



# Hilton Simpson

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**H**ilton Eugene Simpson, age 80, of Austin, TX died Sunday, February 17, 2008 after an extended battle with Alzheimer's. Hilton was born January 27, 1928 in Alexis, IL to Thomas M. and Florence (Bates) Simpson. He married Beatrice Joy Chandler on October 14, 1950 in Camanche, Iowa. They lived in Camanche until retiring in 1991 when they moved to Austin, TX. She preceded him in death in January of 1997. He married Martha Kidd in June of 1998 in Austin. He moved to an Alzheimer's facility in Las Cruces, NM in 2004.

Hilton retired from Enron (Equistar), Clinton, IA in 1991 and had worked previously for DuPont, Clinton, for many years. He had been a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Camanche and was also a member at Parker Lane United Methodist Church in Austin, TX. While in Camanche, he was a very active community volunteer serving many years as a City Councilman and 25 years as a volunteer firefighter. He also was a member of the church choir at both churches and served on many church committees. His beautiful singing voice also led him to several barbershop choruses and quartets in his younger years. Even in his last days, music was a great comfort to him. He enjoyed many hobbies including woodcarving, painting, drawing, photography, and lapidary. He also enjoyed traveling and working crossword puzzles. Hilton was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents, and two sisters. He is survived by his wife Martha Kidd, Dripping Springs, TX; daughters, Karen (Mike) Sakala, of Las Cruces, NM, Kristi Bailey, LeClaire, IA; son, Keith (Helen) Simpson, Elgin, TX; step-daughter Beverly (Jack) McGaffey, Dripping Springs, TX; six grandchildren; Jessica (Aaron) Sangha, Audra, Evan (Katie) and Kyle Bailey, Joshua and Elijah Simpson, four step-grandchildren; Philip and John Sakala and Robin (Ricky) Walters and Kelly (Scott) Garner, and two step-great grandchildren Katy Walters and Jack Casey Garner; brother Loren (Emma) Simpson, Camanche, IA; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Friday, February 22, 2008 from 4:00 to



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8:00 pm at the Camanche chapel of the Snell-Zornig Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at St Mark's United Methodist Church in Camanche on Saturday February 23, 2008 at 10:30 am with burial following in Clinton Lawn Cemetery, Clinton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Mesilla Valley Hospice, Las Cruces, NM.



## Tribute Wall

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SL

**Sean, Lea, Hannah And Megan Larue** posted:

Our deepest sympathy travels across the miles that we were unable to. Uncle Hilton will always be a special part of our memories and the many wonderful times we spent together. May the music of his heart be with all of us always as we travel our paths, his voice to remain in our minds and his love to be passed through to his children in many ways.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

LD

**Larry & Rita Dennis** posted:

We moved to Camanche, June, 1969 with a 3yr old son, Ty and a newborn son, Jeremy. Nathan, our 3rd son came in 1973! The first to welcome us with a casserole was our neighbor, Joy & Hilton Simpson. This relationship lasted until 1991 when they moved to Texas - we missed them so much. Joy & Hilton (it's hard to separate them - they just "went together". They were a team, soul mates and always willing to help us in so many ways, whether it was Joy, hemming a skirt for me, or Hilton "fixing" something broken at our home or the kid's bikes. They were kind, gentle and unassuming people, going about their way to help family, neighbors, church or community. Our boys loved them and they have left their imprint in their lives with fond memories of them and their children. It is true, Hilton will be with Joy at last.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

KA

**Karen Arthur** posted:

I remember when Hilton and Joy moved to Austin. They welcomed my husband Mark and I into their home for Sunday dinners, Thanksgiving dinners and just any time, and made us feel like family. That meant so much to us since we were far from our own families and parents. It has been many years since I last saw Hilton, but I can still picture his smile, and can hear him singing in the choir. Our hearts are sad, but find comfort in memories that will last always. God bless you.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

DS

**David Simpson** posted:

Uncle Hilton never seemed to sit still, much like his brother and my dad, Loren. He always had a project. He loved his family and his community. Our family grieves his passing, but rejoices in the knowing that he is with his beloved Joy, as they continue their eternal life with our Lord. Our prayers are for his family and loved ones. David and Kerri Simpson

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PB

**Paul Browder** posted:

Hilton was one of those people who could fix or build or make anything. His talents were really quite remarkable, from building his home to carving a figure out of wood. He was truly a joy to be around, particularly when his wife Joy was alive. He had a sense of humor about the world. He loved us and we loved him. Because of his illness we have missed him for a very long time. Now he has gone home where he will be with Joy and those who have gone before. Hilton, we miss you still. The next time I go to sweat a joint or set a comode, I will think of you. Next time I draw a plumb line or see a wood carving that I like, I will think of you. When I look at your grandchildren, I remember you. Rest easy and know that your family is doing fine and we will all be together soon enough. With all our love. Paul.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

SB

**Sonia Browder** posted:

Hilton and I shared many interests including art, music and poetry. I miss the way he would include us all in his latest creation. I will cherish my carvings from him forever. Hilton was a great man and his talents have obviously been passed down to his children and grandchildren. I'm glad there's a little bit of him in all of you. God's overwhelming love and peace be with you at this difficult time. Love you! Sonia

February 16 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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