



## Hon. David Gibbons Simpson

February 10, 1934 - September 13, 2024

The Honorable David Gibbons "Gibb" Simpson, 90, of Winchester died peacefully Friday September 13, 2024 in his home.

He was born February 10, 1934 in Louisville, Kentucky the son of William and Stella Gibbons Simpson,

He was married to Patsy Hepner Simpson for almost 40 years.

Gibb attended Woodberry Forest Preparatory School, Washington & Lee University, and later, the University of Virginia Law School.

He began his law career in Winchester with Scully and Woltz and eventually, opened his own law practice.

He became a judge in 1977 until his retirement in 1991. He also taught law at Lord Fairfax Community College for 10 years. After his retirement he helped manage his wife's business, Thumper's Daylily Farm.

On the bench, he was a pioneer in Judicial reform and the courts. He started the first use of computers in the courts and served on the Judicial Advisory Committee of the Virginia Supreme Court. He helped establish several new programs in Virginia; an alcohol safety action program, a civil detoxification center and a civil mediation program.

He was a former President of the Winchester Rotary, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Powhatan School, and a former Vice-President of the Apple Blossom Festival.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, William Simpson and his wife, Susan, Travis Nesselrodt, Aaron Nesselrodt and his wife, Rhonda, all of

Winchester, Lucy Tell and her husband Matt of Vermont, Carter Noyes and her husband Doug of Florida; six grandchildren, Sarah Simpson, Michael Simpson and his wife Elizabeth, and Brynna, Henry, Ryan and Matt Nesselrodt.

His son, Jason Nesselrodt, granddaughter Brooke Nesselrodt, and a brother William Simpson preceded him in death.

Friends will be received Tuesday, September 24th from 6-8:00 pm in Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive Winchester. Burial will be private.

Memorials may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice at 333 W. Cork Street Winchester, Virginia 22601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family.*

Paul H Thomson - October 20, 2024 at 09:57 AM

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“ *He was our Scout Master for Troop 22 in the Boy Scouts, which met at St. John's Church on Senseny Road, in the late 1960's. He was so much fun. We loved yelling "Here comes the Judge!" whenever we saw him coming. On campouts he would make "Mother Simpson's Deep Dish Apple Pie" over the campfire with a special cooker he had. He was fair with all the boys and told us he could tolerate most anything but a liar and a thief. Rest easy Judge Simpson. Thanks for the memories and life lessons.*

Chris Fries - September 27, 2024 at 09:12 AM

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“ *Dave was a friend and neighbor in Mtn.Falls area, I worked with him at the Frederick County Circuit Court, also he had lots of fun at George Whitacre's Christmas parties. Janet Dodson Lowery*

David - September 21, 2024 at 11:44 AM

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“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Judge Simpson. He was a breath of fresh air and a pleasure to work with as a judge.....always found him to be civil and respectful. Glad to have had the opportunity to work with him on establishing legal aid locally.*

—Clowe Campbell Nicholson

Clowe C Nicholson - September 21, 2024 at 11:26 AM

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“ While installing an alarm system in Judge Simpson's home in the early 80's, I almost drilled through his baby grand piano while drilling from upstairs to downstairs. Judge Simpson made light of the situation and calmed my anxiety.

*Lucy and Carter, condolences on the passing of your father.*

*Richard F Anderson (Ricky) JHHS Class of 79'*

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**Richard F Anderson (Ricky)** - September 18, 2024 at 06:48 AM