



## John Edwin Sim Jr.

May 10, 1950 - March 28, 2025

John E. Sim, passed away March 28, 2025, age 74. Devoted husband to Karen, father to Rabbi Caroline Sim and Alec Sim, John will be missed by his siblings (Valerie Scheffler, Susan Raley, Mary Jane Paterniti, and Joe Sim), Isaac M. Wise Temple community, and his men's group. John was a personally and professionally accomplished man whose life was defined by his unwavering commitment to his family and his service to his community.

Born on May 10, 1950 to parents Jack and Valeria (nee Biniewski) Sim in Buffalo, NY, John excelled academically and athletically, becoming high school valedictorian as well as captain of the baseball, football, and basketball teams. His photographic memory and sports accomplishments led him to Cornell University, where he met his future wife and best friend. His myriad interests were well-served at college, but he ultimately pursued neurobiology.

John started his career in wholesale chemical sales, eventually becoming an industry leader as the head of specialty chemicals for a global pharmaceutical and industrial chemicals company.

A man of great spirit, John will be remembered for his big laugh, usually after one of his own jokes. A cigar aficionado, grill master, and avid golfer, John took great pride in his garden and Karen's volunteerism. John spent his retirement as an incredible mentor and guide in the local community. He was able to listen, care, and communicate with ease, helping innumerable

individuals through their most difficult chapters. This may be his greatest legacy.

John's memorial service will be held at Isaac M. Wise Temple, 8329 Ridge Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45236 at 1:00PM Monday, March 31, 2025 with visitation beginning at 12:15PM. Services will be live streamed <https://www.wisetteemple.org/worship/live-stream/>

Shiva will be observed on Monday and Tuesday evening at the Sim Residence from 6:30-8:00PM.

Donations in John's memory would be appreciated and may be made to Women of Reform Judaism, Planned Parenthood, or Isaac M Wise Temple.

# Previous Events

## Visitation before Memorial Service

MAR 31. 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wise Center  
8329 Ridge Ave.  
Amberley Village, OH 45236

## Memorial Service

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Karen, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. We always stayed friends since our roommate days at Cornell. What great times we had together. My sincere condolences and prayers.

*Mike Capp and Family*

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**Mike Capp** - August 12, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MS

“ Karen, Andy and I were so saddened to hear of John's passing. I will miss seeing him outside taking care of his garden and sunflowers. And smelling his cigars out back on nice nights in the summer. Please reach out to us if you need anything.

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**Miranda Sheeks** - April 02, 2025 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ We remember John as a great, generous host at family gatherings at Karen and his home. He was a very accomplished golfer, caring and loving soul to not only his family , but to all he met. John was always easy to speak with. As part of our family he will be sorely missed His life will live on as a blessing within the hearts of his family and friends. Condolences to his beloved wife , Karen and children Caroline and Alec who loved him deeply .

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**June and Robert Seidel** - April 01, 2025 at 01:22 PM

MM

“ *To the Sims:  
There isn't enough room to express my gratitude for knowing John. He was always affable and shared so much of his knowledge with me over the years. I rooted for his last, great, selfless endeavor with OSU. His spirit will live on and I will think of him fondly. Michael Miller*

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**michael miller** - April 01, 2025 at 10:41 AM

RS

“ *Karen, Caroline and Alec, We are saddened by John's passing. The many hours we spent on the Scouting trail with John are some of my fondest memories. John would share the wonder of the cosmos with the Scouts.... with humor and enthusiasm! He was a devoted and valuable partner in our Scouting Pack. We know his family and beliefs guided his life. Now, may he soar in the Cosmos and look down on you with all the love he shared with you on this Earth. Thoughts and prayers for you from Rick, Ann, Colin, Rick and Caitlyn Shively*

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**Richard A Shively** - March 30, 2025 at 06:38 PM

CM

“ *Julie and I are so sorry for your loss. My heart is with you during this difficult time. Sending you love and strength*

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**Craig Margolis** - March 30, 2025 at 10:30 AM

LK

“ *Karen and family, so very sorry to hear this. May John's memory be for a blessing. Linda Kreindler*

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**Linda Kreindler** - March 29, 2025 at 10:43 AM