



Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"

December 28, 1950 - April 2, 2018

Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp" died on April 2, 2018, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton. He was 67.

Born on December 28, 1950, in Blackjack, NC, he was the son of the late Charles Simpkins Jr. and Dorothy Lee Simpkins.

Wimp graduated from Easton High School in 1970. He served in the Army National Guard, and he owned Simpkins Roofing and Siding Company, Inc., in Easton for almost 25 years. He was a long-time member and leader of the Easton Rotary Club, and he coached youth sports including little league baseball and ice hockey. More recently, he became a member of Christ Episcopal Church and the American Legion in Easton.

Wimp had many interests and enjoyed taking on new challenges throughout his life including scuba diving, hunting, fishing, flying air planes, playing ice hockey, golfing, and taking care of his landscaping and gardens. He loved to cook and spend time with his family and friends. He even developed a passion later in life for acting and dancing in local productions. He was known as faithful, hard-working, friendly, outgoing, fun, and always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Wimp made a positive impact on his community and as a result, he was known and loved by many.

He is survived by his wife, Roni Brandt Simpkins. They were married in 2009. He is also survived by his children, Jeremy Simpkins (Jodi) of Severna Park, MD, and Kristyn Simpkins of Easton, MD; grandchildren, Benjamin, Gavin and Zachary Simpkins; step-children, Nicholas Brandt (Amy) of Denton MD, Katie Ricketts (Jason) of Preston, MD, and Christopher Brandt (Erin) of Yuma, AZ; step-grandchildren, Macy, Taryn and Kendall Brandt, Jacob, Paige and Violet Ricketts, Maylen, Avery and Liam Brandt; siblings, Dorothy "Dottie" Steger (Tom), Yvonne Rhine, Charles Simpkins (Teresa), Katie Carter (Ray); eight nieces; and eight nephews; and his former wife, Melinda Hamm Simpkins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Gwendolyn Picone and Seretha Scott.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018, from 6-8 PM, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., in Easton. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at Christ Church in Easton at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or Alzheimer's Association, Eastern Shore Chapter, 909 Progress Circle, Suite 400 Salisbury, MD 21804, www.alz.org/maryland or American Heart Association, 402 Marvel Court, 2nd Floor, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

celebration of life

APR 14. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church, Easton
111 S. Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Wimp always had a smile on his face! My memories mainly go back to ice hockey. What a lot of good times and good hockey!! Rest In Peace my friend.*

Dolly Callahan - April 15, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Simpkins, Jeremy, and Kristyn, Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. Wimp was always so friendly and very kind, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and all your family, Love, Karen and Reinhardt*

Karen Sahmel - April 12, 2018 at 04:03 PM

KS

Thank you, so much. Life has been tough without him. He always had a solution to everything.

I miss his huge spirit and his contagious laugh.

Thanks again for your kind words 🙏💜

-Kristyn

Kristyn Simpkins - January 03, 2023 at 06:47 PM

TG

“ We will all miss Wimp so much. His memory will continue to remind us all what it means to be a friend. We love you, Tony and Kate Gioia.

Tony and Kate Gioia - April 11, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp".



April 11, 2018 at 09:53 AM

MS

“ Mr. Simpkins I can honestly say I was fortunate to have many fond memories of you. I'd like to share with you a couple of my favorites. First if someone were to ask me to sum up the kinda man you were in my eyes; I would say you were family to me. I am sure you know that your son Jeremy is a brother to me. I thank you for raising such wonderful children and allowing me to play with them growing up. Which is a testament to you considering I was most certainly a handful. Matter of fact the first night I ever stayed over your house I left Breyers Chocolate ice cream out in a bag on the floor which melted all over the place. I thought to myself "Well I guess that's the last time I will be able to spend the night." That same morning you woke us up way too early on a Saturday and made Jeremy and I pick up sticks in your VERY HUGE yard .. lots of sticks... while you cut the grass. I assumed it was because of the ice cream debacle so I asked Jeremy .. "Does your dad make you do this every Saturday?" at which he smiled and answered "Yep". I realized later that it was that work ethic that aided in the wonderful Human beings Kristyn and Jeremy ended growing up to be.

I also loved that in life you worked HARD but played HARDER. I remember many many times as Jeremy, Frankie and I played basketball in the Driveway, you would pull up in your red Simpkins Roofing truck after a long day of roofing (not an easy job) and with a huge cocky grin you would say something like " You boys ready"? Literally the next hour would be a battle royal on the basketball court, often times ending in us darting to the pool to cool off. You and your wife Melinda always found a sincere joy in supporting your children in all the various sports they played. Many times I accompanied you to Ice hockey games or softball games as you supported or even coached my closest friend. That stuck with me till this day. Now when I have the chance I accompany Jeremy who continued that tradition with his children.

Mr. Simpkins in closing I wanted to say as seen in these brief examples that your life mattered! Your time with us was shorter than we hoped, but every moment was filled with enough love and



passion for two lives. You had an effect on my life that I wish I could have made more evident when you were around. I will truly miss you but thank you for being in my life.

Michael Speights

Michael J Speights - April 10, 2018 at 01:14 PM

DE

“ *The world has lost a beautiful soul. He will be truly missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family and may your love help ease your sorrow. In heartfelt sympathy.*

Debbie - April 10, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp".*



April 09, 2018 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ *I will always remember the good times we had as dance partners in The Follies! Such fun times! Roni, like so many, I was shocked and saddened to hear about Wimp. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

Marti Bremer

Marti Bremer - April 09, 2018 at 07:11 PM

BR

“ *Bill And Lisa Roth lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*



Bill and Lisa Roth - April 09, 2018 at 06:44 PM

BC

“ *I just met Wimp ten days or so ago. I had a mechanical problem on my bike and started walking home -- would have been about a 9 mile walk. A stranger in a pick up came by and asked me if I needed a ride. He introduced himself, Wimp Simpkins, and drove me home, even though he was about 500 feet from his destination when he stopped for me. We had a very nice conversation about nicknames, bikes, shotguns, and artificial knees. I won't forget the kindness he showed to this stranger -- and will be sure to pass along his example. Bob Chauncey*

Bob Chauncey - April 09, 2018 at 12:44 PM

BL

“ *I was blessed to call Wimp a good friend for over 20 years. I will always miss him, but never forget him! Roni - you are in my thoughts and prayers. I ran into Wimp a couple months ago and asked how you were...his face lit up and with a huge smile he replied "she's as perfect as the day I met her." He was one of a kind!*

Beth Lacey - April 09, 2018 at 11:32 AM

BL

“ Beth Lacey sent a virtual gift in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Beth Lacey - April 09, 2018 at 11:26 AM

MA

“ Mike Adams lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Mike Adams - April 08, 2018 at 08:25 AM

DW

“ Remembering all the great times we had doing Habitat for Humanities Follies. You always had a smile and a hug for me. Thoughts and prayers to your love ones.
Delilah Watson-Hall

Delilah Watson-Hall - April 06, 2018 at 11:00 PM

JS

“ We will miss you terribly dear friend.

Jo-Ann Saville - April 06, 2018 at 10:59 PM

DW

“ *Delilah Watson-Hall lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Delilah Watson-Hall - April 06, 2018 at 10:41 PM

MC

“ *Just a social and nice guy!* ”

marion chance - April 06, 2018 at 07:03 PM

BG

“ *Bruce And Darleen Grove lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Bruce and Darleen Grove - April 06, 2018 at 05:17 PM

 Corey Callahan

“ *Helluva guy. Gone too soon. Thoughts and prayers for you kristyn and Jeremy* ”

Corey Callahan - April 06, 2018 at 04:22 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Simpkins was an incredible part of my childhood growing up in Easton. I was lucky enough to play sports with Jeremy and Kristyn, and our amazing group of friends, with "Mr. Wimp" as our coach. It was one of the happiest times of my life. Even though we hadn't been in touch for quite some time, he was one of the first people to call when my dad passed away a few years ago. My last memory is of having dinner together with him and Roni in their wonderful home. Jeremy, Kristyn....my heart goes out to you. I will miss your dad very much.*

Jason Myres - April 06, 2018 at 03:59 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Chaires lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*



Lisa Chaires - April 06, 2018 at 03:32 PM

LC

“ *So saddened to hear of the loss of Wimp. I got to know him always smiling and putting a smile on others faces while I was working at Wye Tree Experts. R.I.P. dear friend. Thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the family.*

Lisa Chaires - April 06, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp".*



April 06, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ *Easton High School Wrestling Medalist.*



Debbie Schoolmate and Friend - April 06, 2018 at 03:14 PM



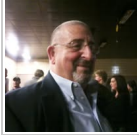
“ *Wimp always had a smile and kind words to say whenever I saw him. He was such a nice guy. My deepest condolences to his loved ones in this time of deep sorrow.*

Penny Finkner - April 06, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *He always had a smile! He was one of the best! :)*

Stacey Smith - April 06, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ *David Andrews lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*



David Andrews - April 06, 2018 at 09:33 AM

LB

“ *So many memories. I can still hear his voice! A great father to one of my closest friends and a complete character! Larger than life. He told the parking attendant at an Orioles game we needed to be front row Bc he was an OB/GYN and had a baby coming anytime that night. Pure Mr. Simpkins shenanigans circa 1989. Love and many prayers to his precious family. -Lela*

lela beam - April 05, 2018 at 06:20 PM

AK

“ *Allen & Roxanne Kasten lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*



Allen & Roxanne Kasten - April 05, 2018 at 05:13 PM

CH

“ *Chris lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*



Chris - April 05, 2018 at 03:18 PM

CH

What a great person. He always shared a big smile and he loved life. He will be missed. RIP

Chris - April 05, 2018 at 03:21 PM

LB

“ *Lynn Bridges lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Lynn Bridges - April 05, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Donna Clem lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Donna Clem - April 05, 2018 at 01:54 PM



Such a huge loss to all who knew him! A great man who made a big impact! Great memories of those special times with our kids growing up together! RIP, Wimp! Hugs to you Jeremy and Kristyn! Prayers to the entire family!

Donna Clem - April 05, 2018 at 01:57 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Debbie - April 05, 2018 at 01:48 PM

TE

“ Such a nice person always smiling ,and loved talking about his cooking ,we will miss you wimp

Tanya elborn - April 05, 2018 at 12:15 PM

MW

“ Mary Wood lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Mary Wood - April 05, 2018 at 09:02 AM

DA

“ Dee Andrew lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Dee Andrew - April 05, 2018 at 08:01 AM

RE

“ Robynn Franks Ellis lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Robynn Franks Ellis - April 05, 2018 at 05:28 AM

TA

“ So sorry to hear. What a great man. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

TD Albright - April 04, 2018 at 08:59 PM

GH

“ Gail And Frank Hastings lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Gail and Frank Hastings - April 04, 2018 at 06:59 PM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Doug Pierson - April 04, 2018 at 04:56 PM

MS

“ One of a kind....a true friend who was always available with a big smile! I will always remember the gazillion good times and laughs we have had. Until we meet again...

Martha and Fred Suss

Martha Suss - April 04, 2018 at 03:54 PM



KC

“ So sorry to hear of Wimp's passing. He was a pleasure to be around and always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by many.

Karen A. Callahan - April 04, 2018 at 03:53 PM



JW

“ I met Wimp through Roni and loved his "outgoing" nature and his smile! Loved his cooking -- he would often share a meal that he made!!

Joy

joy walker - April 04, 2018 at 01:33 PM

CL

“ Connie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"

Connie Lewis - April 04, 2018 at 01:29 PM



AD

“ We have so many wonderful memories of the good times we shared with Wimp and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Roni, Jeremy and family and Kristyn.



Amy and Donnie Dulin - April 04, 2018 at 12:02 PM

DV

“ Don VanBourgondien lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Don VanBourgondien - April 04, 2018 at 11:19 AM

MM

“ What a great guy Wimp was..though I had minimal contact with him but he left a memorable impression. I worked with Easton P.D. for 21 yrs. He will be missed by many. A real Stand Up Guy.

Mel Marshall - April 04, 2018 at 10:23 AM

DB

“ Diane Butler lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Diane Butler - April 04, 2018 at 08:32 AM

BH

“ A good man, my prayers go out to the family.
Beth



Beth Hill - April 04, 2018 at 08:30 AM

KR

“ Wimp helped St. Mark's Church through a huge roofing project. We would have been lost without his endless knowledge. He was always quick with a smile! He will be missed by the staff at St. Marks! Prayers to his family.



Karen Reed - April 04, 2018 at 08:20 AM

LC

“ Lynn Crouch lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Lynn Crouch - April 04, 2018 at 08:00 AM

LF

“ Laurie Frame lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"



Laurie Frame - April 04, 2018 at 07:59 AM

BT

“ *Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Betsy Dulin Truitt - April 04, 2018 at 07:51 AM

DN

“ *Debbie Nash lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Debbie Nash - April 04, 2018 at 07:40 AM

BK

“ *Barbara Whitby Keyser lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Barbara Whitby Keyser - April 04, 2018 at 07:36 AM

BH

“ *Barb Hope lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Barb Hope - April 04, 2018 at 06:48 AM

BH

So many memories of time spent with Wimp and Jeremy at the hockey rink! Thoughts and prayers to the family !!

Barb Hope - April 04, 2018 at 06:50 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"*



Phil Foster - April 04, 2018 at 04:01 AM

SJ

“ *So sorry to hear about this wimp always had a smile on his face and something to say RIP my friend Sol and Lynda*



Sol James - April 04, 2018 at 12:33 AM

 Lyle Fuller

“ *Thank You Wimp for the pleasure of working for you. You taught me a great deal about the values of hard work and doing it right. I will truly miss you and your happy face whenever we saw each other. May you Rip and God bless you my friend.*



Lyle Fuller - April 03, 2018 at 11:47 PM

AS

“ *Wimp coached my son in ice hockey, good coach and friendly to all the parents.* ”

Andrea Shoener - April 03, 2018 at 10:39 PM

MN

“ *Will always remember his huge smile. Always so kind to me.* ”

megan Nittle - April 03, 2018 at 10:18 PM

SM

“ *Steven Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



steven mccarty - April 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

MC

“ *Maria Covey lit a candle in memory of Winfred "Wimp" Simpkins. I will miss your smile!!* ”



maria covey - April 03, 2018 at 08:42 PM

DJ

“ *Thinking of Wimp's loved ones. So very sorry to learn of his passing.* ”



Debbye Jackson - April 03, 2018 at 08:00 PM

Walter Matzeit

“ *Walter Matzeit lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Walter Matzeit - April 03, 2018 at 07:52 PM

EN

“ *Evelyn And Nick Nazare sent a virtual gift in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Evelyn and Nick Nazare - April 03, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Tim & Laura Bishop - April 03, 2018 at 07:41 PM



Thoughts and Prayers go out to Wimp's Family. Talbot County has lost a great Man.

Tim & Laura Bishop - April 03, 2018 at 07:43 PM



Time passed by faster than we ever thought Wimp , R.I.P. old friend

Walter Matzeit - April 03, 2018 at 07:54 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Mattox lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Debbie Mattox - April 03, 2018 at 06:49 PM

PT

“ *Powell Turner lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



Powell Turner - April 03, 2018 at 06:34 PM

AB

“ *Ann Butler lit a candle in memory of Winfred Earl Simpkins "Wimp"* ”



ann butler - April 03, 2018 at 05:50 PM