



Tom Simpson

March 23, 1935 - October 22, 2024

Thomas “Tom” Simpson, 89, of Monrovia, gained his angel wings in the early morning hours of Tuesday, October 22, 2024, while in the care of the Springs of Mooresville. He was born in Mannington, WV on March 23, 1935, to the late Thomas Jefferson and Ada Alice (McDonald) Simpson.

Raised in the hills of north central West Virginia, Tom was a 1954 alum of University High School where he played football and basketball and won third in the state as an athletic wrestler. Meeting his future wife, Arlene McGlone while in the sixth grade, it wasn't until later in high school that he took her by the hand and wooed her into their 68-year love affair. Packing their bags and heading to Indiana to find work, the pair originally settled in Paragon to help on the family farm, later moving back to West Virginia to work in the coal mines on an air shaft. When the mines went under, they came back to Indiana, and they have remained here until this day. A truly hard worker throughout his entire life, Tom secured employment at Duke Energy, formerly known as Public Service Indiana, as a talented electrician in building maintenance. A member of the IBEW Local 1393, Tom was a passionate Union Steward. He never missed a day of work to diligently provide for his family and would even hitchhike to work when the car broke down. He devoted 36 years of service to the company and deservedly retired in 1996.

Actively involved in his children's lives, Tom never missed any of their games,

along with his grandchildren and great grandchildren's sporting events, while cheering them on from the stands, or coaching them while running the chains at football games. Tom was one of the founding fathers of the Monrovia Football Program, was an integral part of starting the youth little league (now known as MOBS). Always civic minded, he was a past president of the Monrovia Lions Club, was involved in the Monrovia festival, along with the civic association, and Tom and Arlene were dubbed the grand marshals in the yearly festival parade.

The tight knit family of five took vacations in their motorhome visiting places like Canada, California, Tennessee, and his hometown. Tom's miracle cure for any ailment the kids had was to put rubbing alcohol on it. He enjoyed playing euchre, poker, and rummy, was gifted at cornhole and basketball, as well as hunting and fishing. Loyal, intelligent, devoted and known to be stubborn, Tom was a man of few words and when he gave you "the look" you knew you better get up and get moving. Always there to help anyone in need, he was truly a respectable role model. Tom leaves a legacy that is unmatched and will be forever in the hearts of all who were fortunate to have known and loved him.

Along with his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his oldest son, Tommy Simpson; siblings, Martha Mike, Dorothy Simpson, Betty Smith, Josephine Stull, and Jim Simpson; and son in law, Dewey Durham.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Arlene Simpson of Monrovia; children, Karen Durham of Indianapolis, and Tim Simpson (wife, Susie) of Southport; grandchildren, Troy, Christy, Kari, Teresa, Sean, Marjorie, Samantha, and Jessica; along with 10 great grandchildren.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Gathering of Friends and Family will be held on

Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center in the Abundant Life Church, 1003 W. Lincoln St., Danville, IN, 46122. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Tom's memory please visit his tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Abundant Life Church
1003 W. Lincoln St
Danville, IN 46122

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tom Simpson.* ”



November 01, 2024 at 05:55 PM



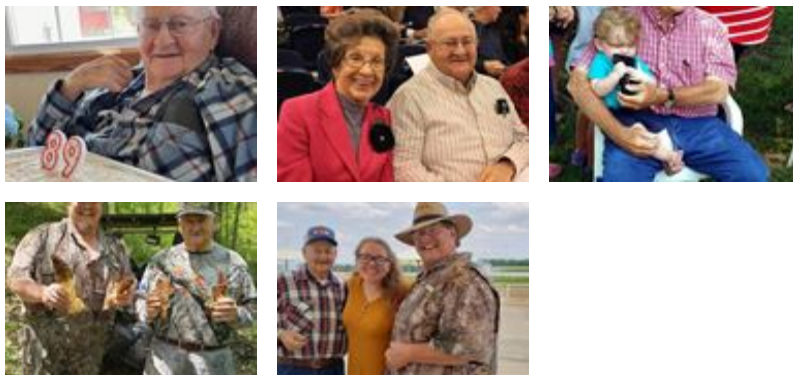
“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tom Simpson.* ”



October 29, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ *136 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - October 28, 2024 at 11:33 AM

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“ Tom was a good friend and work colleague at Public Service of Indiana. Always willing to help his fellow workers. I am sure he will be missed by many. Dan E. Lyon

Dan E. Lyon - October 27, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“ To the world’s greatest Pappal- we will miss you every day. You gave us all the best childhood- playing cards, kickball, riding wave runners, corn hole, teaching us about life, sports, fishing, gardening. You were there for every big event in our lives- and the little ones too. You taught us all how to be there for one another- a lesson we will never forget. We love you so much. - Sam, Cam, and Walter Timothy

Samantha Stephens - October 26, 2024 at 09:46 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Tom Simpson.



October 26, 2024 at 09:35 PM

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“ We will miss you, Pappal! Thank you for taking care of each and every one of us! Thank you for always coming to anything and everything; band concerts, softball games, Euchre tournaments, riding the wave runner, mushroom hunting, going to the horse track, poker, and letting us borrow your car more times than I can count haha We love you bunches, and are thankful we had you for a Pappal!!! ❤️💜❤️ Love, Colie (Marjorie)

Marjorie - October 25, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Simpson.* ”



October 25, 2024 at 03:00 PM