



Ronald Harold Simpson

February 22, 2012

Mr. Ronald Harold Simpson, age 63, of Buford, GA passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. He is survived by his wife of thirty-four years, Nancy R. Simpson, Buford, GA; son and daughter-in-law, Alex and Diane Simpson, Dacula, GA; parents, Harold and Carlotta Simpson, Buford, GA; brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Judy Simpson, Los Angeles, CA; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sandra and Chuck Bennett, Baldwin, GA; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Marnie Ridlehoover, Laurens, SC; and several nephews and cousins. Mr. Simpson was born January 1, 1949 in Cartersville, GA. He was a 1967 graduate of Forest Park High School and a 1977 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology where he received his Electrical Engineering Degree. Ronald was a Senior Power Systems Engineer for 33 years, 29 of those years with GE. He made the GE Field Service Engineers "Hall of Fame" in 2005. Among numerous professional awards and accomplishments, he served as the Chair of IEEE/IAS Pulp & Paper Committee in 2003-2004 and was nominated for IEEE Fellow in 2010. Ronald had a great love of music throughout his life. In particular, he had great knowledge of and affection for classic rock. He wrote songs and played and performed in recent years with the band Under Construction, which he formed with friends. He was a member of Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church in Hoschton, GA. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church with Rev. Tom Bagley and Rev. Stephen Walters officiating. The family will receive

friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shepherd Center Foundation, 2020 Peachtree Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309 or to Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 5152 Braselton Highway, Hoschton, GA 30548 in memory of Ronald Harold Simpson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Harold Simpson*

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“ *It is with great sadness that I am writing this after just finding our about Ronald passing..he was a great friend in school and I am sure he will be sorely missed. I know that God had him and is taking care of him now and for the family and friends in his life now I give my greatest sympathies, prayers and condolences. Class of 69 FPSH*

Jackie Smith Kimbell - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ It was obvious to everyone who knew Ronald Simpson in High School that he was a very smart guy. It was also obvious that he was big, tall and handsome. But I've got a story that you probably didn't know and I doubt Ronald ever said anything about. It would not have been like him to talk about such things because after all Ronald was a class act. One afternoon after school Ronald and another very big strong guy decided that a field behind Murphy and Orr in Forest Park, Georgia wasn't big enough for the two of them and they got into the biggest fight I had ever seen. The classic fight of Mohammad Ali and Joe Frazer was four years away but I can tell you that trilogy would have bored you after seeing the Ronald Simpson/ Don Conkle fight. These two boys both over 6 foot tall and 200 lbs. went at it trading blows that would have impressed George Foreman. Neither one would quit and the punishment went on for over an hour. There were no breaks and the only bells they heard that day were the ones going off in their head. There were two things I learned from that fight. One was that Ronald could punch like a mule and the other was that Don Conkle could take a beating like Joe Frazer. Several times Ronald caught Don coming in and I do not understand why Don's head stayed on his shoulders as his feet appeared to leave the ground. Ronald could have made his living as a fighter.

I was so impressed by this encounter that I have told this story a hundred times in my lifetime and so I was surprised when I saw Ronald at one of our High School reunions 40 years later and Ronald appeared to be embarrassed by the whole thing. He just looked at the floor and said it was a stupid thing to do.

He also didn't want to tell me about his accomplishments as an Engineer though I knew there were many. It now appeared that the big guy with the big punch had grown even bigger. Ronald was a class act with his feet planted on higher ground. His family and his church were his priorities and these were the beneficiaries of not only a very fine man but a tough one.

D. M. Morgan - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Ronald was a good friend, and a great person. Ronald will be always remembered.

Roy Dunn class of 68

Roy Dunn - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ I grew up with Ronald in Church and also graduated with him from High School. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Karen Norris (Acree) - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ron was a wonderful person and so good with all the youth at Prospect. My family was blessed to have known him. My prayers are with you and your family. Bonnie Ondre and family.

Bonnie Ondre - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My thoughts are with you all. May he reside forever in your memory and in the love of him that fills your hearts, and that can never be taken away.

Ken Atchity - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Dearest Nancy, We were so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. We pray that you will feel the presence of Our Heavenly Father's arms as they carry you through these days ahead. With much sympathy and love, Sam and Paulette O'Shields and you your friends and loved ones of Horeb Baptist Church, Bradley, S.C.

Sam & Paulette O'Shields - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ The GE family has lost a really great Power System Engineer and friend. My heart goes out to the family. I have worked closely with Ron over the years and always valued his knowledge and expertise as we assisted our industrial customers in GA and FL with their facility electrical issues.

Jay Franklin - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GY

“ To Nancy and the whole Simpson family,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We always enjoyed singing with Ron in the choir and hearing his big, booming laugh. He was also a stand up guy, and was a rock when he believed in his cause. George (also an electrical engineer) also highly respected his knowledge and integrity-he was tops in his field and a shining example of what an engineer should be. Please know that you and your whole family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless,

George and Julia Yeremian

George and Julia Yeremian - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Michael,

It is through your writing that I came to know your brother and of your love and admiration for him. I cannot fathom such a great loss as this. It is with deep sadness that I send you and your family my prayers and sympathy.

Chi-Li Wong - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Ronald was a good friend to me in high school. I know he will be dearly missed.

Jim Watkins - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We felt so lucky to know Ron.

Ben & Jennifer DeWitt - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Nancy & Family
Wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and your family. Praying that God will bless you and strengthen you as go through the days ahead. We are here if there is anything we can do for you. We love you.

Clarence & Nina - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Nancy,

You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry. I couldn't believe it when I heard about Ronald. You are having your share of trouble, but God knows best. I enjoyed hearing him sing at Gene's funeral & was hoping to hear him again. You take care & if I can do anything for you, please let me know.

*I Love You,
Margaret*

Margaret Dorn - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Please know you family is in our prayers. Cherish your memories and smiles will always be abundant. The Lord will carry through this difficult time. We both went to Forest Park High School enons ago.*

Diane Crawford Blackwell - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Dear Nancy and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for your lost. May God be with you and comfort you in this time.*

Janet Braselton De Lise - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *I am so sorry to learn of Ron's passing. Although Ron and I only worked together in a professional situaton, I still considered him a personal friend. He was a brilliant engineer and we both shared a love of music and guitars. I will miss him.*

Marty Davis - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Love,
Darlene, Sergio & Emma Marti

Darlene Marti - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. My God bless you and keep you in
his arms during this difficult time.

Darlene Brown

Darlene Adams Brown ('64) - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ WE LOVE YOU

RICHARD RIDLEHOOVER - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We will miss Ron. I met Ron on a field assignment for GE in 1993 in
Jacksonville FL. Ron's knowledge and commitment was
unsurpassed. I was honored to call Ron a colleague. He was an
extraordinary engineer and person.

Darren Honaker
Salem, VA

Darren Honaker - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We are very saddened to hear this news. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Nancy. Please don't hesitate to call on us if you need anything.

With love,

Kathi, Dave, Matthew and Joe Abraham

Kathi Abraham - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Another friend gone before his time, rest in peace*

Tim and Gayle Durden 67

Tim Durden - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Nancy I Love You and I am praying for you. I am so sorry for your loss. I want you and your family to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. My children and I are sending you a hug. May God keep you and protect you in this time of sorrow.*

Melanie Aryelle Kyle and Kye

melanie bagley - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Nancy and Family,
Debbie and I are so sorry! Know that you are in our prayers...that our Savior will see you through this...and that our arms are around you and holding you tight!*

Robert & Debbie Adams - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Yall are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for yalls loss.

Jason Riddlehoover - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Nancy and family, I was shocked to hear the news this morning. Please know our family has you all in our prayers. Ron's IEEE contacts are also very saddened by this shocking news. He will be so missed!

John Kay - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We're so sorry for your loss. You're in our prayers.

Andy & Stacey Covey - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ Dear Nancy and all the family. You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers during these difficult days. I am praying the the Lord will hold you close and comort you through the coming days and you will be strengthened by the love of family and friends.

Blessed aer those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 NIV

Nadine Vitak - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Nancy and Alex, I am so sorry for your loss. You are both in my thoughts and prayers.

Kason Elkins - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. May our gracious God give you the peace and comfort needed to get through this difficult time. We love you and are praying for you.

Ron and Katherine Dodson

Ron & Katherine Dodson - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our prayers are with all you. May you feel the loving arms of God around you during this time. Love, Jimmy & Roger Ann

Jimmy Davis - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Nancy & Alex, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Nancy & Marshall Lewis - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ We are very sorry for your tremendous loss. We are thankful to have known him and to have spent time with him in Sunday school and Bible study. We are also thankful for the friendship that he so freely showed to us. I am praying for all of you that you are able to feel the strength, peace and comfort that God provides. I hope that your memories will be of some comfort to you during this difficult time. Please know how much we love you all.

Doug & Kecia Fischer

Kecia Fischer - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM