



William Earl Simpson

September 5, 1931 - February 28, 2021

William "Bill" Earl Simpson peacefully passed with his daughters by his side on Sunday, February, 28, 2021 in Fern Park, FL.

Bill is survived by his three children - Barry Simpson (Christine), Kelly Eubanks, and Donna McGrew; three Grandchildren - Kevin McGrew, Matthew Simpson (Hillary), and Meghan Simpson; and one Great Grandchild - Tripp Simpson. Bill was born on September 5, 1931 in St. Louis, MO to Orville Simpson (deceased) and Evelyn Rogers (deceased).

He graduated from Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, MO at the age of 16 in 1947. He graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO in 1955 with degrees in Personnel and Psychology. His studies were placed on hold for four years while serving his country in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean War. He was stationed at Luke Airforce Base, Arizona. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Bill moved to Brevard County in 1956 to work for McDonnell Douglas Corporation (1956-1968) where he was the Personnel Administrator for Mercury and Gemini space programs and was responsible for hiring 800 employees and did so out of a hotel room at the Holiday Inn, Cape Canaveral. Bill then worked at Martin Marietta before accepting a position as Personnel Director at Tupperware Home Parties and commuted until his move to Orlando in 1970, where he worked for 17 years until his retirement.

He was a member of Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church from 1970 until his passing. He was a very social person and was involved in supporting and volunteering in his community by tutoring children at English Estates Elementary School and South Seminole Middle School; he was on the board of directors for Lake of the Woods Community; volunteered as a Poll Worker for Seminole County; volunteered at the annual Veterans Golf Tournament in Central Florida and donated to several charities and foundations involving children, Veterans and animals. Bill also formed and organized the annual Tupperware Retiree dinner/luncheon program, which brought together retirees of all ages

to share and reflect on old times. He was an avid reader who enjoyed puzzles and loved animals.

An Inurnment Service with Honor Guard is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2021 at 1:30PM at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, FL. Parking in Lane A.

The family of William Earl Simpson invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Events

MAR **Graveside Inurnment** 01:30PM
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Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
5525 US-1 North, Mims, FL, US, 32754

Comments



“ To Bill's Family,

I got to know Bill through my dad, when I'd go with him to Bob Evans for breakfast, over many, many years. They had a standing table, and the coffee cups and coffee pot were always on the table when they got there (they were the only ones to get their own coffee pot). My dad really loved Bill. He always had a smile on his face when you walked in the door. He always knew what was going on in my life and always asked how my job was going, where I'd been traveling, how things were in Jacksonville. That's the kind of person Bill was, kind, considering, genuine and caring. And Bill was so proud of his family and spoke of you often and with such joy. He shared what was going on in your lives with all of us, so that we all feel like we know you in person even if we haven't met. His love for you was evident every time he talked about you. I don't have to tell you, but you had a great dad and granddad. Bill will be missed, but I hope your memories of him will get you through the days and weeks ahead. I'm so glad I recently found this picture of Bill, my dad and me taken at Bob Evans a few years ago. It will leave an ever present memory for my dad and me of Bill (not that he could be forgotten). Thinking of you all.

Stevi Poole



Stevi Poole - March 24 at 10:06 PM



“ The Korean War Veterans Association Department of Florida and Chapter 173 Casselberry send our deepest condolence on the passing of our Brother In Arms William Earl Simpson (US Air Force 1951 - 1954 Korea). He served his country well and honorably. May he Rest In Peace.

Jeannette Sieland
Quartermaster Ch. 173
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Jeannette Sieland - March 21 at 02:41 PM



“ Kelly, Donna and Barry, we babysat with the three of you while your parents moved to Orlando. I hired him at Koscot to be my boss! He later hired me at Tupperware. While things were murky when I left Tupperware (I sued them...they gave me a lot of money and I was not allowed to say I won), your Dad was a good friend and mentor. May he RIP.

Becky Cherney - March 19 at 03:11 PM



“ Ken Gardner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Earl Simpson.



Ken Gardner - March 19 at 07:33 AM



“ I feel so blessed to have known Bill over the years! He was a kind and sweet man and will be missed.

Ken Gardner - March 19 at 07:22 AM



“ Fred And Jill Daunno purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Earl Simpson.



Fred And Jill Daunno - March 18 at 11:42 PM



“ I worked with Bill at Tupperware & attended all of the Alumni Events he hosted over these past twenty years. Also, living in Fern Park, I've been fortunate to see Bill at Bob Evans often over the years. Everyone that I know at Tupperware & Bob Evans LOVED Bill. He was one of the finest, kindest & sweetest gentleman I have ever known. He will always hold a place in my heart

Patti Machado - March 18 at 02:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Earl Simpson.



March 18 at 09:38 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He will be much missed! Believe I worked with your Dad when he worked for the City of St. Louis in the Personnel Dept. He was there a short time but he certainly left a nice memory. A good personality, lots of energy and he made me laugh. I glanced at the photo and recognized a face from the past. I have lived in Orlando since 1991 in the Dr. Phillips area. Ms Pat Rixmann
bagpipespr@gmail.com

Pat Rixmann - March 18 at 09:15 AM



“ I am sad at the passing of a true gentleman who served as my Vice President when I was President at Lake of the Woods. Bill's support, warmth and humor helped steer the association in a difficult time. We kept in touch and I miss our occasional coffees. When I moved, I made sure to pop over to Bill's house and to say my farewell. Farewell friend, and safe travels. Alice R. Friedman

Alice R Friedman - March 18 at 07:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Earl Simpson.



March 17 at 02:56 PM



“ To Kelly and family -

Thinking of you all during this difficult time, and sending prayers for peace and comfort.

Teresa Beard & Bryan Resnick

Teresa Beard - March 17 at 02:47 PM