



Barbara Lee Simpson

June 3, 1931 - October 18, 2020

Barbara Lee (Wright) Simpson died at her home in La Plata, MD on Sunday October 18, 2020 of non Covid related natural causes surrounded by her loving family. Barbara was born on June 3, 1931 in Washington, DC to the late William J. Wright and Amelia L. Wright. She was also predeceased by brothers William J. Wright Jr and Robert E. Wright. She is survived by her husband of 69 years Senator James C. Simpson, sons James C. III (Ross) Washington, DC, Gary M. (Molly) Port Tobacco, MD, and daughter Carol Mullen (Mike) Fenwick Island, DE as well as 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Barbara was raised in the Petworth neighborhood in Washington, DC and attended Roosevelt High School. In 1951 she married her high school sweetheart, Jim. After Jim's discharge from the US Marine Corps, together they established Simpson Distributing Co. in 1954, distributing Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer in Prince Georges County. After they acquired the rights to Carling Black Label in Southern Maryland, the business was relocated to Waldorf in 1958 representing multiple brands in Charles, St. Mary's, Calvert and Prince George's Counties for 32 years. Barbara was co-owner and active in the daily operation of the business for its entire length of operation. The business was sold in 1986 and she and Jim retired, spending their time between La Plata, MD and Ft Myers, FL.

In 1970, Jim was elected County Commissioner and then in 1974 to the Maryland State Senate. It was often said that Barbara was her husband's most valuable asset on the campaigns and being related to most everyone in western Charles County certainly helped.

Ever with a positive attitude, Barbara always put her family and friends before herself. A loving and devoted Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother she was also exceptional cook and an amazing athlete and golfer.

Barbara was active in the Charles County community as a member of many civic organizations as well as the board of Civista Hospital now the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, MD. In 2008 Barbara and Jim were asked to chair a committee for Civista Hospital charged with raising \$5 million dollars ultimately exceeding that goal.

The entire Simpson family would like to give thanks and appreciation to Diane Burroughs, Jackie Fowler, Deanna Jones, Demetria Neal, Chrissy Newman, Meagan West and Mandy Manypenny-Dudley of Care with Grace. Their care and attention went beyond the pale and helped us greatly through this difficult time.

Funeral mass will be Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church 201 St. Mary's Ave, La Plata, MD. Interment private at Mt. Carmel Monastery. Services will also be streamed live at www.facebook.com/sacredheartlaplata

In accordance with current pandemic protocols face coverings are mandatory and social spacing is to be observed with limited attendance.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mt. Carmel Monastery, 5678 Mount Carmel Road, La Plata MD 20646, Marbury Baptist Church, 4670

Bicknell Road, Marbury, MD 20658 or Charles Regional Medical Center
Foundation, PO Box 1701 La Plata, MD 20646 www.crmcfoundation.org.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Carmel Monastery Cemetery

5678 Mt. Carmel Road
La Plata, MD 20646

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
201 St Marys Ave
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2261

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Lee Simpson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Barbara Lee Simpson*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



October 23, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Dear Jim and Family:
Please accept ;our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Barbara was “one of a kind”!
Strong, pleasant, witty and a true friend to us always. We will remember our many times together at the Club, or out for dinner elsewhere, and the casual Villa I events. SHE will be in our hearts forever.
Pete and Marcia*



Pete and Marcia Casey - October 23, 2020 at 12:02 PM

SL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and the entire Simpson family. We always looked forward to seeing Barbara at Olde Hickory every year. She was a wonderful person; warm, caring and lots of fun to be with. She will be greatly missed.
Susan and Terry Link

Susan and Terry Link - October 22, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.



October 22, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.



October 22, 2020 at 02:57 PM

BW

“ *Barbara And Michael Witzel lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lee Simpson*



Barbara and Michael Witzel - October 22, 2020 at 06:57 AM

BW

*We will miss her walking down our street always with a smile
Barbara and Michael Witzel, German neighbours from Villas I in Olde
Hickory GCC, Ft. Myers*

Barbara and Michael Witzel - October 22, 2020 at 07:01 AM

KI

*Gary & Molly, so, so sorry to hear of your Mother and Mother-In-Laws
passing. Prayers to you and your family being sent.*

Kitty - October 27, 2020 at 10:26 PM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear of Barbara’s passing. I have such wonderful
memories of Barbara. She was a truly beautiful person inside and
out. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

cheri brady - October 21, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Barbara Lee Simpson.*



October 21, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the
family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



October 21, 2020 at 01:49 PM

LH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Simpson family. God bless.*

Loraine Hennessy - October 21, 2020 at 11:19 AM

AM

*My deepest sympathy.
I will miss my bridge and hand and foot buddy prays for Jim and family*

alvera morgan - October 21, 2020 at 06:35 PM

LH

“ *Loraine Hennessy lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Lee Simpson*



Loraine Hennessy - October 21, 2020 at 11:18 AM

TC

“ *TE Connectivity purchased the A New Sunrise S
pray for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



TE Connectivity - October 21, 2020 at 10:08 AM

DJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I have great memories of her
on many golf trips.*

She was a beautiful person. Prayers for the family.

Dianne Jones Jaques

New Bern, N.C.

dianne jaques - October 21, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



October 21, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ *Angel Simmons and Tom Moore purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



Angel Simmons and Tom Moore - October 21, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ *My memories of Aunt Barbara are from childhood. I was in awe of her strength, humor, and good spirits. It was easy to see that she and Uncle Jim were a team of hearts. I'll continue thoughts and prayers for this part of your journey.*

Paula Grimm - October 21, 2020 at 05:29 AM



“ *Jim and family
I was so saddened to hear about Barbara. Many wonderful memories of times together in Southern Maryland and playing golf many times. Barbara will be remembered for her kindness, friendship, and her wonderful smile. Sending love and hugs during this sad time. ❤️*

Terri Dickerson - October 20, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



October 20, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



October 20, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Simpson.*



October 20, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences, love, thoughts and prayers to Jim and the entire family. Our lives are richer for knowing Barbara. Rest In Peace dear friend and may perpetual light shine upon you 🙏💔🕊️ Keech and Joyce*



joyce edelen - October 20, 2020 at 04:52 PM

