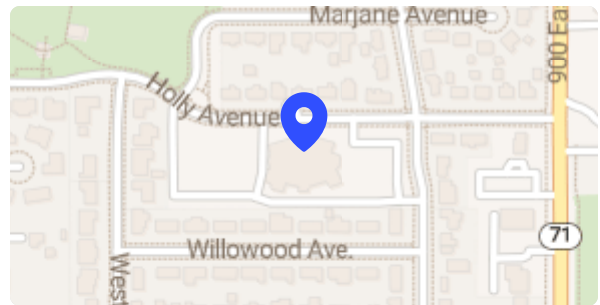
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Della O posted:

Kipp, thank U 4 being my first Nephew, and a very Special ONE. Your smiles were always Bright and Heartwarming. Love U Kiddo. Will c U and your smile again.Love Aunt Della

April 25 at 10:26 AM



Della O posted:

Kipp, thank U 4

April 25 at 10:20 AM



Aleya Simms lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

Aleya Simms lit a candle in memory of Vincent Simms

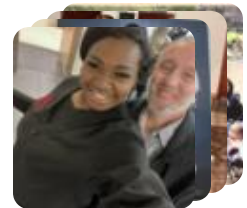
April 21 at 11:21 PM



Aleya Simms shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To the best dad ever love u so much forever and always

April 17 at 3:19 PM



Cristen Garside posted:

Kipp's dear family! I had the honor of being Kipp's manager at Amazon! He was such a pleasure to work with. Despite his pain he gave everything 100%. We are so sorry for your loss! He will be remembered well!!

April 19 at 2:26 PM



Jodi Jones Mascaro posted:

Remember all the simms kids well. Vinny too. Simms vile is a great memory if you live in helper. Sorry to the family Mascaro's

April 18 at 7:27 AM



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Suzanne Kofoed posted:

Also, my kids and the Simms' kids spent some summer days fishing for crawdads, on Strawberry Reservoir, using string and chicken pieces from the fridge. Boy, those little suckers really hung onto those chicken pieces.

April 17 at 5:38 PM



Suzanne Kofoed posted:

I heard this story from Jessie or Vince. While a teenager, some friends of his and Jared got together and decided to cause a bit of trouble downtown (Price, probably). Anyway Kipp was the driver. He wouldn't participate in the "trouble making." He said, "I only drove the car." He was "only the driver."

April 17 at 5:33 PM



Michelle Simms lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

Michelle Simms lit a candle in memory of Vincent Simms

April 17 at 4:32 PM



Michelle Simms shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love this picture of my wonderful husband on his 50th birthday. We had a big party in the backyard to celebrate. Kipp is the love of my life, and was one of the most positive, happy, loving, generous people I have ever known. He loved life, and made life so much fun for me and I. He loved taking a vacation every summer, and introduced me to a life that was more fun than mine already was. I will miss my wonderful, sweet, loving, beautiful husband, and I'm so grateful that will see him again. I love you, babe. ❤️

April 17 at 3:22 PM



Michelle Simms shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love this picture of my dear husband. We had a big party in our backyard to celebrate his 50th. He was one of the happiest, most positive people I've ever known. He loved life and made life so fun for he and I. He loved taking a vacation every summer, and introduced me to a life that was much more fun than mine already was. I will miss this wonderful, happy, generous, loving, positive man, and I'm so thankful. I'll be able to see him again one day. I love you, babe. ❤️

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Join us in honoring Vincent by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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