



## David Simpson

May 5, 1946 - June 19, 2024

David Dean Simpson, age 78, of Cedar Hill, Tennessee, died Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at TriStar Summit Medical Center in Hermitage.

Funeral services will be conducted at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View at 3:00PM on Sunday, June 23rd, with Rev. Billy Ellis, Rev. John Hilton, and Rev. Justin Lett officiating. Burial will follow in Heads Cemetery with Christian Neill, Campbell Forrest, John Hilton, Billy Ellis, Tony Ellis, Ken Haney, and Dale Massey serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday, June 22, from 3:00PM until 7:00PM and again on Sunday from 2:00PM until the hour of service at 3:00PM.

Mr. Simpson was born on May 5, 1946, in Nashville, Tennessee, to the late Felix & Betty Turrentine Simpson. The occupation he was most known for was teaching at Cheatham County Central High School, but was also former owner of Ashland City Florist, retired from First Tennessee Bank, founded and directed daycare centers, and was on CSC Event staff. He also served as music director at numerous churches and as the SHS Band Booster president. He was an enthusiastic Color Guard "Dad" and cheer leader from the stands. Mr. Simpson loved Vandy baseball, the Nashville Predators, and the Atlanta Braves. He attended New Hope Hermitage Church.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Rev. Hughes & Laura Ellis; and sister-in-law, Beverly Simpson.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Joan Ellis Simpson; daughters, Amanda (Christian) Neill, Alicia Simpson, Alayna (Campbell) Forrest, and Autumn (John) Hilton; grandchildren, Michael Dean Forrest, Judah Ward Hilton, and one on the way; brother, Jerry L. Simpson; a host of nieces & nephews, great-nieces & nephews, beloved cousins, and other extended family; and Bonnie Blue & Bear Bryant, his 2 dogs that he adored.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Heads Cemetery

3128 Heads Church Rd  
Cedar Hill, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 22.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Love to all of David's family. Loved him so and his sweet family. Precious memories held tightly. Marcia

Marcia - July 16, 2024 at 12:42 PM

DK

“ We loved getting to know David in the 501 Club at Bridgestone. He was a great southern gentlemen with a sharp wit and vast wisdom. We will always remember the wonderful times we had with David, many times we enjoyed visiting with him more than the events. He had a big fan club with our group and we'll never forget him. Donna

Donna Kestner - July 02, 2024 at 03:52 PM

JN

“ Jackk & Robin Norris lit a candle in memory of David Simpson



Jackk & Robin Norris - June 25, 2024 at 12:04 PM

CH

“ We loved spending all the years with David as our colorguard Dad. He was so sweet and so encouraging to all of us! My mom, Kim and I, enjoyed his and Mrs. Joan's company at countless band competitions and colorguard competitions. He would always shout "They're always ready!" before we began our show. His light and charisma will surely be missed by all. -Callie Harvey (Stewart) and Kim Stewart

Callie Harvey - June 24, 2024 at 07:23 PM

PM

“ *Paula Melton lit a candle in memory of David Simpson*



Paula Melton - June 24, 2024 at 03:59 PM

TF

“ *The Park family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Simpson.*



The Park family - June 23, 2024 at 11:06 AM

BG

“ *My son played football at Vandy. David never missed an opportunity to ask about him. He also filled my younger son who played at Wofford. He always asked about both of them even after their playing days. He was so very sweet!*

Beverly Gouger - June 22, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Simpson.*



June 22, 2024 at 02:26 PM

BC

“ Brenda C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Simpson.

Brenda C. - June 22, 2024 at 12:18 PM

BD

“ Ever since we heard the news we have been trying to come up with the right words to comfort you, Joan, and all the family. There are no words. We loved David so very much and we know it is going to be hard on you to start each day without him, but we also know that he loved his Jesus with all his heart and soul. Because of that - and because we know you all feel the same, you will see him again one sweet day. In the midst of great pain there is great joy. Please know David left a great legacy behind through his devotion to God and family. We will forever remember his great smile, his big hugs, and his generous heart. Charles still wears those beautiful boots! We are praying God's peace, love, comfort, and mercy over you today and always. May our dear friend Rest in Peace as he waits for all his family and friends to join him in the presence of our Savior Jesus Christ. Love and hugs from The Dedmans - Charles, Brenda, and Sam.



Brenda Dedman - June 22, 2024 at 12:08 PM

RF

“ Ria longey and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Simpson.



Ria longey and family - June 22, 2024 at 11:46 AM

RF

“ *Ria longey and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Simpson.*

Ria longey and family - June 22, 2024 at 11:46 AM

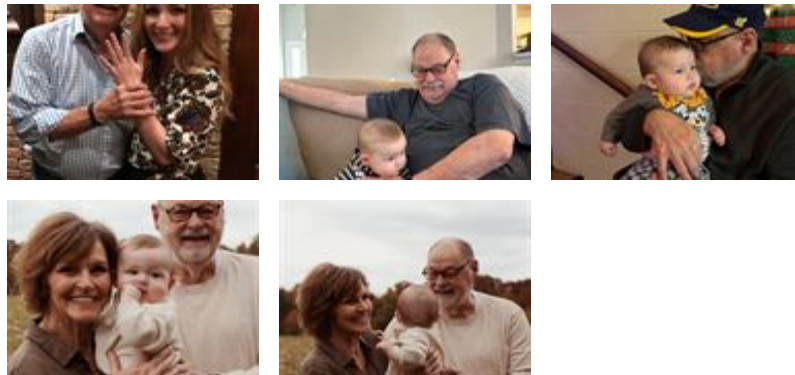
VC

“ *My memories of David are many and they always make me smile. I can only hope to leave such a mark. I just know his smile is a big one now! Joan and all the family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. You were all such a big part of childhood and I treasure and love you all. I will be holding you all close to my heart.*  
*Vicky (Williams) Collins*

Vicky Collins - June 22, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ *138 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - June 21, 2024 at 06:07 PM

TJ

“ Mr. Simpson -- always so cheerful, fun-loving, and godly. Thank you for the example. It didn't go unnoticed. Thank you for influencing us even from Facebook in these latter years. "Well done Thy good and faithful servant. Enter now into thy rest."

*Praying that the beautiful hope that we have --in the sin-cleansing power of the blood of Jesus and the great dynamite-power of the Holy Spirit who will raise us -- will sooth the pain of loss. I'm especially praying for all of his family as they've experienced such a great loss. Looking so forward to seeing Mr. Simpson in our eternal home. Till then...*

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**Tracy Jennette** - June 21, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Simpson.*



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June 21, 2024 at 02:56 PM

YF

“ *Your TBI Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Simpson.*

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**Your TBI Family** - June 21, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Simpson.*



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June 21, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ *David R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Simpson.*

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**David R.** - June 21, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ *Daddy Dave was loved by all and we will certainly miss him! There are times at church he would walk over to my wife and I and simply give us a hug and say "I'm so proud of you!" These were the things that meant to world to two brand new parents whom had family far away for a moment in time. He was so eager to talk to everyone and even when we visited him in the hospital a few times he would make sure every doctor, nurse and surgeon knew who you were and it wasn't because he just wanted to be cordial, but because he was proud to be in a community of people who loved one another. Every Sunday he was at church he would do a line up post that specified who was preaching, what they were preaching about and who the staff was....once again because he was proud of the community he was a part of. I decided in honor of Daddy Dave that I would just imagine what his post would be when he arrived in the presence of Jesus and came up with something. Praying for Joan and family as we celebrate his life and his love for others just as Christ as instilled that in him!*



Eric Moreno - June 21, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *Love, Marcus & Lisa Bullock & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Simpson.*



Love, Marcus & Lisa Bullock & family - June 21, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Simpson.*



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June 21, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this sad news. We will keep you all in our prayers 🙏*



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**Jerri and Donnie Gupton and Family** - June 21, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ *Saddened to hear of the passing of David. My sincere condolences to Joan and the girls. David truly had a servant's heart.*

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**Richard Davenport** - June 21, 2024 at 08:04 AM



*I'm so sad to hear of David's passing. Joan and the family are in my thoughts are prayers. May you feel our Father's loving arms around you at this time.*

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**Anita Warren** - June 21, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *When I think of character and integrity, I think of David Simpson. When I think of a Christian who truly loved the Lord, I think of David Simpson. When I think of a man who cherished & adored his wife, I think of David Simpson. When I think of a man who raised four daughters correctly, I think of David Simpson. I love you my Brother, I'll see you soon.*

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**Todd Ford** - June 21, 2024 at 07:33 AM

VP

*So sorry, I lost my dear Malcolm!*

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**vickie perry** - June 21, 2024 at 08:07 AM

BM

“ *Bridget Mabry lit a candle in memory of David Simpson*



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**Bridget Mabry** - June 21, 2024 at 07:24 AM

RB

“ I do not know if I remember correctly, but I may have been a student in the very first class Mr. Simpson taught. It would have been 1968-69 at East Cheatham Elementary. I have often remembered him as one of my favorite teachers. He would read to us after lunch and I still cherish Rifles for Watie [sic] and other Newberry Award winning books he introduced to us.

One of the deepest imprints he left on me had to do with the county spelling bee. I did not win. Nor was I even a finalist. But after the winner was crowned, he generously treated me to lunch before returning me to my family. We were a family of meager resources and what was a little two or three dollar lunch to him became a lifelong example for me. As a high school speech coach today I try to be a “David Simpson” when the opportunity presents itself because of what a big deal it was for a ten-year-old in 1969.

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**Roy Buchanan** - June 21, 2024 at 02:24 AM

BP

“ I remember when David and family was at Ashland City Free Will Baptist. All of the family is lovely and David was a kind, sweet soul, and I enjoyed the music ministry growing up there. I send many prayers. Love, ( Belinda Parks- maiden name Wheatley)

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**Belinda Parks** - June 20, 2024 at 11:09 PM

PL

“ Perry and Carol Lockert purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David Simpson.



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**Perry and Carol Lockert** - June 20, 2024 at 10:06 PM

WP

“ I am so saddened by David's passing. He was such a wonderful & talented person. He was so much fun to be around when he took us to Muncie, Indiana on our theater trip when I was in high school. My thoughts and prayers go to his family.

Walter Pitt - June 20, 2024 at 08:29 PM

WD

“ Warren, Megan, Jimmy and Kay Drake purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of David Simpson.



Warren, Megan, Jimmy and Kay Drake - June 20, 2024 at 08:00 PM

WD

“ Warren, Megan, Jimmy and Kay Drake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Simpson.

Warren, Megan, Jimmy and Kay Drake - June 20, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Simpson.



June 20, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Simpson.*



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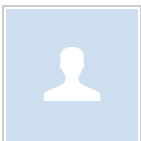
June 20, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *I'm saddened by the loss of my friend and brother. David was such a supporter, chaperone, mentor and participant of the CCCHS music, theatre, and athletic departments. He is the second member of The Faculty Five singers to pass away. I fondly remember the good times and laughter he always seemed to bring about in otherwise serious moments. He and I traveled together to Pennsylvania one year to participate in a music workshop led by the late Mr. Fred Waring. At the conclusion of the workshop we were made honorary Pennsylvanian's. David loved music and he loved people. He also loved Jesus and I know he is wearing a big smile whenever he sings in that big heavenly choir. Save me a seat.*  
*Mickey Dyce*

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**Mickey Dyce** - June 20, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of David Simpson.*



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June 20, 2024 at 05:16 PM

SH

“ *Suzann and Dale Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Simpson.*



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**Suzann and Dale Harris** - June 20, 2024 at 04:50 PM