



## Thomas W. Sims

July 19, 1944 - October 10, 2024

Thomas "Tom" Sims age 80 of Enid, passed away Thursday morning, October 10, 2024, at his home in Enid. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tom was born on July 19, 1944, in Berlin, Germany during World War II. There were times his mother Erika had to shield him from shrapnel from the bombs. She married William Sims after the war and just before leaving Germany, William adopted Tom. They came to Enid in 1947. After graduating from Enid High, Tom became a disc jockey for KGWA and other stations. In June 1973, he got a job as a technician with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company which later became AT & T. He met his future wife Sandra Spurgeon in July of 1974, and they were married a year later. They had celebrated almost fifty years together. Tom retired from AT & T on September 3, 1999, after twenty six years. Tom enjoyed model railroading and even had a layout at his home, and he loved riding motorcycles.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Tom is survived by his wife Sandi; his son Michael Walters and his wife Margarita; 4 grandchildren Carlos Gomez, Eudaldo Gomez, Eldon Walters, and Juanita Walters.

The family will celebrate Tom's life at a later date. Online guestbook and condolences can be made at [www.andersonburriss.com](http://www.andersonburriss.com).



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“ I remember meeting Tom through a mutual friend just after I graduated high school. My friend and I would pick Tom up at the end of his shift as the evening DJ at KGWA Radio. He was good at spinning records and was a popular local personality. After picking him up, where else but cruising Van Buren or going together to some party. Tom always kept us out of trouble with his calm demeanor and his "DJ logic" (don't say things out loud that you may regret saying!). Tom always had a great smile for everyone he met and could keep you in stitches with his uncanny comments and puns. Time has passed and I didn't see Tom as often, but I still smile remembering all the good times we shared together. His friendship will always be with me. Love you, too Sandi! Jack Wagner

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**Jack Wagner** - October 25, 2024 at 11:49 PM

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