

On Friday, March 1, 2019, Gene Richard Simpson, loving husband and father of four children, passed away from AML at the age of 88.

Gene was the youngest of three children born to Rose and Carl Simpson. He was born July 26, 1930 in Graceville, MN and grew up on a farm. He attended rural school and graduated from Graceville High School in 1948. In 1949, Gene joined the US Navy and was stationed at Moffett Field in California until 1953. He worked as an avionics mechanic for Signature Flight for 40 years at MSP airport. On October 25, 1952, he married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Horning. Together, they raised four children in Bloomington, MN.

Gene had a strong enduring love of family, friends, church, and athletics. Mechanically minded, Gene was always "tinkering around" and lending a helping hand if something needed fixing. He also loved a fair bit of competition. Whether that was on the football field in his younger days (4 years of undefeated 6 man football in high school), on the golf course in his later years (3 holes in one), or playing cards, Gene played to win. Faith and service were an integral part of his life. He regularly attended Bible Study, volunteered at soup kitchens and Habitat for Humanity, and helped with community projects.

Gene is survived by his loving friend and companion Natalie Johnson, daughter Deanna Simpson (Gerald Hill), sons Tony (Maureen) Simpson and Loren (Darcie) Simpson, daughter-in-law Robyn Birdwell, brother Ervin (Doris) Simpson, and many loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife, Dorothy (2009), son Joel (2013), and sister Eva (2019).

Interment will be in Glenwood Lutheran Cemetery in Glenwood, Minnesota. Military Honors will be preformed by the United States Naval Honor Guard, Glenwood American Legion Post # 187 and the Glenwood VFW Post # 3815.

Memorial donations may be made to First Lutheran Church Building Fund, 822 Douglas St., Alexandria, MN 56308.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

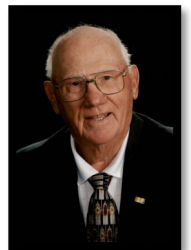
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In Memory of
Gene Richard Simpson
July 26, 1930 † March 1, 2019



Funeral Service
First Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, March 8, 2019
11:00 AM

Officiant
Reverend Greg Billberg

Musician
Randy Morken

Soloist
Paula Odland

Casket Bearers
Steve Horning Mike Loken
Rich Moen Laurel Simpson
Tony Simpson Loren Simpson
Audrie Simpson Joel Simpson

Interment
Glenwood Lutheran Cemetery
Glenwood, Minnesota


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