



## William "Corky" Simpson

September 10, 1928 - April 3, 2016

William "Corky" Simpson was born on September 10, 1928 to John Pearson Simpson and Effie Grace (Sidebottom) Simpson. He passed away at his home in Jacksboro at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Grace Simpson, Betty Simpson, Eva Sues and Mary Simpson; brothers Lewis P., John W. and Jerry P. Simpson. He is survived today by his sister Helen Simpson, his sister-in-law Angie Simpson, and many nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends.

Corky graduated from Jacksboro High School and attended Texas Tech University where he majored in agricultural Science and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He attained his Master's Degree from 1952-1954. He helped pay for college by working in a home construction business.

After college he worked for the federal government in a soil conservation program, but detested working in an office, so he returned to Jacksboro and began working in home construction. He was very successful and became known for his quality workmanship. He worked in this business until he retired.

After Corky retired, he enjoyed gardening. For many years he and Angie Simpson tended a garden on Angie's property. During good years they provided friends and neighbors with delicious vegetables. Corky's favorite vegetable was black-eyed peas.

Corky never married. He was blessed when his beloved sister Mary returned to Jacksboro to live with him. They were a perfect pair and enjoyed a loving, a harmonious relationship for many years. Finally, Corky was not able to care for Mary, so her daughter, Marianna Baker, moved Mary to the Houston area to take care of her. Corky and Mary still remained as close as possible and regularly talked on the phone.

Corky enjoyed sports. He and his sister Mary particularly liked to watch the Dallas Cowboys. He also followed the Texas Rangers and Texas Tech Red Raiders. He also liked doing the daily crossword puzzle in the newspaper and for many years brewed his own beer.

Corky proudly served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1994 and was stationed in Germany. He was an honest, hard-working man with a winning smile and good sense of humor. He loved his hometown of Jacksboro and enjoyed a long full life there. He loved his family and was quick to help family members when needed. He will be missed by his family and friends.

The family would like to express grateful appreciation for the support and assistance of his beloved niece, Marianna Baker, who would immediately attend to Corky's problems and needs.

Well done, Corky!

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Gladys Johnson Ritchie Public Library, 626 West College Street, Jacksboro, Texas 76458 or Concerned Citizens of Jack County, Inc., 400 E. Pine Street, Jacksboro, Texas 76458.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home  
152 State Hwy 148  
Jacksboro, TX 76458  
(940) 567-3778

## Graveside Service

APR 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery  
145 Oakwood Avenue  
Jacksboro, TX 76458

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Corky" Simpson*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *William "Corky" Simpson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Roy Russell lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



**Roy Russell** - April 24, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ *Terry Martin lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



**Terry Martin** - April 06, 2016 at 10:08 PM

BB

“ *Bobbie Barnes lit a candle in memory of  
William "Corky" Simpson*



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**Bobbie Barnes** - April 05, 2016 at 06:51 PM

SA

“ TO THE SIMPSON FAMILY FROM SAMmy AKINS,-----  
-----SO SORRY TO READ IN THE STAR TELEGRAM  
TODAY , OF YOUR LOSS OF "CORKY" AS I KNOW WHAT AN  
IMPORTANT MEMBER OF YOUR WONDERFUL FAMILY HE HAS  
BEEN TO ALL OF YOU FOR SO MANY YEARS. I REMEMBER  
MOST WATCHING CORKY AND BROTHER JOHNNY LITERALLY  
BUILD WITH THEIR OWN HANDS ( AFTER HOURS AND  
WEEKENDS) JOHNNY AND ANGIE'S NEW HOME NEXT DOOR  
TO OUR HOME AT THE CORNER OF WEST BELKNAP AND MILL  
ST. - WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I WAS ALREADY  
A GREAT ADMIRER OF THE LATE JUDGE SIMPSON AND HIS  
WFE "GRACE" WHO WAS SO ACTIVE IN MY EARLY CHURCH  
DAYS AT MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN/FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCHES THERE. AND THEN JOHNNY AND ANGIE AND  
THEIR FAMILY WERE SUCH WONDERFUL NEIGHBORS AND AS  
AN ONLY CHILD, THEIR SONS, JOHN LOFTON AND REAGAN  
WERE LIKE MY LITTLE BROTHERS. AND MY FIRST REAL LOVE  
FOR THIS FAMILY CAME IN HIGH SCHOOL AND CHURCH  
YOUTH GROUP WITH HELEN WHO WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL  
CHRISTIAN FRIEND TO THIS UNCHURCHED YOUTH. THEN I  
ALSO CAME TO KNOW CORKY, JERRY, EVA, BETTY, MARY,  
LEWIS AND WAS AWED AT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND  
EDUCATIONAL SUCCESSES OF ALL OF THIS FAMILY. SO  
ESPECIALLY TO HELEN, ANGIE, JOHN L. AND REAGAN AND  
THEIR FAMILIES I SEND SPECIAL LOVE AND WORDS OF  
SYMPATHY.

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**SAM V AKINS** - April 05, 2016 at 06:29 PM

AA

“ *Ann Amburn lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



Ann Amburn - April 05, 2016 at 08:13 AM

RM

“ *Corky was a very good man, indeed. His gentle spirit and kind ways will be missed by many of us who call Jacksboro "home". My parents, Bunk and Norma Rumage would have considered no other homebuilder than Corky. His meticulous talents and amazing work ethic were untouched. Thankful to have known this very good man. Roxanna Rumage Maddox*

Roxanna Maddox - April 04, 2016 at 06:08 PM

JS

“ *John And Nancy Simpson lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



John and Nancy Simpson - April 04, 2016 at 03:33 PM

DB

“ *Doyle & Cindy Browning lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



Doyle & Cindy Browning - April 04, 2016 at 12:46 PM

LL

“ Lee & Faye Lewis lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson



Lee & Faye Lewis - April 04, 2016 at 08:52 AM

CC

“ Cristy Cook lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson



cristy cook - April 03, 2016 at 10:17 PM

DK

“ Debbie Voyles King lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson



Debbie Voyles King - April 03, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ Reisha Horn lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson



Reisha Horn - April 03, 2016 at 03:04 PM

LM

“ *Lanna Moxley lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



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**Lanna Moxley** - April 03, 2016 at 02:10 PM

GC

“ *Grace Hall Clay lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



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**Grace Hall Clay** - April 03, 2016 at 01:12 PM

PF

“ *Pat & Phyllis Foreman lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



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**Pat & Phyllis Foreman** - April 03, 2016 at 12:11 PM

JD

“ *John & Juanita Damron lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



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**John & Juanita Damron** - April 03, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ *Chris Sozansky lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



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**Chris Sozansky** - April 03, 2016 at 11:52 AM

JK

“ *Jim And Gayla. Kinder lit a candle in memory of William "Corky" Simpson*



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**Jim and Gayla. Kinder** - April 03, 2016 at 10:01 AM