



Arthur Clark Simpson

December 25, 1941 - October 22, 2019

Arthur "Art" Clark Simpson, 77, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away in his home on Tuesday evening, October 22, 2019, with his family at his side.

Arthur was born on December 25, 1941, in Waverly, Iowa, the son of Iva Beatrice (Helgerson) and Earl Leroy Simpson. He graduated from Waverly High School in 1961. While working for the City of Waverly, he began his lifelong career in law enforcement by joining the Waverly Police Department in 1964. He later graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Arthur joined the United States Army on June 12, 1967, serving two tours in Vietnam starting on river patrol and soon being promoted to Military Police Sergeant and APC commander. Upon returning to the United States, he carried out the remainder of his military service in South Carolina as a military investigator and was honorably discharged on March 3, 1970. At the conclusion of his military service, Art returned to Waverly and joined the Bremer County Sheriff's Department serving as Chief Deputy. At a time when deputies had to provide their own cars, he became well known among local law enforcement for racing other agencies to the incident scene in his white 1971 Pontiac Grand Prix. On May 13, 1972, Arthur was united in marriage to Karen Hanks in Charles City, Iowa. In April 1978, he again joined the Waverly Police Department, accepting the position of Chief of Police, a position he proudly served until his retirement in December 2005.

Art was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Waverly Historical Preservation Committee, Waverly Design and Beautification Committee, Waverly Amvets Post #79, VFW Post #2208, Bremer County Peace Officers Association and Iowa Police Chiefs Association. Art was a humble man who had a true love for people and highly valued the friendships he had built throughout his life and career. In law enforcement, helping others was his greatest reward. Art preferred conversation to confrontation and believed in respecting others unconditionally. He was guided by the Golden Rule. He believed in doing what's right by your family and your job. During his time as the Sheriff Department's Chief Deputy, he enjoyed traveling the roads of Bremer county getting to know it's residents. As Waverly's Police Chief, he cared deeply for his police department staff and enjoyed making his daily rounds to various city offices visiting with the staff there as well. He took a true interest in the lives of those that he came in contact with and went out of his way to bring a smile or laugh to someone's day. Art took great pride in his hometown of Waverly and its residents.

Art enjoyed a diverse variety of hobbies and interests. He loved history and collected antiques throughout his life. Art was a car enthusiast since childhood and admittedly enjoyed anything with wheels and an engine. He collected art from local artists and loved music from all genres. He enjoyed traveling and at a young age, developed a love for the mountains of Colorado. He enjoyed numerous trips with his family out west over the years lured by the natural beauty of its landscape and wildlife, soaking up the history of the region each time. With a great love for the outdoors, he was a preservationist by nature. Art had a strong appreciation for city, county, state and national

parks enjoying them by hiking, bicycling, watching wildlife or simply soaking in the peace and tranquility of nature.

To Art, there was no such thing as a stranger and, after a few minutes of conversation, could spark a connection with nearly anyone. No matter where he went, whether it be a vacation trip, a meal out to eat, a walk around Waverly's Midwest Horse Sale, or a quick stop at the post office, Art could find something interesting about anyone and make a friend. He was truly interested in people and their stories and valued those relationships to the end.

Arthur is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Karen; son, Jeff of Prescott, Arizona; brother, James (Vicki) of Elk River, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Doris Simpson; and two brothers-in-law, Dennis (Linda) Hankes and David (Margaret) Hankes. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Richard, Earl Jr.; and sister, Carolyn in infancy. Arthur Simpson was a loving husband, father, brother and uncle, a loyal friend and a dedicated public servant.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly with Pastor Tom Barnard officiating. Military Honors will be conducted by the Waverly Area Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Events

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SERVICE

11:00 AM

Trinity United
Methodist Church
1400 West Bremer
Ave., Waverly, IA 50677

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VISITATION

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kaiser-Corson Funeral
Home, Waverly 218
2nd St. SE , P.O. Box
215 , Waverly, IA
50677

Tribute Wall

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kris vollmer

rip art simpson i want to thank you for your service you did with the waverly police department. you were a very cool friendly and you know how to make people feel good and feel safe.

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Terry Schatzberg, Wilber,NE

Karen and Jeff- I am so sad to hear of Art's passing. He was always good for a talk at the dealership and I truly enjoyed his friendship. My prayers and condolences are with you at this difficult time.

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Malissa & Bob Cousin

We're so very sorry for your loss. Art was a wonderful friend to this community and he is missed.

R

Richard Crawford

I'd like to express my sympathy to the Simpson family. I knew Art for a long time, even enlisted in the Army with him on the buddy system. Although I haven't been in touch for some time, having moved from the area, I know Art was proud of his family, enjoyed his time in Law Enforcement, and was always a role model for what a person should be. RIp Art, you will be missed

K

kris vollmer

i want to say to the simpson family i am very sorry for your loss of a very great person and a very caring guy art was. Rip Art. you were an awesome chef at the waverly police department. Art you will not be forgotten sir. thank you for service our country Art.



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K

kris vollmer

art was a very kind person to know. art was with the waverly police. i knew art when i was a junior police officer with the waverly police department. art was a funny person and a very caring person too. art will not be forgotten from the waverly police and the people who knew him very well.

S**Scott Simpson**

I have so many great memories of Arthur it is hard to single one out, so I am going to share just a few of the many that stand out in my mind. As we all know, Arthur loved cars and he took the opportunity to share this love with my brother and I when he gave us both large replicas of a red 1964 Mustang convertible. They were awesome, and I have had the car bug ever since. This was just one example of many where his generosity and joy of giving to others made a life long impact. Whether it was a new toy for for us as kids or parting with one of his his historic treasures as we grew up, he always lived to bring joy to others. One final memory that I will always cherish is how much his greater family meant to him. When my folks would drive us down from Rochester to Waverly to visit Arthur and Grandma, one of Art's favorite things to do was to set up lawn chairs on Grandma's driveway, watch the traffic go by and tell stories about his 2 brothers and all the crazy things they did. It was a very special day when all 3 brothers were together sharing their versions of their antics. I hope Art is getting a chance to share some of these same stories with his new friends in Heaven. I love you so much Arthur. Scott S.

J**Jason Leonard**

In late 1995, Art gave me, a young northwest Iowa kid with no ties to Waverly, an opportunity to serve as a police officer. He taught me plenty of Waverly history and encouraged me to get involved in the community. Art "sold" Waverly as a place to settle in, raise a family, and call home. I'm glad I listened and hope my service was and is in-line with Art's philosophy. I will be forever thankful for the opportunities given to me by Art. Maggie and I send our sincere sympathy to Karen and Jeff in this sorrowful time. Rest in peace, Chief.

D**David MacMillan, MD**

Karen, Sorry for your loss of Art. I have fond memories of caring for your family. Art was a good, honest man who took pride in his job and his family.

L**Lee Stumme**

I always enjoyed Art. He will be missed by all of us.
