



## Rev. Dr. John W. Simpeters

April 2, 1932 - October 24, 2017

Easton: Reverend Dr. John W. Simpeters, Jr. died on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at his home. He was 85.

Born in Wilmington, DE on April 2, 1932, he was the son of the late John W., Sr. and Gertrude Payne Simpeters. He was predeceased by his wife, Ethel in 1993, son, John W., III in 2009, and daughter, Deborah in 2015.

He attended Richardson Park School followed by Henry C. Conrad High School, where he was class president and played basketball, baseball, and football. Due to a brain concussion received while playing football his senior year, his participation in organized sports ended prematurely. However, he was the recipient of the "Best Boy Athletic Award" in 1950.

Jack was graduated from The College of Wooster, Ohio in 1954. He received a vocal music scholarship while attending. From there, he went to Boston University to receive his bachelor and masters' degrees in Pastoral Psychology from The School of Theology. In 1986, he was awarded a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

He began his ordained ministry as a pastor in 1958 by serving four churches in the Charlestown Maryland United Methodist Charge. He then was appointed to the Hockessin U.M. Church, 1960-1969. A new sanctuary was built in 1965. At his appointment, he also was Chaplain at the former Emily Bissell Hospital. He then was appointed pastor of the Centreville U.M. Church in 1969. A new sanctuary was dedicated in 1970. Following a one year appointment at Mt. Olivet U.M. Church, Seaford, DE, Jack, finished his

ministry as an Associate Council Director of the Peninsula Conference and Director Manager of Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD, retiring in 1991. While Director of Camp Pecometh, the camp was brought into accreditation by the American Camping Association (ACA). Jack became a Certified Camp Director by this organization. During his tenure, a major camp expansion brought into being a \$3.5 million dollar pledge campaign for program/property development.

He enjoyed working with children and youth, especially in sports, having coached basketball at The Ohio Boys Village and Little League football in Dorchester, MA. He was one of the founding coaches of The Queen Anne's County Little League football program in 1973, in addition to coaching baseball.

Jack was an avid duck hunter who began carving his own decoys in 1966. Through the years, his working decoys won numerous ribbons. His decoys now reside in homes across America. He particularly took pride in being "Carver in Residence" at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, MD since.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Julian B. McFarland (Pat) and family of Geneseo, NY; son, David Keith Simperts of Easton, MD, his daughter-in law, Elizabeth Ann Simperts of Federalsburg, MD and grandsons, Jordan and Jamie, who were the joy of his life as they spent much time together.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10– 11 AM at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD. The service will follow at 11 AM at the church. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pecometh Campership Fund, 136 Bookers Wharf Road, Centreville, MD 21617.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, Easton, MD. .

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

### Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. John W. Simperts*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Rev. Dr. John W. Simperts*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Rev. Dr. John W. Simperts*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Today, Nov. 4th, I learned of Jack's passing. When I started the "Simperts Genealogy Project" in 1970 he was the first Simperts cousin to respond to me. In fact it was on Nov. 2, 1970 that I heard from him, and he provided me with a lot of well appreciated information on his heritage. Of course, in 2008 Debbie brought me up to date on his family. My condolences and prayers are with David and Pat at this time. He holds a special place in my memory, and I will always remember the help he gave me.*

*M.R. Simperts  
Cocoa, Florida  
simpertsgenealogy@cfl.rr.com*

**M.R. Simperts** - November 04, 2017 at 11:07 PM



“ *Dani Woodhurst lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. John W. Simpers*



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**Dani Woodhurst** - November 02, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. John W. Simpers*



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**Phil Foster** - October 31, 2017 at 02:01 AM



“ *Centreville Methodist Women lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. John W. Simpers*



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**Centreville Methodist Women** - October 30, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ *Remembering when Jack came to visit our Maryland vacation home a few years back and taught our young grandchildren a very valuable lesson. How to pick and eat a crab. Was such a fun time. Peg and Jim Ainslie*

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**Peg Ainslie** - October 29, 2017 at 01:48 PM

BG

“ I remember Rev. Simperts being at Wesley United Methodist Church. I was little kid and he always spent time with all of us kids. He made going to Sunday School so much fun!! All of us really thought a lot of him. He was truly such a nice person! You're in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely Betty Green Elkton MD

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**Betty Green** - October 29, 2017 at 07:16 AM

RL

“ I'm sadden to hear about the passing of Rev. Simperts. He was a dental patient of mine for 13 years and thoroughly loved chatting with him every time he came in the office. He had given the girls each a small duck decoy that he had made and it is on my mantel. Every time I look at it I think of the nice, caring and compassionate man who had a loving heart and big smile. He loved his family and talked highly of his grandsons. My deepest sympathy to his family. He truly touched my heart. Robin Leager

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**Robin Leager** - October 27, 2017 at 08:45 PM

MB

“ Dear David and Family,

So very sorry to learn of Jack's passing. The Simperts Family are such a wonderful part of my childhood memories - from being at camp to dinner parties with my parents (Gordon & Barbara Stapleton). 'Uncle Jack' will forever have a special place in my heart. It makes me smile to think that he and my Dad are now together again.

Much love sent from one preacher's kid to another. :-)

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**Marti Stapleton Bradley** - October 27, 2017 at 04:27 PM

BS

“ Dear David and Family,

*I thought the world of your dad. He was so kind and helpful in my formulative years of ministry. I also enjoyed our hunting together. I thank God for our friendship and pray that you all will know the comfort of Christ.*

*In Christ,*

*Rev. Bill Sterling (Retired)*

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**Bill Sterling** - October 27, 2017 at 10:07 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Dr. John W. Simpser



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - October 27, 2017 at 08:02 AM

GP

*David and family: We were very saddened to learn about your father. We always had a special place in our hearts for him. He married us in 1970 in Centreville and was always a great friend. Had a huge chat with him back in June at church and was so good to see him. The wonderful memories of him and your family will always remain with us. Prayers and blessings to you at this time. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - October 27, 2017 at 08:05 AM

TS

“ Our sympathy to the Simperts family. Rev Simperts married Billy and I in 1982 at Centreville United Methodist Church, he had a gentle sweet spirit about him as he did Gods will May you have peace and comfort in your hard times of missing him.  
*Billy and Terri Schelhouse*

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**Terri Schelhouse** - October 26, 2017 at 10:52 AM

RB

“ Jack was my Counselling Elder and friend. He will be missed, but my memories of the times we shared wil live on.

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**Rev. Joe Burris** - October 26, 2017 at 10:34 AM

BJ

“ On behalf of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of this servant of God. We pray God's peace be with you today and in the days to come.

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**Bishop Peggy Johnson** - October 26, 2017 at 10:06 AM

JY

“ Jane & Bill Young lit a candle in memory of  
*Rev. Dr. John W. Simperts*



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**Jane & Bill Young** - October 25, 2017 at 09:55 PM

JG

“ *Jeanne & Rick Geibel lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. John W. Simperts*



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**Jeanne & Rick Geibel** - October 25, 2017 at 09:47 PM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. John W. Simperts*



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**David and June Clark** - October 25, 2017 at 06:48 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. John W. Simperts*



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**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - October 25, 2017 at 04:48 PM