



## Ledford "Max" Simmerson

June 1, 1944 - February 24, 2011

Mr. Ledford "Max" Simmerson, 66, of Salisbury, NC passed away Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center.

Born June 1, 1944 in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Annie Mae Baker and Duffy Ledford Simmerson.

Mr. Simmerson was educated in the Rowan-Salisbury school system and was a graduate of West Rowan High School. Drafted into the Army after high school, Mr. Simmerson was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked as a cable technician for Bell South, retiring after 40 years of service. Mr. Simmerson was active with the Rowan County Shriners, Fulton Masonic Lodge #99, North Rowan High School booster club, and was a volunteer with Franklin Township Fire Department and the VA Medical Center. He was a current member of Franklin Presbyterian Church; his home church was Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dianne Penley Simmerson, whom he married November 3, 1968; daughters, Kelly Simmerson Bergstein (Darin) of Charlotte, NC, Jennifer Simmerson Wood (Eric) of Mooresville, NC, Lisa Maxine Simmerson of Salisbury, NC; brother, Joe Simmerson (Margaret) of Salisbury, NC; sisters, Patricia Simmerson of Salisbury, NC, Rennie Gupton (Barry) of Salisbury, NC, Doris Steele (Gary "Derb") of Cleveland, NC;

grandchildren, Kate Caroline Wood and Rachel Sloane Wood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 25, 2011 from 6-8PM at Summersett Funeral Home. Funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 26th at Franklin Presbyterian Church with Rev. Larry E. Summey and Chaplain Reavis officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Rowan Memorial Park

Memorials may be made to Franklin Township Fire Department, 4370 US Hwy 601 Salisbury, NC 28147.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center for their loving care of Mr. Simmerson.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Simmerson family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ My deepest condolences to Dianne, Kelly, Jennifer and Lisa for this loss. I'm sorry I was not able to come to the visitation to see you personally due to circumstances. But, I have thought about you and your wonderful family during these difficult times. May the great memories of a wonderful father and husband strengthen you.##imported-begin##Wayne Crowder##imported-end##

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February 28, 2011 at 12:21 PM



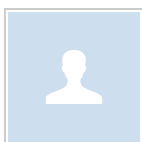
“ Praying that the peace of God be upon all of the Max Simmerson family and know how special His Life was. You have treasured memories of a very special man.

With love,

Coy & Glenda (we went to high school w/Max)##imported-begin##Coy & Glenda Robbins##imported-end##

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February 27, 2011 at 02:46 PM



“ Thinking of you and the family, we send our deepest sympathy to each of you. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. With love, Boyd and Coleen Simerson, Homestead, FL.##imported-begin##Boyd Simerson##imported-end##

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February 27, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ *My condolences to all the family and those who knew and loved Max..He was one of the nicest and friendliest guys I have ever met..We will all miss him..I will especially miss all the enthusiastic talks we had about Carolina and his family, and Shannon, who I know had a special place in his heart..My best to the family especially those I know like Dianne, Kelly, and Jennifer..Howard Platt###imported-begin##Howard Platt###imported-end##*

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February 26, 2011 at 11:34 AM



“ *Dear Kelly,  
I am very sorry for your lost.  
Please convey my condolences to your family.  
Your father will be in my prayers.*

*Love,  
Chuck###imported-begin##Charles Helfand###imported-end##*

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February 26, 2011 at 12:25 AM



“ *Thinking of you and the family, we send our deepest sympathy to each of you. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love  
Shirley, Sandy, Scott, Kerry###imported-begin##Shirley P.  
McIver###imported-end##*

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February 25, 2011 at 12:02 PM



“ Dear Kelly & Family,

*Leeann and I only had the pleasure of meeting your dad once. It was at your wedding. It was so touching to watch him walk you down the aisle. Once was enough to leave a very lasting impression on us. What a wonderful person. We were very saddened to hear of his passing. Our condolences to you and your family in this very difficult time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you Max, rest in peace.##imported-begin##Pat Claffey & Leeann Tucker##imported-end##*

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February 25, 2011 at 11:20 AM



“ Diane, Lisa, Kelly, Jennifer ,

*May you always look back with fond memories of Max he was a beautiful person. He loved his family and he cared about everyone he was a dedicated Veteran and he loved to visit with his VA family. Max has moved to his new life as one of God's angels he will be with you all forever in your hearts.*

*Bless you all and your Family!  
Debra & Jerry Madison##imported-begin##Debra  
Madison##imported-end##*

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February 25, 2011 at 06:46 AM



“ Praying for you all during this time!!##imported-begin##Penny  
Grubb Moss##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 08:54 PM