



Gary Alfred Simpler

November 17, 1943 - March 2, 2023

Gary A. Simpler of Millington, MD, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 2, 2023. He was 79 years old.

He was born November 17, 1943, in Chestertown, MD, the son of the late William Arthur Simpler and Edna Dickerson Simpler. Gary was a 1962 graduate of Sudlersville High School. As a teen, he worked on his family farm and milked cows for other local farmers. After high school, he worked in construction in Maryland and Delaware as a heavy equipment operator, he then worked for General Foods for several years. He went on to work for Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works where he retired from after 32 years.

On January 18, 1964, he married his late wife Barbara Folker Simpler, and the two began their family together. In 1978, he and his family began their commercial chicken operation which they continued for over 20 years and he continued to crop farm. Gary owned and operated B&G Land Management until 2020 where he continued his excavation work.

Gary was an early member of Chester River Joint Venture Hunting Club for over 40 years and a past member Kent County Ruritan Club. He was passionate about hunting and antique tractors, and he enjoyed visiting Western Maryland, Vermont, and Maine. He enjoyed welding, antique tractor

restoration and pulling, reading western novels/newspapers, but most of all, he enjoyed people. He was a dedicated father and grandfather and enjoyed being a part of their daily lives.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Simpler, and one brother, William "Sonny" Simpler.

He is survived by one son, Gary Keith Simpler and his wife Sue of Las Vegas, NV; daughter, Beverly Clarke of Millington', his six grandchildren, Stephanie Simpler of Portland, OR, Stephen Simpler of Bangor, ME, Ian McKinley of Frederick, MD, and Aubrey, Laurel and Reid Clarke of Millington; his two brothers, David Alan Simpler of Elkton, MD, and Kenneth Ronald Simpler of Millington; as well as many friends who were like family.

A visitation will be held on March 19, 2023, from 12-2 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newman Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD. Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the Funeral Home and a reception will follow the services. Burial will take place on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. at Sudlersville Cemetery, Sudlersville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, MD, in memory of Barbara Simpler or Chester River Joint Venture Hunting Club.

Cemetery Details

Sudlersville Cemetery

Sudlersville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam
130 Speer Rd
Chestertown , MD 21620

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam
130 Speer Rd
Chestertown , MD 21620

Reception to follow in Dogwood Reception Room.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 10, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Gary Alfred Simpler*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Nita Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Nita Wieczoreck - April 13, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Sending your family our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Sincerely , Barbara and James Osterman*

B - March 19, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Alfred Simpler.*



March 17, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Josie Wersten lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Josie Wersten - March 11, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Beverly. I just read the paper. So sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a big part of you family. I will always remember him coming into the office looking for you. God bless you all. Linda and Russell*



linda & Russell - March 11, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *To the Simpler family, we are so sorry to hear of your dad and grandpa's passing. We have fond memories of both your parents, such wonderful people. May God bless you with Peace during this difficult time. With our sincere sympathy, Kathy and Ken Rodkey*

Kathy Rodkey - March 11, 2023 at 03:01 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Brenda Hahn - March 11, 2023 at 12:30 PM

KS

“ *Brother :Mass is being offered on April 23 to commemorate your being with us in our daily program of life, May the Lord bless you in your new life with the Savior Jesus Christ. Brother Kenneth.*

kenneth simpler - March 10, 2023 at 08:20 PM

TM

“ *Tina Trice Mayr lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Tina Trice Mayr - March 10, 2023 at 01:04 PM

JC

“ *Beverly, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was a wonderful person.*

Jill Coleman - March 09, 2023 at 03:55 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalymple lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Debbie Dalymple - March 08, 2023 at 11:53 AM

TS

“ *Todd & Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Todd & Diane Smith - March 08, 2023 at 09:07 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 08, 2023 at 07:34 AM

TP

“ *Uncle Gary was such a hardworking man. I remember how orderly he kept his farm. How he faithfully cared for his family and how he supported and loved his children as we were growing up . Praying for peace and strength during this time, but I'm sure he's up there in Heaven with Aunt Barb so that is a comfort.
Love, Teresa and Howard Pusey*

Teresa Pusey - March 08, 2023 at 06:18 AM

BN

“ *Barbara K Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Barbara k Nelson - March 07, 2023 at 08:12 PM

SH

“ *Your dad was a sweet man and I know your heart is broken. Our sympathies go out to you and your family. John and Sherrie Hill*

Sherrie Hill - March 07, 2023 at 04:38 PM

BW

“ *Barb And Jim Wyman lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Barb and Jim Wyman - March 07, 2023 at 03:57 PM

MU

“ *Mary Ellen Unruh lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Mary Ellen Unruh - March 07, 2023 at 03:56 PM

VA

“ Vickie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Vickie Anderson - March 07, 2023 at 08:24 AM

VA

Beverly, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was such a friendly man. I know he will be missed by many. Keeping you & your children in my prayers.

Vickie Anderson - March 07, 2023 at 08:26 AM

LM

“ Lucy & Bill McGinnes lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Lucy & Bill McGinnes - March 07, 2023 at 07:43 AM

BG

“ Beth Green lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Beth Green - March 06, 2023 at 04:02 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - March 06, 2023 at 03:14 PM

JB

“ *Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Jackie Brown - March 06, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DC

“ *Beverly and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Dianne Cecil - March 06, 2023 at 10:08 AM

FL

“ *Beverly and family. We are so sorry for you loss. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*



Frankie and Cathy Legg - March 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM

JA

“ *Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Jane Anthony - March 05, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *John Payne lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



John Payne - March 05, 2023 at 01:38 PM

LC

“ *Larry And Patty Collier lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Larry and Patty Collier - March 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM

FE

“ *So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He and Norman Sutton are up there in Heaven catching up .*



Faye Sutton Evans - March 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM

JU

“ JuneYeager lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



JuneYeager - March 05, 2023 at 07:29 AM

BC

“ Butch And Sally Coursey lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Butch and Sally Coursey - March 04, 2023 at 04:53 PM

SS

“ Sheriff Gary Hofmann And Staff lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Sheriff Gary Hofmann and Staff - March 04, 2023 at 09:42 AM

PW

“ Patti And Gary Webb lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Patti and Gary Webb - March 04, 2023 at 09:24 AM

GS

“ George Short lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



George Short - March 04, 2023 at 08:38 AM

JH

“ Joyce And Phil Hurlock lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Joyce and Phil Hurlock - March 04, 2023 at 08:14 AM

SE

“ Spencer And Barbara Everett lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



Spencer and Barbara Everett - March 04, 2023 at 07:57 AM

SH

“ Shirleyfoster lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler



shirleyfoster - March 03, 2023 at 07:46 PM

GW

“ *Gene And Gloria Wiest lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Gene and Gloria Wiest - March 03, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Jeanette Stubbs - March 03, 2023 at 07:05 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Alfred Simpler*



Charles & Donna Edwards - March 03, 2023 at 04:55 PM