



George W. Simpson

January 29, 2013

George W. Simpson, 92, died January 28, 2013. George was born in Aulander, N.C. He had a lifelong love of trains, going to work for the Atlantic Coast Line RR at the age of 21. He started as a Fireman on a Steam Locomotive, but soon became an Engineer on steam and then diesel engines. In 1971 he went to work for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and traveled the country on Union Business until his retirement in 1986. George enjoyed his retirement years tinkering with lawn mowers and anything mechanical.

George was involved in freemasonry, being a member of Tidal Wave Masonic Lodge Chapter #273 for 64 years and also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies. He was very active at Broad Street United Methodist Church for almost 70 years and was a founding member and longtime president of the Walter Gardner Coffee Club.

George's other great love was for his family. He is survived by his wife of almost 71 years, Virginia Cobb Simpson; two daughters, Alyce Morgan and Lewis of Suffolk, Norma Hoddinott and Tom of Portsmouth. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Teresa Moye and Mike of West Palm Beach Florida, Bill Hoddinott and Heather of Suffolk, Karen Peron and Regi of Chesapeake. In addition, he is survived by seven great-grandchildren, Brandon and Sean Moye, Maddy and Caroline Hoddinott, Jordan and Justin Hamilton and Ryan

Peron. He is also survived by many devoted longtime friends.

The family wants to thank Dr. Jim Stewart and staff for many years of excellent care and friendship, and Monica Brickett and Lynne Goddin for great care over the past year.

The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home Thursday at 6 pm for Masonic Rites. Visitation will follow until 7:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held at noon on Friday in Loving Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Lisa Blackmonson. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Broad Street United Methodist Church 300 Broad St. Portsmouth, VA 23707 or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Tom and Norma and Family,
We are so sorry to hear about your loss of your dad. We wish we could be there. We will hold you in our prayers that grief will pass quickly and the joy of your memories will comfort you. Blessings, Diana, Mike, Sarah and Anna Vader##imported-begin##Diana Rodgers Vader##imported-end##

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“ Tom, Norma and Karen,

My Team and I send our sincere condolences during your time of great loss. Please find solace in each other and think of the good memories that all of you shared together.##imported-begin##Deborah Womack##imported-end##

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“ Dear Virginia and family, I am so sorry for your loss. George was a wonderful and caring gentleman. May all your wonderful memories give you comfort during this time of great sadness. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kimberly Galbreath##imported-end##

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“ Alyce & Lewis and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. May God's love sustain you. Your friends at church are praying for you.##imported-begin##Suffolk Christian Church##imported-end##

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“ You will be missed so much Mr.Simpson,Im so blessed to have been able to have met you and spent some time with you and your family.Bill and I sure had some good times in your backyard. All my love to the family,Jack##imported-begin##Jack Marland##imported-end##

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“ TO THE FAMILY. I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF WONDERFUL STORIES ABOUT MR. SIMPSON. MAY THE MEMORIES YOU SHARE GIVE YOU PEACE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.##imported-begin##ELIZABETH FISHER##imported-end##

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