



Past International President, 1958-59

Dudley L. Simms Dies



Past International President Dudley L. Simms, of Charleston, West Virginia, passed away March 1 at the age of 74. He served as International President of our Association in 1958-59, and was a member of the International Board of Directors in 1951-53.

Past President Simms began his life-long commitment to Lionism in 1937, when he joined the Charleston Lions Club. He was a Life Member of that Club at the time of his death.

Lion Simms was a recipient of the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, having traveled over one million miles and visited 90 countries in the interest of Lionism.

He was an active member and Past Director of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA, and involved with a number of other fraternal and civic organizations.

Additionally, Past President Simms served in an active executive capacity in the Parent Teachers Association, United Fund, Red Cross, US Savings War Bond Drives and in the building development of Charleston Memorial Hospital and the University of Charleston.

The funeral service for Lion Simms was held March 4 at the Temple Baptist Church in Charleston. At the request of International President Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff, Past International President John L. Stickley represented the Association at the service.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal, who passed away only a week before he did. They are survived by four children: twin sons, Dudley L. Simms III, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and John L. Simms, of Winston-Salem and Sea Island, Georgia; daughters Mrs. Betty Simms Sears, of Charleston, West Virginia, and Mrs. Patricia Simms Harrison, of Huntington, West Virginia, and 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.