



## Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.

May 12, 1947 - January 26, 2022

Thomas Raymond Simpson, Jr.

The Honorable Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr., a retired associate judge of the Circuit Court for Charles County, died peacefully on Jan. 26 at his home in Bluffton, South Carolina. He was 74.

Formerly of Port Tobacco, Judge Simpson was born in Washington, D.C., on May 12, 1947, to the late Thomas Raymond Simpson and Joyce Bean Simpson. A respected jurist and general practice attorney for 42 years, Judge Simpson was elected by Charles County voters to serve on the 7th Judicial Circuit in 2014. He retired in 2017 but continued to serve part-time until 2020 when he relocated to South Carolina.

Colleagues remember him as a fair, honest practitioner who, as a small-town attorney, had seen it all and truly represented his clients. He also served as a Juvenile Causes Master from 1974-1980; an assistant county attorney from 1987-2005; and a court auditor from 2001-2014. In 2010, the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service honored him with the 10-year Volunteer Award, recognizing him as an exceptional attorney who provided pro bono legal service and justice for its clients.

Judge Simpson earned his undergraduate degree from Wheeling College in 1969 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1972 from the University of Tulsa College

of Law. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1973.

A proud Marine who served in the Marine Corps Reserves from 1970-1976, Judge Simpson was known for more than his legal work. He was a former president of the Rotary Club of Charles County, which recognized him for having perfect attendance from 2008 until his retirement and honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow for his contributions to the club's charitable and educational programs. Additionally, he worked with high school students on Mock Trial teams and frequently volunteered as a coach, official, or timer at his children's sporting events. He also had a passion for golf, love of family, watching local sports teams, vintage cars, and traveling.

Judge Simpson is survived by his wife of 39 years, Katie O'Malley-Simpson, and four children: Andrew G. Simpson (Sook Fan); Megan Donnick (Dan); Matthew T. Simpson; and Molly K. Reip (Brian). He is also survived by four grandchildren, Adeline and Jackson Donnick, and Preston and Lauren Simpson, and three siblings, John "Jack" Simpson, Patricia S. Arata, and Suzanne Horkey.

Visitation is Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Prayer Service at the Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church-Chapel Point, where Judge Simpson was baptized more than 70 years ago. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mass for Thomas R Simpson, Jr. can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/St.IgnatiusChurch/>.

\*\*You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the video. A few

minutes prior to the start of mass, click on the link and bypass any “log in” or “create new account” messages. You can either “X” out of them or click “not now.” The Mass should be the first thing in the timeline. Click on the video to watch.\*\*

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions to the Charles County Rotary Foundation, Attn. Scholarship Fund at P.O. Box 1925, La Plata, MD 20646, or to the St. Ignatius Building/Renovation Fund at 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Ignatius Catholic Church Cemetery

8855 Chapel Point Road  
Port Tobacco, MD 20677

# Previous Events

## Mass

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ignatius Church at Chapel Point  
8855 Chapel Point Road  
Port Tobacco, MD 20677

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *To the family of Judge Simpson, Thank you for sharing him with us. Upon being appointed as a Judge, he was always helpful and kind to me and my staff. He was a jurist who enjoyed his job.*

**Donine Carrington Martin** - February 08, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



February 07, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



February 07, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.*



February 07, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.*



February 06, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.*



February 04, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *Jonathan & Belinda Perkins* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of *Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.*



**Jonathan & Belinda Perkins** - February 04, 2022 at 06:50 PM

SJ

“ *Sandy Fehl & Bob Johnston purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



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**Sandy Fehl & Bob Johnston** - February 04, 2022 at 06:22 PM

CR

“ *Charlie & Lori Reip purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



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**Charlie & Lori Reip** - February 04, 2022 at 04:29 PM

DB

“ *Danny Burch purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



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**Danny Burch** - February 03, 2022 at 01:49 PM

MA

“ *Blessings to my old high school chum, Katie, and her family. May peace be with you.*



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**Maryellen "Mel" Allard** - February 03, 2022 at 01:28 PM

JR

“ *Jim and Lucy Richmond purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



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**Jim and Lucy Richmond** - February 03, 2022 at 12:15 PM

DF

“ *Dana and Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



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**Dana and Family** - February 02, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ *I am so thankful he helped me when my grandfather died and guided me through what I needed to do to settle his estate and wished we had more time to get to know each other better as family. He was always kind, patient, and informative. He will be missed but I know I will see him again one day. Love, Leslie Williams Pickle*



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**Leslie Pickle** - February 02, 2022 at 08:10 AM

RG

“ *Wishing the Simpson Family peace and strength during this difficult time. My prayers are with you and the Judge. May God rest his soul.*

*Robert Grech  
U.S Department of State  
Diplomatic Security*

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**Robert Grech** - February 02, 2022 at 03:47 AM

DW

“ *His Honor, Judge Simpson, I first met a year after he began to practice law and we became friends. I was a Deputy in the county and started working in 74 though I was 6 years older and a former Gunnery Sergeant in the Marines. Tommy grilled me hard defending many a client through the years and I defended my testimony and reports just as hard back at him. Yet we never exchanged a harsh word, nor got mad at each other through the 25 years I served. We held mutual respect and trust for each others words as our bond. Tommy was one of the most honorable men I've known in my lifetime and a staunch defender of all he represented. He had a fabulous sense of humor and never lost his touch as a fellow human being treating all with dignity, respect, and equality. Tommy was my friend!*

*Katy and Megan, I wish I was there to stand with you but I can only send my condolences. I know he loved both of you deeply as that was Tommy's way just as he had a deep pride in his heart for you and your siblings that burned fiercely inside him. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as will the Judge who will always live on in my memories of shared moments.*

*Lt David B. Wright Lt CCSO Ret #86  
Las Vegas, Nv.*

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**David B. Wright** - February 01, 2022 at 01:30 PM

EH

“ Thanks for allowing me to be your bailiff for your ceremony on December 11, 2014 at the County Government building. It was an honor.



Eunice Hurd - February 01, 2022 at 11:05 AM

JF

“ Joe and Angela Faragone purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..



Joe and Angela Faragone - February 01, 2022 at 10:30 AM

AS

“ Andrew Simpson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..



Andrew Simpson - January 31, 2022 at 10:42 PM

FC

“ Frank & Ingrid Culhane lit a candle in memory of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr.



Frank & Ingrid Culhane - January 31, 2022 at 10:36 PM

JE

“ Our sincere condolences, love, thoughts and prayers to Katie and family. Tom was a great man to his family, friends and our community. May he rest in the peace of Our Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him 🙏💔✝️  
Keech & Joyce Edelen



joyce edelen - January 31, 2022 at 09:22 PM

AN

“ Tommy was my God child! When he was a teenager he volunteered to baby sit for me and on one occasion he spent a week to help with my kids while I was recuperating from surgery! He was always gracious in helping me with legal matters. My condolences to the family!

Anna Norris - January 31, 2022 at 09:17 PM

CR

“ Cousin Ronnie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..



Cousin Ronnie - January 31, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..



January 31, 2022 at 06:39 PM

ST

“ *Very Sorry to hear about Tom..I used to work Court House..Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to All..Rest in Peace..Sharon Turner*



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**Sharon Turner** - January 31, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr..*



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January 31, 2022 at 06:09 PM