



Loyd "Wayne" Simpson

September 5, 1930 - March 10, 2018

Dateline: Godfrey

Loyd "Wayne" Simpson, age 87, passed away at 12:30 pm on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at his residence, with his daughters by his side.

He was born on September 5, 1930 in Hartford, IL, the son of the late Floyd B. & Bertha L. (Cossey) Simpson. Loyd married Rosemary J. (Frye) in Millbourne, PA on July 19, 1952, she passed away on August 14, 2016.

Wayne graduated from Roxana High School, class of 1948. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and attended submarine school in New London, CT, and was assigned to the USS Redfin. In March 1951, upon being discharged (Naval Reserves), Wayne signed a minor league baseball contract with the St. Louis Browns where he played third base in Pine Bluff, AK, Pittsburg, KS, and Miami, OK. He was called back to Naval Duty in April of 1952, interrupting his minor league baseball career. After being discharged from final Naval duties, Wayne worked many years for Krogers, IGA, Laclede Steel, and retired from Hussmann Refrigeration in 1995.

Wayne loved to golf and was "The 2011 Senior Scramble Player of the Year", along with many other golfing honors. He was a serious baseball card collector and loved critiquing the St. Louis Cardinals.

Wayne is survived by his three children and their spouses, Vicki (Paul) Peters of Cape Coral, FL, Layne Simpson of Alton and Karen (Ted) Wedding of Alton; five grandchildren, Michael Peters, Beth Peters, Ashlyn (Jeff) Brown, Alyssa Wedding and Adam Wedding; one great granddaughter, Rosalyn; one brother, Bill Simpson of CA and one sister, Lila Owens of Wood River.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; granddaughter, Theresa Peters; and three brothers, Eddie, Donald (Dude) and Jack Simpson.

Visitation will be from 9:30 am until time of the celebration of life service at 11 am on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at Elias, Kallal, and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto with Pastor Jon Simpson officiating. The family request that visitors feel free to wear your favorite baseball attire. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens with military rites being performed by the Alton VFW Post 1308.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and/or the Honor Flight.

An online condolence and guest book may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com .