



## Dr. Edward J. Sims

March 13, 1927 - January 24, 2010

Springfield – Dr. Edward J. Sims, 82, died at Mercy Medical Center on January 24, 2010. Born in New Britain, CT he received a New York State Regents Diploma from Johnstown, NY High School and degrees from Springfield College, the State University at Albany and Columbia University. During WWII he made thirty-two crossings of the Atlantic Ocean with the U.S. Merchant Marines. Dr. Sims was a member of the English faculty at Springfield College for thirty-nine years serving as department chair, coordinator of the Division of General Studies and Distinguished Professor of Humanities. He published a number of books and many journal articles and was a co-founder and former president of the Sport Literature Association. At Springfield he was among the first instructors in Learning in Later Life, a program for seniors. He was a supporter of the Springfield Symphony for over twenty-five years. He is survived by a sister Rose and her husband Walter of Johnstown, NY and a brother John of Bristol, CT, and many nieces and nephews, his companion of thirty-four years Paul Kenney, and a multitude of friends within the Springfield area and across the country. He was an avid tennis player and made many friends at the Ludlow Tennis Club, Springfield Tennis Club and The Holyoke Canoe Club. The funeral will be private with no services or calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield College Alumni Fund, 263 Alden St., Springfield, MA 01109 or to Springfield Preservation Trust, Inc., 74 Walnut St., Springfield MA 01105. A memorial service will be held at a later date. New England Funeral &

Cremation Center, LLC has been entrusted with arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net).

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *The Good Doctor was a great man. Taught me more about life, than literature, and I was an English major. Doc Sims will be missed by many....*

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**Rod Steier** - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

MD

“ *What a tremendous person! Kind to all. A leader, always looking to help. We will all miss him. Truly one of the legends of Springfield College.*

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**Mike DeLong** - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

EM

“ *We are so saddened to hear of Ed's passing.\r\nWe have many fond memories of many events, concerts, and parties with Ed and Paul. \r\n \r\n Ed was such a supporter of the Arts and Historic Preservation. A great loss to the Community and for Paul.\r\n\r\n Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and his family during this difficult time.\r\n\r\n Carol and Eddie*

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**Ed and Carol Mierzewski** - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

TE

“ *He was a wonderful person and a great friend.*

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**Teddy** - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

KJ

“ *Many years have passed since our paths last crossed, but, fond memories of fun times shared, still linger. Our prayers are with you... Ken & Jim*

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**Kenneth Jordan** - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

LP

“ I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit with Ed at the recent Homecoming, and looked forward to visiting at the Reunion. I will remember Ed as an instructor, tennis player and friend.

Les Prentice - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

TB

“ Ed was a good and respected friend of many years at Springfield College , and on many a tennis court where it was always a pleasure either to have him on my side or on the opposing side. At SC he was a DISTINGUISHED Professor which was a very appropriate adjective as he was in my view a distinguished and compassionate human being - one who will be greatly missed .

Tom Bernard - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

ML

“ What a great friend. I saw him last summer at Panera and we had a lovely visit. I learned more about Life in his America Literature class, about classics I thought I knew, than any other course. He was one of my Husbands favorite professors. He could always trust Ed to give him the honest perspective. He'll be missed by all, but touched many.

Maria Locklin - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

CM

“ Great Uncle Ed was a scholar and a gentleman, and I admired him greatly for his warmth, wit and his independent spirit. He will be missed. Paul, you have my condolences, and my gratitude for your part in making his such a wonderful life.

Christine Muller - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

TS

“ *My favorite Uncle will be forever missed. Will never forget the ski trips to Killington during my youth and his random visits to Vermont to visit our family.* ”

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**Thomas R. Sims** - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM