

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds,-and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace

Where never lark nor ever eagle flew-
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



JOHN DELBERT SIMS

May 10, 1934 ~ May 10, 2020



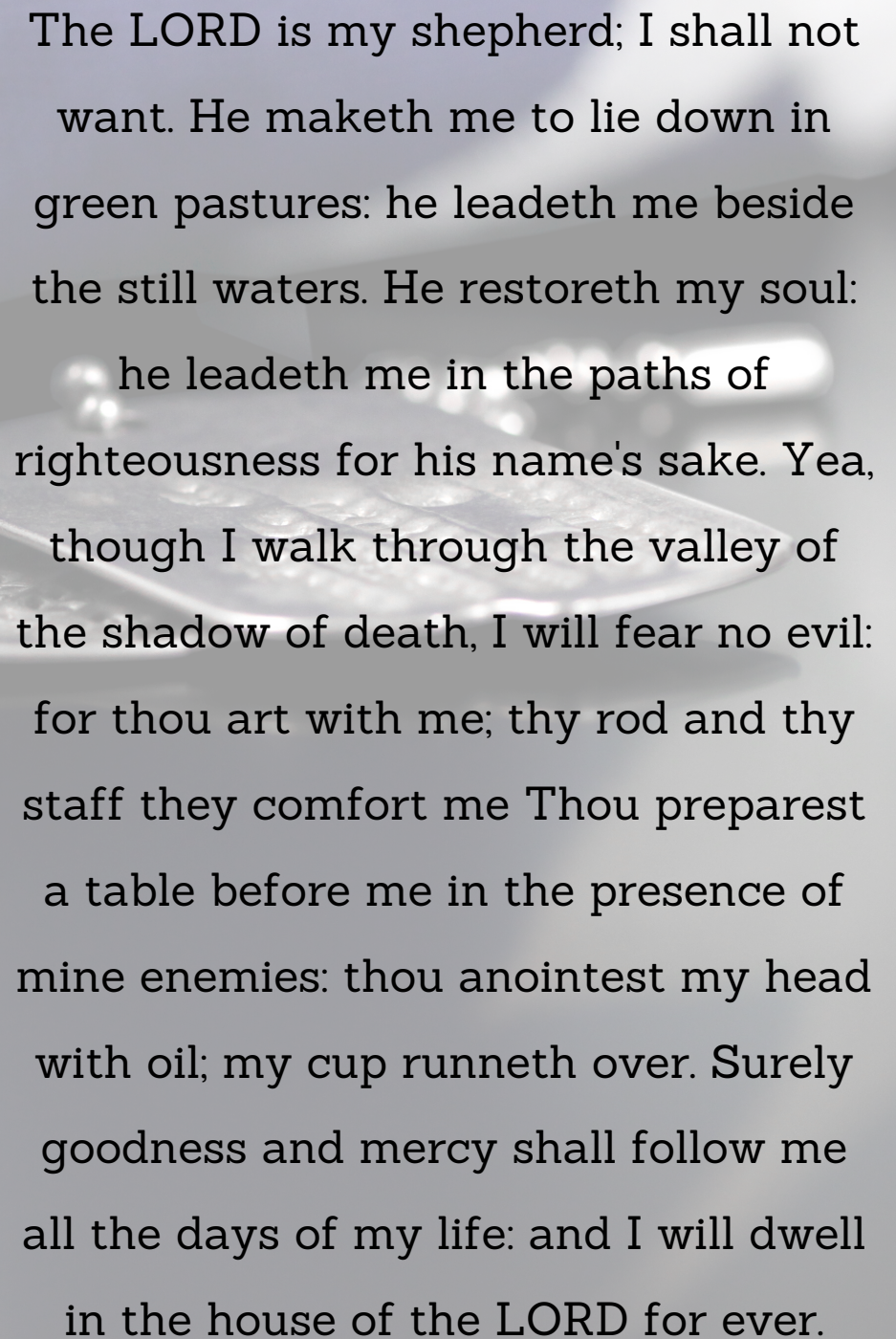
John Delbert Sims, 86, of North Little Rock, passed away on May 10, 2020. He was born on May 10, 1934 in Los Angeles, California to DeMet and Mary (Cvengros) Sims.

John graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California, and then attended Loyola University in Los Angeles, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1956. He joined the Air Force upon graduation, serving for thirty years as a C-130 pilot. John fell in love with and married Mary Alice Bohlke, the love of his life, in October 1959. She accompanied him on all his stateside assignments plus overseas assignments to Evreux, France; Naha, Okinawa; and Rhein Main Air Base, Germany. Upon retirement, John continued his connection with the Air Force as site manager for the C-130 training facility on Little Rock Air Force Base. After retirement, John kept busy with many volunteer activities. He loved assisting other retirees during his Thursday afternoons working at the base pharmacy. He also shared his love of education by tutoring young students through the Encouragers program. John was also very involved at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Mary, of fifty-five years. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Beth Farnum and husband John of Troy, Michigan; his son, John DeMet Sims and wife Kelley of Little Rock; and grandchildren, Kimberly Trombly and husband Joshua, David Farnum, and Daphne Sims.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305.

Visitation will be 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM on Monday, May 18, 2020, followed by a Rosary at 7:00 PM, at Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not
want. He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: he leadeth me beside
the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake. Yea,
though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me Thou preparest
a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD for ever.