



Bert Milford Simpson

May 12, 1950 - December 29, 2008

Funeral services for Bert Milford Simpson, 58, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at Fourth Street Baptist Church. The Rev. Jack Epperly and the Rev. Kenny Lynch will officiate with burial in Westview Memorial Park Cemetery. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family. The family will receive friends Tuesday, December 30, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Simpson died Monday, December 29, 2008. Born in Hartsville, SC, he was a son of Miriam Melton Hall Simpson and the late Henry Monroe Simpson. He was a member of Fourth Street Baptist Church and served in the US Navy. He was retired from Nucor after 30 years as a maintenance supervisor and industrial maintenance technician and was proud to be the Director of Procurement for diesel locomotives for several Nucor facilities. He was an EMT and managed Gandy Rentals after his father-in-law's death. He was a loving husband and father and was proud of his sons, Henry, a Clemson graduate, and B. J., a Citadel graduate.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Gandy Simpson of Hartsville, SC; son, Bert "B. J." Milford Simpson, Jr. of Norfolk, VA; son, Henry Monroe Simpson, daughter-in-law, Courtney B. Simpson, and grandson, William Henry Simpson of Harrellsville, NC; mother of Hartsville, SC; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Mike Weatherford, Kara and W.C. Freeman, all of Hartsville, SC.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fourth Street Baptist Church
501 S 4th Street
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Debra, Henry and BJ... My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. I was so shocked to just find out about Bert. He was a wonderful man and awesome friend to me. The many years I had the opportunity to work with him at Nucor were never boring. His smile and laughter I will always remember and cherish!!! He loved life and loved his family. God bless and be with you all at this time. Celebrate his life and memories as he would want you too. We will all miss him dearly. Keefee (Charleston, S.C.) Karen Keefe###imported-begin##Karen Keefe (Keefee)###imported-end##

January 23, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ Debra
I am so sorry to hear about Bert. My heart goes out to you and the boys. Cling to your memories and to your family. Trust me - it's the only way you'll survive. I hope to get by to see you in a few weeks.###imported-begin##Kay McCutcheon###imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 07:32 AM



“ Deborah & Family: We are so sorry to learn of your great loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Take comfort in your memories and in the love and concern of your friends. I will always remember Bert's smiling face.###imported-begin##Lydia & Pete Stokes###imported-end##

January 05, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ Mrs. Debroah, BJ & Henry; I am saddened to hear of your loss. It's been a long time since we've seen each other - but please know my thoughts are with your family. I pray God will be with you and help mend your hearts.

With love,

Tiffany Byrd###imported-begin##Tiffany Byrd###imported-end##

January 05, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ Dear Debra and family - My heart and prayers go out to all the family. Burt was a wonderful person. I often think about the times we all spent working on the bus ministry together. These were great memories. May God be with you during the days ahead.

SheilaPC###imported-begin##Sheila Brown###imported-end##

January 01, 2009 at 02:58 PM



“ Deborah and extended family;I am so sorry to hear of your great loss.All of my memories of Bert are very good ones.I will keep you all in my prayers.

GOD bless !###imported-begin##Wayne Jones###imported-end##

January 01, 2009 at 12:43 PM



“ We will be praying for your family.###imported-begin##Brian/Adelia Mitchell###imported-end##

January 01, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ BJ and family: You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Richard and Shannon Saunders##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 09:47 PM



“ Ma, Mary and Kara,
You will always be my family and my heart is so full for you right now. Bert was a brother to me and I loved him very much just as I love you. At least we know he and Van are together now. Please let me know if I can help in any way. You will always be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Barbara Sansbury Anderson##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 08:41 PM



“ Deborah,
Just found out about Bert. I am so sorry, I really have no words. I hope Ma is doing OK and the rest of the family. Please call me and I will come visit as soon as you are up to it. Just know I love you all and I will pray for you, that the Lord will give you comfort.##imported-begin##Barbara Sansbury Anderson##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 08:31 PM



“ Kara, We had not heard of Bert being sick, so we were shocked to see his name on this site. We are so sorry for this loss to your family and want you to know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please give your mother and Deborah a big hug for us. I haven't see you in so long, but I think of you often. Call me when you can. I'd love to hear from you. Kathie##imported-begin##Kathie & Steve Blackwell##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 07:59 PM



“ Deborah and family I am sorry for your loss.I will keep you all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tonya McLaughlin-Hall##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 03:06 PM



“ Dear Kara and family,
We are very sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Love,
Dickie and Tammy White (church family)##imported-begin##Tammy White##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 10:05 AM



“ Dear Debra and family, I am so saddened and shocked to hear of Bert. It's hard to believe someone of our yourth has gone-it doesn't seem possible that we're of age to start loosing our friends. I know he will be greatly missed, but we are taught to believe he is in a much better place.. with God. You and your family are in my heart today and always. Sincerely, Terri Northcutt
Woodham###imported-begin##Terri Woodham###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 09:33 AM



“ BJ & Henry,

We are so sorry about the loss of your father. I know he was deeply proud of the both of you and all have you have accomplished. Your family is in our prayers.###imported-begin##Tisha Adams Jones & Family###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 08:36 AM



“ Deborah, Mrs. "Simpson", Kara, and families. I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking about you and praying for you. We go back a long way and the memories will always be there, they will never go away.
I love you,
Dianne Wall###imported-begin##Dianne Wall###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 07:58 AM



“ BJ & family - You're in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.###imported-begin##Jessica & TJ Byrd###imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 10:32 PM



“ My thoughts n prayer r u at this time. If there is anything i can do just let me know.##imported-begin##Angie Walker##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 09:17 PM



“ Deborah, I just wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts at this time. I will pray for you during all of this. I know our precious Lord will help you get through the days ahead.##imported-begin##Pat James##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 07:59 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will be praying for your family and may THE LORD meet your every need and give you comfort in your time of loss.
Sincerely, Mary and Linda##imported-begin##Linda S. Knorr and Mary Frances Stewart##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 07:42 PM



“ Dear Kara and "Mama" and all family,
I just came in from out of town and found out about your loss. We know this has been a long journey for the entire family and we pray God's blessings, peace, and mercy on all of you. Teresa and family##imported-begin##Teresa Haywood Fisher##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 07:26 PM



“ Debra, Henry, Courtney, Will and BJ, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We always enjoyed the cookouts at the lake house, and will miss Bert a great deal. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to ask. We love you and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##John, Maureen, Jonathan and Jeremy Clark##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 05:01 PM



“ Kara..

Unfortunaletly, I found out today that Bert has passed and I can say, he will always hold a special place in my heart. I loved all the times visiting your parents house when we were young.

God Bless you and family.

Ellen, Orlando, FL##imported-begin##Margaret Ellen McDougald /Steinbrook##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 03:40 PM



“ Dearest BJ,

Our heartfelt sympathy reaches out to you and your family.

Wish we could be there .

Our sincerest prayers and thoughts are with you in the days ahead.

Love,

*Joy and Barry Wagner##imported-begin##Joy and Barry
Wagner##imported-end##*

December 30, 2008 at 03:35 PM

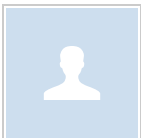


“ BJ,

*Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Shannon and I
are thinking of you often and we wish we could be there to support
you.*

Andy##imported-begin##Andy Braun##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 03:21 PM



“ *We are all thinking of yall and praying for you. We love you dearly
and are here if you need anything at all. Sincerely Will, Sarah, and
Allie##imported-begin##Will, Sarah, and Allie Forrester##imported-
end##*

December 30, 2008 at 01:49 PM



“ BJ

I know the pains of losing a father you love so much. It is not easy, but cherish the wonderful memories you were able to make with him. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

*With deepest sympathy,
Monica###imported-begin##Monica Malone-Craig###imported-end##*

December 30, 2008 at 12:55 PM



“ Dear BJ,

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family are in my prayers. Ginge###imported-begin##Ginger Howell###imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 12:30 PM



“ Sorry to here about your loss. we thought alot of bert. if there is anything we can do,let us know.mona&milton###imported-begin##milton johnson###imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 10:34 AM



“ Dear BJ,

We are so sorry to hear about your Dad. Ted is planning on attending the viewning this evening. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Marie Melton###imported-begin##Marie Melton###imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 10:02 AM



“ *Dear BJ and Family,*

I want to extend my sincere sympathy in the passing of your Father. I will keep you in my prayers and pray for your Peace of mind and heart. I can not imagine how you feel giving up a parent at such a young age. Just remember who's hands he is now in and know everything is in His Will.

With Much Love, Rene Kirby

Greenville, SC##imported-begin##Mary Rene Kirby##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 08:50 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Bert's family. He was a good man to know and do business with and always had a smile.*

It was an honor and privilege to know him. May God's arm wrap all of his family and hold them tight till they meet again.

Richard Barfield

Thomas J Barfield Inc.

Florence, S.C.##imported-begin##Richard Barfield##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 08:06 AM



“ I just found out about Mr. Bert's condition last week and I was planning to come by to see him. He was like a father to me growing up with Henry and B.J. and he always made me feel like I belonged in his family. I will miss him dearly and I will be keeping you, Mrs. Deborah, and Henry and B.J. in my prayers and thoughts. Mr. Bert had a heart the size of Texas and I just can't imagine a life here on earth without him making me laugh, taking me out on the boat or just cooking in the backyard for his "family", which was everyone he ever met. I just don't know what else to say. I love you, Mrs. Deborah, and if you need ANYTHING, you call me and I'll be your son since Henry and B.J. live so far away. God Bless you and keep you. I guess I'll visit Mr. Bert when we meet in Heaven. Heaven will be that much sweeter with him there. But I wish he could've stayed with us down here longer. Love you!

---Chris Keckley (Hicks) aka "Wild Man" as Mr. Bert used to call me##imported-begin##Chris Keckley (Hicks)##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 12:45 AM



“ Sorry for your loss the family is in my thoughts and prayers. I new Bert from school.##imported-begin##Dora Miller##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 11:45 PM



“ TO THE FAMILY WAS SORRY TO HERE OF BERT PASSING.HE ALWAYS WAS A GOOD FRIEND TO ME AND I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM.YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. MAY GOD GIVE YOU THE COMFORT YOU NEED AT THIS TIME.GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. LEO OUTLAW49##imported-begin##LEO OUTLAW ##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 11:34 PM



“ WE SORRY TO HEAR THE LOSS OF BERT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYERS##imported-begin##mark & annette edwards##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 07:39 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Roger & Trudy Stamey##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 06:29 PM



“ Debra and family,
The scripture we gave you is Jesus speaking. And if He says we can do something, then He has made a way for us to do it. The scripture reads:
"My peace I leave with you,
My Peace I give to you,
Not as the world gives-
do I give to you.
LET NOT your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid." John14:27
We know these words will bring peace to you if you quote them when you feel over-whelmed. Our thoughts and prayers are continually with you all, as we greive with you. Don't hesitate to call us. Much love to you all!!!##imported-begin##Rusty & Jennie Chapman##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 05:08 PM



“ Kara,
Our hearts go out to you at this most difficult time. All those we love are part of us. For things of beauty leave their trace, and memories of all we have shared are treasures death and time cannot erase. May God hold you in the palm of his hand. You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Donna & Mitchell Sansbury##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 03:12 PM



“ Debra and family,
My heart hurts for each of you. I am praying that God will give you strength for the days ahead and comfort that only comes from Him. God bless.##imported-begin##Beverly Byrd##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 02:59 PM



“ Dearest Debra, the children, Mom, Jimmy, Misty and to all I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, I want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you each and everyone. It feels like our friendships of our youth often stay closer to our hearts than those we meet in later years. I am so sorry you have met sorrow and parting after being together such a short time. Life ruly is like a vapor. Here today and gone tomorrow. It is the pain in between that has kept you going wide open, Debra, you must take a little rest now and get up with a renewed spirit that only Bert knew was within you and keep on a goin. If I can do anything, just call, any of you....
Jo Lynn Kissiah Newsome##imported-begin##Jo Lynn Newsome##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 01:10 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
God's Peace##imported-begin##John Julian King##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 09:20 AM