



Roger William Simpkins

April 24, 2017

Roger William Simpkins, Sr., age 91, died on April 24, 2017, at Thrive Senior Living in Murrells Inlet, SC. Born in 1926, he was the son of William T. Simpkins and Mabel Bacckus Simpkins of Mt. Vernon, MD. His wife of 61 years, Marilyn, died in 2013.

Roger graduated from Washington High School in Princess Anne, MD, in 1943 and served in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946. He graduated from Western Maryland College in 1949 with majors in mathematics and economics. At the University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England, and the Lyden University, Lyden, Holland, he pursued additional studies.

Roger was employed by the FDIC from 1951 to 1955. He left that federal agency as a Senior Bank Examiner and came to The Chestertown Bank of MD, on August 1, 1955. He was the CEO of Chestertown Bank for 35 years. In addition to his local bank responsibilities, he served as a director of Mercantile Bankshares Corporation of Baltimore, MD, for over 20 years. He was active in the Maryland Bankers Association, chairing numerous committees and serving as its president from 1971-1972. He was also State Vice President of the American Bankers Association and served as a Trustee of the Maryland-Virginia Banker School at the University of Virginia.

Roger was active in the community. He was a 35-year member of the local

Rotary Club and served on the Boards of the local Red Cross, Chestertown Businessmen's Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the United Fund. He was also a trustee of Kent School, Gunston School, and the Kent County Library. He was a founding member and director of the Chester Sassafras Foundation. Active in the negotiations that brought Heron Point Retirement Community to Chestertown, he served two years on the Heron point Board of Directors and was a member of the PUMH Foundation Board. He and his wife moved to Heron Point in 2007.

A member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church for over 55 years, he served three terms on its Vestry and was a long-term member of the Finance Committee.

For over 50 years, he was a member of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club where he twice served as president. He enjoyed golf and played in a foursome with his friends: Bill Cooper, Ernie Cookerly and Lawson Cording for over 40 years. His other hobbies included woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his son, Roger, Jr. (Debbie) and his daughter, Sarah Cralle (John); two grandchildren, John Tyler Cralle, Sydney C. Camperlengo (Joe); a step-grandson Seth Holek (Jen); and a great granddaughter, Kayla Holek. A second daughter, Mary Ellen, predeceased him in 1971. His beloved dogs, Mickie and Minnie, will miss him.

A Service in Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Roger will take place on Saturday, May 13, at 3pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown.

An interment service will be held at St. Paul's Cemetery, Sandy Bottom Rd., Chestertown, MD, at 1pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 N Cross St
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-3477

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger William Simpkins*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Roger William Simpkins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Roger William Simpkins*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Rog,*

I thank you for sharing your father with me. He was a great, great man.

Michael

Michael Macielag - May 13, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ *Mrs. Brown you've got a lovely daughter*

Michael Macielag - May 13, 2017 at 09:25 PM

MM

“ Sara, Sarah? I am embarrassed that I cant remember which it is. Call me. 410-708-3121. I loved your father. He made a huge difference in my life. You made that possible. He was a very great man.

Michael

Michael Macielag - May 13, 2017 at 09:24 PM

Jl

“ Jared Ingersoll lit a candle in memory of Roger William Simpkins



Jared Ingersoll - May 13, 2017 at 01:01 PM

LB

“ I was a young graduate of Chestertown High School when I came into the Chestertown bank for an interview with Mr. S as I fondly called him.
I started to work the next day, which was Friday which seemed a strange day to start work but I showed up for that day and was with the Bank for 47 years. He was a wonderful person to work for and I was sad when he retired. There was never a person who could take his place. He will be missed by me and a lot of other employees. My thoughts and prayers go out to his children and grand children. I am sorry that I did not get to see much of him in his later years.

Louise Bigelow

Louise Bigelow - April 28, 2017 at 08:02 PM

MM

“ I was a very ignorant young man when Roger Simpkins reached out to me in 1976. He hired me as an employee of The Chestertown Bank of Maryland. I knew absolutely nothing about banking.

Over the next seven years he taught me the business. He moved me from job to job, allowed me to make mistakes, and gently reeled me back in when I was about to make big mistakes. I loved my father, who was the greatest man I ever knew, but Roger was my second father. My respect, and my gratitude are impossible to overstate.

He was the finest gentleman I ever met. Class, integrity, strength, and kindness described his persona.

Roger and Sara, I know you will miss him terribly, and are proud to be his children.

I will miss him almost as much as you. He made a huge difference in my life.

Michael Macielag - April 27, 2017 at 06:03 PM

MK

“ Marion Kellas lit a candle in memory of Roger William Simpkins



Marion Kellas - April 27, 2017 at 03:12 PM

MK

Such a wonderful and caring Gentlemen,He will be missed, Prayers to the Family

Marion Kellas - April 27, 2017 at 03:14 PM

EM

Deepest Condolences, Sarah and Roger, wishing gentleness in this tender time of loss. Warmly, Ellen McCown

Ellen McCown - May 13, 2017 at 02:26 PM

DL

“ *My condolences to the Simpkins family I took care of Minnie and Mickey for years and their previous dogs. They both are wonderful people and he was missed when he left chestertown. Prayers and my deepest sympathy to the family. Dorothy States*



Dorothy States LaPlaca - April 26, 2017 at 09:09 PM

BN

“ *Barbara Nelson lit a candle in memory of Roger William Simpkins*



Barbara Nelson - April 26, 2017 at 12:08 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Roger William Simpkins*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - April 26, 2017 at 11:24 AM

SE

“ *I was honored to be associated with Chestertown Bank while Mr. Simpkins was still active with the bank. Mr. Simpkins was regarded in the community as one of the most respected Presidents of a bank. His memory will always be cherished.*

Fondly,

Spencer & Barbara Everett

Spencer & Barbara Everett - April 26, 2017 at 08:47 AM