



## Howard Simpkins

August 14, 1935 - February 3, 2018

Howard Donald Simpkins

“Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another.”

Earnest Hemingway

Howard Donald Simpkins departed this life on February 3, 2018 to rejoin his beloved wife, Mary, in Heaven. He was 82 years old. In the time he lived here on earth, he was a shining example of how a man should be. He was a devoted husband, loving father, he served his country in the US Army, and he was a proud grandfather and great grandfather. Most importantly, he was a devout Christian who was prepared to enter Heaven. He will forever be loved and missed by his family, friends, and truly all who knew him. He was a strong and stoic man to his last breath.

He leaves behind two daughters, Rhonda Neal of Rock WV, and Cathy Hare and husband Steve Hare of Kernersville, NC; four grandchildren, Danielle Pennington of Princeton WV, Jennifer Blankenship and husband G. Belcher of Rock, WV, Lauren Prim and husband Adam Prim of Kernersville, NC and Matthew Hare and Wife Casey of Kernersville NC, and seven wonderful great grandchildren.

Per his wishes, Howard will be cremated and there will be a private family service in the spring. He asked that his ashes be spread in various places where he lived his happiest times. The family would like to extend its deepest appreciation to all medical staff that was involved in his care in the final days. You all have a special place in the hearts of his loved ones.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home of Bluefield is serving the Howard Simpkins family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Howard Simpkins

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Rhonda and Cathy,

*I remember your dad as tall and stately. We all had some good times. So sorry for your loss but you had a good example for your lives. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.*

*Love,  
Clyde and Valerie*

Valerie Hutchison - February 06, 2018 at 08:21 AM



*Dear Rhonda, Cathy, Jennifer.  
We love your Dad and Mary  
Your grandmother and Mary's  
Sister. Now we know all of us will be missing Brother Howard!! No one can take his place. We knew him by his smile hard-working, generous spirit and greatest family. He liked the song Blessed Assurance he led in church. I especially know the concern and interest he and Mary had with our Mama Kizzie..we are so blessed he'll rejoin Mary .. Steve, thank you and I miss you also. I'm thinking of his sisters ;  
God bless you. The Family of  
God the song which meant a lot to him, we are thankful for the many ones he taught to persuade the Lord to come into their lives We miss you so much !! Brenda, Kyle Ranzi Stacy  
Paul Arnold Adam and Britany Treadway. Bless you*

Brenda Arnold. - February 08, 2018 at 03:37 AM

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*To the Family of Howard Simpkins:*

*So sorry to hear of Howard's death. Even though he was my uncle, he was like a big brother to me. IN our teen-age years we were almost inseperable. We both loved nature and would walk through the woods and country side, explore caves and pick berries. Our favorite pastime was fishing in the Bluestone River. When we weren't outdoors, we loved to play "rook" on the front porch. I will always cherish these moments.*

*Danny Zeoli*

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**Danny Zeoli** - February 08, 2018 at 03:22 PM