



## Finis Sims, Jr.

October 11, 1925 - February 1, 2024

### Obituary for Finis Sims Jr.

Finis Sims Jr., was born in Los Angeles on October 11th, 1925. He passed on February 1st, 2024, in Palm Desert, CA. Cause of death was living for such a very long time.

Finis was a man of remarkable drive, fortitude, and resilience. As one of the first black firefighters to integrate the Los Angeles City Fire Department, he needed all those qualities. Confronting shocking acts of racism for almost two decades, Finis persevered and eventually retired as an Inspector in 1984.

Known for his love of animals and the outdoors, "Fin" hiked, hunted, and fished the length of California. He would not only bring home dinner to his family, but live snakes and even a red-tailed hawk as pets... much to the consternation of his wife, but to the delight of his children. After retirement, Finis and his wife, Sharon, maintained a small farm in Red Bluff, CA.

Fin was a masterful cook, a talent he inherited from his parents: his mother, Comella, who opened a Bar BQ restaurant in South Central Los Angeles, and his father, Finis Sr., a dessert chef on the famous SS Lurline Ocean Liner.

Fin's bar bq spare ribs were known to make a grownup cry with happiness.

Finis Sims Jr. is predeceased by his son Cameron and survived by his wife Sharon Sims, his sons Neil and Michael Sims, and his loving niece, Comella Sims. His grandchildren include Issac Sims, Alec Sims, and Michaela Sims.

At his request, there will not be a funeral, but a small memorial service may be planned for a later date. The details of such can be found by contacting Rose

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