



JR Simpson

June 30, 1927 - October 4, 2020

Wayland “JR” Simpson, Jr., age 93, of Waupaca, WI, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at his home in Waupaca. He was born June 30, 1927 in Waupaca; son of Wayland “Simmy” Sr. and Viola “Ola” (Feustel) Simpson. JR worked at Simpson’s Restaurant before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He served on the USS Crescent City in the South Pacific where his ship earned 4 battle stars. After the war, JR went into business for himself when he bought the Windmill, a very successful bar on Highway QQ in Waupaca. Then in 1965, he bought a half-burned up bar on Highway 54 in Waupaca, which he remodeled and called JR’s Bar and Grill.

JR, as everyone knows, was successful in every aspect of his life. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, which were his true passions, along with golf and raising animals. He will be deeply missed by all of his loving family and many, many friends.

JR is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Martha “Marty” Simpson of Waupaca, WI; four children, Cheryl Dreyer of Oregon City, OR, Mark W. (Tanya) Simpson of S. Charleston, WV, Pam Polly of Waupaca, WI, and Jay Simpson of Waupaca, WI; nine grandchildren, Sara (Ryan) Schubert of Oregon City, OR, Chase Baker of Chicago, IL, Landon (Alexis) Simpson of S. Charleston, WV, Miranda Simpson of Morgantown, WV, Cooper Simpson of S. Charleston, WV, Jerome Polly of Waupaca, WI, Anthony (Brittney) Polly of Waupaca, WI, Makenzie Simpson of Waupaca, WI, and Tyler Simpson of Waupaca, WI; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Dale (Ginny) Simpson of Waupaca, WI; and also by several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayland “Simmy” Simpson, Sr. and Viola “Ola” (Simpson) Johnson; a son, Mark S. Simpson; and a sister, Bernedine (England) Luther.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, WI. To view family video [click here]<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77q9JUNCmvM>. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Holly Funeral Homes wants to remind the public that no more than 75 people will be allowed in the funeral home at one time with the wearing of masks and physical distancing observed. We sincerely encourage each person to make your decision whether to attend a visitation and/or service based on the best interest of your health and that of your

community.

Events

OCT **Memorial Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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A. J. Holly & Sons (Waupaca)

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Comments



“ J.R. was like an uncle to me. I will miss him dearly, but so cherish the memories I have of him. Sending love, prayers, and my most heartfelt condolences to all of his loved ones.

-Tanya Loken



Tanya Loken - October 15, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of JR's passing. We have known him since our teenage years. I remember the good times we had at the Casino and the Windmill. JR will be missed by many. Darrell and Nancy Holman

Darrell Holman - October 10, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Marty, Jay and family. I, like everyone else am sad to hear of JR's passing. He has held a special place in my heart since I was a little girl, he was always my "pretend" uncle. I was in town in August and took a drive through the parking lot to see if he would be sitting out by the garage but it was very quiet and I didn't think it would be a good idea to stop for a visit due to covid.

My special memories will always be the times he let me go in all of the cages with the lions, tigers, and bears, and visiting in the house when Toby lived with you! I have a great picture of Jay brushing his teeth and Toby right next to him at the sink.

Memories I will cherish forever.

I love you pretend uncle and will surely miss you. Rest in peace.

Jill Ravey

Jill Ravey - October 09, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ 1953, J R and Dale took Danny Boone and I to see the Braves play Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers at the brand new County Stadium. VP Richard Nixon threw out the 1st pitch from the stands. A memory I still treasure. Thanks J R, you will always be one of a kind. Bill Curtis

William C Curtis - October 09, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Twas saddened to hear the news of JR's passing. A family friend jr always had time for my uncle, my father and the rest of my family. I'll miss his smile, his wit and his Stories. Damn it, a legend has moved on. May the birds be low, the bucks be big and the walleyes be biting. Rob Boudry.

Robert Boudry - October 09, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of JR Simpson.



October 09, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Two of my favorite fishing partners!

Karen A Looker - October 09, 2020 at 12:57 PM



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Karen A Looker - October 09, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ In 1953 my mother Shirley lost her older brother Junior Moen in an Air Force plane accident. When JR found out he showed up at my mom's front door and said "come on, we're driving to Milwaukee to pick up your mother". Shirley never forgot that thoughtful act of JR's kindness.

Gary Wrolstad - October 09, 2020 at 12:13 PM



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



October 09, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Marty, Jay and Pam...what a special man JR was. Never saw him where he didn't have a big hug and kiss for me. He will truly be missed. Sending my love to all of you.

Mary Colden - October 09, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ My heart will always have memories, but the pain is sharp. God Bless You Martha, Pam and Jay. Good Bless the community of Waupaca for losing The Legend! Loved JR like a 2nd dad.

Tania Zradicka - October 08, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ I always loved running into JR. He was never anything but gracious and good to me. He was a great boss when I took a short job cleaning the bar. I will truly miss him but glad he got a long life. Rest in peace old friend.

Kim Walters - October 08, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ We moved to Waupaca five years ago, largely because both my parents grew up here, My Uncle Led, a long time friend of JR, told me to go the JR's for coffee and introduce myself as his nephew, they might even let you stay! They did and I was able to get to know JR Simpson, the man to whom I had only heard stories about from my parents and Uncles until that time. The thing that really blew me away was that he remembered my dad (like JR and WW2 Navy vet) from their younger days and told lots of stories about him! A shared passion for the war and the navy led to us to share books and stories I had inherited. The people he know (and remembered even into his 90's!) and the stories he told about them were so interesting for me recalling these people that my parents and grandma used to talk about all the time! I'm going to miss the morning bull sessions over coffee, needling him about the Cubs and the Bears and being needled about my teams. Prayers to Martha, Pam, Jay, Dale and the entire family. God Bless. Dan Radley

Dan Radley - October 08, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Marty I'm so sorry for the loss of a great friend of many years. Always enjoyed working for him when he owned the Windmill. Unfortunately I wasn't able to visit him in recent days. He will be missed. Wishing you peace at this time and in the future.

Ralph Ravey

Ralph M Ravey - October 08, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ RIP, JR... although I haven't seen, or spoken with you in many years I have many fond memories of our days at Brown's Point & Sportsman's Bar...

Brian Becker - October 08, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of JR Simpson.



October 08, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of JR Simpson.



October 08, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of JR Simpson.



October 08, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JR Simpson.



October 08, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ Thank you Mr. JR Simpson for being the person u were !!! Always a pleasure chatting with u !! God bless !!!

Hank Peterson - October 08, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Dear Marty and Jay,
Sending all the love I can muster up to both you. You have both have such a special in my heart and my love and admiration for JR has always been as limitless as all the memories and smiles from “those days.” I am so thankful for every memory, and all the lessons learned under the red lights of the Sportsman bar. Love you both
Kelly Heppner

Kelly Heppner - October 07, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JR Simpson.



October 07, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ No words can express how deeply saddened we are with JR's passing. He always made us feel so welcomed and loved. We truly loved him. Bruce, Pat and Adam.



Patricia Sauter - October 07, 2020 at 04:03 PM



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Patricia Sauter - October 07, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ JR and my husband (Bill Minton) were close friends during high school and hunted together, even bringing their guns to school! They went into service together but ended up in different services. He will be missed.

Lorraine (High) Minton - October 07, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ JR was a true personality. I and my family always stopped into JR's Sportman's lounge to see how JR was doing. JR always gave my dad "Chick" credit for teaching him to hit a curve ball. We will all miss that smile.

Barry Sanders - October 07, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ JR was more than a friend. He was my protector and angel for all the summers I spent in Waupaca, many years through my life. He had a crush on my mother so many years ago. Generations back in time of wonderful memories.

His stories of that time were entertaining and part of the generation we knew him.

What a wonderful man!

I wish peace and comfort to Marty and the family. And to his many friends. He was indeed so loved! Thank you JR for all you did for us and for being you!

Rest In Peace beloved!

Jeanine Michaels- Leftwich

Jeanine Michaels-Leftwich - October 07, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Dear Marti and Jay, I was devastated to hear of JR's death. He was such a good friend to me and Larry. Our first stop on trips back to Waupaca was always the bar for bloodys and roast beef sandwiches.
So many good memories of spending time at the bar over the years: baot parties in the summer, packer parties in the winter, the animals in the zoo and sometimes in the bar and so many more.
Hope Larry and JR and all the others who have gone before are drinking a toast together.
Hug in heaven to my favorite "dirty old man" I loved him like a father.

Hugs and prayers,
Kathy Boksa



Kathy Boksa - October 07, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Vera Hanson lit a candle in memory of JR Simpson



Vera Hanson - October 07, 2020 at 01:45 PM