



Leon Swanson Simpson

February 26, 1941 - December 7, 2012

Leon Swanson Simpson, 71, of Mansion Bridge Road Altavista passed away peacefully on Friday, December 7, 2012.

He was the son of the late Russell Roosevelt Sage Simpson and Estelle Jewell Crews Simpson whom he loved dearly.

He was born February 26, 1941 and was raised in Pittsylvania County where he enjoyed a wonderful childhood.

After attending Hargrave Military Academy he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed at Oceana Naval Base. He returned home to follow in his father's footsteps operating Straightstone General Store. That was a decision he would not regret as he went on to run Simpson's Minute Markets for 44 years with great success.

Leon was an avid farmer who always enjoyed quality cattle. He loved to hunt and especially fish on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. He enjoyed traveling, often to Maine and Nags Head, NC. Leon was a member of Straightstone Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Elcan Simpson, of the residence; three sons, Russell Watlington Simpson and wife Lisa of Portsmouth, Leon Mark Simpson

and wife Heather of Altavista, Michael Todd Simpson and wife Beth of Altavista; a brother, Carl E. Simpson and wife Linda of Smith Mountain Lake; three grandchildren, Emily Jewell Simpson, Russell Allen Simpson and Kellin Sage Simpson; his wife's daughters, Elizabeth Calder and husband Robert of Lynchburg and Hannah Judd of Forest; a niece and a nephew. He will be greatly missed by his family.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Straightstone Baptist Church by the Rev. Paul Woodward with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8:00 p.m., Monday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the American Cancer Society, 2050 Langhorne Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24510 or Straightstone Baptist Church, 4660 Straightstone Rd., Long Island, VA 24569.

Cemetery Details

Straightstone Baptist Church Cemetery

4660 Straightstone Road
Long Island, VA 24569

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Straightstone Baptist Church
4660 Straightstone Rd.
Long Island, VA 24569

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Very sorry for the loss of your father. I'll always remember those days of my Dad (Larry Lanier) and Leon meeting at Chef's for breakfast and talking cows and politics! I sure miss my Dad and know you all will miss Leon. Kimberly Lanier Dalton*

Kimberly and Mark Dalton - January 09, 2013 at 08:46 AM

LP

“ *Russ, Mark, Todd and Family,
So sorry to hear about Leon. He was a good man and the times I saw him over the years so proud of his boys. He was a good friend to my Dad too.
Thinking of you ...
Lee Thompson Payne
Glen Allen, VA*

Lee Thompson Payne - December 11, 2012 at 08:24 AM

BW

“ Bobby Lee And Ann Worsham lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Bobby Lee and Ann Worsham - December 10, 2012 at 05:27 PM

HJ

“ Hannah M Judd lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Hannah M Judd - December 10, 2012 at 04:44 PM

NR

“ Nancy Rolfe lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Nancy Rolfe - December 10, 2012 at 02:54 PM

LH

“ Todd, sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Please know you will be in my thoughts and prayers, in as much as I share your loss. - Lowell Hedrick

Lowell Hedrick - December 10, 2012 at 02:42 PM

MS

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the family. So sorry for your loss.*

Mike Southern

Mike Southern - December 10, 2012 at 02:37 PM

DO

“ *Sorry I couldn't be there with you all now, but you know our thoughts and prayers sure are!*

DougG

DougG - December 10, 2012 at 07:47 AM

DG

“ *Douglas G. purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Leon Swanson Simpson.*



Douglas G. - December 10, 2012 at 07:45 AM

KJ

“ *Kenda Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson*



Kenda Jacobs - December 09, 2012 at 07:30 PM

MM

“ Anne and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,
Gladys Marcy, and Marie and Stephen Moseley

Marie Moseley - December 09, 2012 at 04:31 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumsey lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Karen Brumsey - December 09, 2012 at 02:09 PM

RS

“ Robin Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Robin Scruggs - December 09, 2012 at 12:43 PM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great man and figure in our community. He will be greatly missed.

Robin Wilkes



Robin Wilkes - December 09, 2012 at 07:11 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson*



December 08, 2012 at 11:39 PM



“ *Jo Barnard lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson*



Jo Barnard - December 08, 2012 at 11:11 AM



“ *Connie Hall lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson*



connie hall - December 08, 2012 at 09:51 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about this. I know he had been sick for a while but it is never easy to lose a parent. My thought and prayers are with you all today and in the days to come. He was a good person to work work and will always be remembered by us.*
Teresa David

Lynn and Teresa David - December 08, 2012 at 08:27 AM

LD

“ Lynn And Teresa David lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Lynn and Teresa David - December 08, 2012 at 08:22 AM

DM

“ Dorothy [rorer] Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



dorothy [rorer] mitchell - December 08, 2012 at 05:24 AM

TW

“ Theresa Catron Worsham lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Theresa Catron Worsham - December 08, 2012 at 04:04 AM



“ Jerry Mary Robertson lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson



Jerry Mary Robertson - December 07, 2012 at 09:03 PM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Leon Swanson Simpson*



Eddie Puckette - December 07, 2012 at 07:54 PM

EM

Lifting all of the family up in prayers at this very difficult time. I grew up with Leon at Straightstone and cherish many memories of him, his mom and dad, Russell & Estelle and his brother, Carl. Cherish all the memories and know that he has gone to a better place where his is no longer in pain. Emily & Wayne Mayhew

Emily & Wayne Mayhew - December 08, 2012 at 09:37 AM