



Mr. Ron Simpson

July 8, 1942 - October 3, 2025

Ronald Clarence Simpson, age 83, passed away October 3rd after suffering sudden heart issues. Born in Macon to Clarence Simpson and Mary Alice Cherry Simpson, he grew up in Athens, where he received his Bachelor's and Master of Science degrees at the Univ. of Georgia. While at UGA, he lettered for 3 years on the Varsity Rifle Team and was inducted into Xi Sigma Pi Honorary Fraternity. In 1966 he began his 34-year career with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, where he was Senior Wildlife Biologist. Ron wrote and implemented the Turkey Restoration Project for the State of Georgia, and this body of work resulted in the impressive turkey population that Georgia currently enjoys. He was also instrumental in establishing the Bob White Quail research on a statewide basis, bringing innovative approaches to this area of knowledge.

Because of his expertise, Ron received numerous State and National awards, including Wildlife Conservationist of the Year by the Sears Foundation and the Georgia Wildlife Federation. The Wild Turkey Federation named him Biologist of the Year, where he served on their Technical Committee for 20 years. He also served on Boards of NESPAL at ABAC and Farm Service Agency in Tifton and Georgia Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency. In his spare time, Ron was a professional dog trainer and served as President of the Thronateeska Kenell Club and the Dog Obedience Club of Albany. Ron was actively involved with

Quail Unlimited and the past chair of the Quail Unlimited Celebrity Hunt held here in Albany for many years. When he retired in 1996, Ron became the Southwest Representative for the Georgia Conservancy for several years before becoming a Wildlife Consultant for area plantations for 16 years.

Ron held many leadership positions and was involved in community groups. He was a member of Porterfield Methodist Church and the Key Sunday School Class, was an election precinct manager, President and Treasurer of Thronateeska Heritage Foundation which was part of the Artesian Alliance where he received the Jim Fowler Environmental Award in 2023. Ron was active with Albany Sertoma organization and Past Presidents' Club, Sunbelt Camera Club, SW Georgia Coin Club and Albany Audubon. His interests included fishing, hunting, hiking, landscape and wildlife photography. He was a lover of nature. Ron enjoyed travel to "places less traveled", where he and Pat visited all 7 Continents.

Survivors include Patricia Siler Simpson, his wife of 28 years, son Jeffrey Ronald Simpson and wife Diane Anderson Simpson of Watkinsville; daughter, Sherry Catherine Simpson, Atlanta; Grandchildren, Ronald Jeffrey Simpson (RJ) and wife Lara of Baltimore, Md. and Hayden Andrew Simpson, Watkinsville.

He was preceded in death by infant daughter Judith Marie Simpson and granddaughter Catherine Jeanette Simpson.

The Memorial Service for Ron Simpson will be held Saturday, October 11th at Porterfield Methodist Church at 11AM with visitation 1 hour prior to service.

Kimbrell- Stern in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be sent to the Bereavement Committee of Porterfield Methodist or to Thronateeska Heritage Foundation attention: Tommy Gregors.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Porterfield Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ Pat and Family=Our thoughts are with all!
Brenda Gail & Danny Wall



Brenda Gail & Danny Wall - October 11, 2025 at 03:57 PM

TM

“ Pat I am so sorry for your loss, love and prayers to your family.
Thinking of you. 💔🙏😞

Teresa Maloof - October 11, 2025 at 09:59 AM

ME

“ Mrs. Pat. I am so sorry for your loss. I have no doubt he is with the
Lord now and you will see him soon. He was such a marvelous
man! Myself and the club will miss him very much. My prayers to
you and the entire Simpson family. Mike Ellis

Mike Ellis - October 10, 2025 at 11:31 PM

SG

I always enjoyed being with you and Ron when you visited here on St.
Simons Island. He was a wonderful person and we will all miss him.

Sarah Annette Gilleski - October 13, 2025 at 05:39 PM

TM

“ Treneshia M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ron Simpson.

Treneshia M. - October 10, 2025 at 12:57 AM

VB

“ Ron was such a warm, happy and caring person. I got to know him during the many years that we both served on the board for Thronateeska Heritage Foundation. His leadership was respected by all. My sincere condolences and thoughts are with you, Pat, and with the family.

Valerie Buchanan - October 09, 2025 at 11:43 AM

BJ

“ Bob James planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ron Simpson.

Bob James - October 08, 2025 at 07:35 PM

BJ

“ Bob James purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Mr. Ron Simpson.



Bob James - October 08, 2025 at 07:35 PM

BJ

“ Pat i wish I could have gotten with Ron before he left us. Getting to Albany i S not as simple as it has been. My prayers and love is with all the family.

Bob James - October 08, 2025 at 06:35 PM

LM

“ Pat, we are grieving with you from California . We are all attending too many memorial services these days. We'll be attending Dianne's sister's memorial in Loma Linda on the same day as Ron's. We will send donations to Thronateeska Heritage Foundation in lieu of flowers.
All our love,
Cousins Nancy & Larry

Larry Morris - October 07, 2025 at 09:51 AM

CB

“ Ron will be missed by many. He was a good man and his was a life well lived. Pat, my heart goes out to you and the family.

Cheryl Buford - October 07, 2025 at 07:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Ron Simpson.

October 07, 2025 at 04:45 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ron Simpson.



October 07, 2025 at 04:45 AM

FA

“ He was a great man!The Turkey was almost extinct in the State and under his leadership brought them back.He did so much for this State and World.Thanks Ron,RIP

Frank Ahouse - October 06, 2025 at 05:46 PM

NR

“ Thinking of you,Pat.

Nancy Reimer - October 06, 2025 at 05:17 PM

EC

“ Thoughts and Prayers for the Family 🙏🙏🙏



Ernie & Carolyn Collins - October 06, 2025 at 01:10 PM

SJ

“ On of the BEST SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN I ever knew. He will greatly be missed. He had a smile the just would light up a room. Farewell my friend.
My we all keep his memories close to our hearts.

Smitty n Dottie Johnson - October 06, 2025 at 08:44 AM

AA

Pat you & the family are in our prayers. We will be thinking of you at this very sad time.
Anita and Bob Alexander

Anita & Bob Alexander - October 06, 2025 at 05:51 PM