



## John Ellis Simpson

January 4, 1930 - March 9, 2014

John Ellis Simpson, 84, passed away March 9, 2014. He was born January 4, 1930 to Raymond Glen Simpson and Lena Margaret St. Clair Simpson in Kirksville, MO. He attended grade school in Milan, MO and graduated from Brookfield High School, where his father was school principal. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Don.

He graduated from Iowa State College in 1951. He was a NROTC student and received a commission at graduation. He served aboard the USS Sandoval, USS NOA, the Catamount, the USS Iowa and the LSM 161.

After serving in Korea and Japan, he married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Sherard in October 1952. Their last year of naval service was spent in Kodiak, Alaska.

He worked for Hallmark Cards for 38 years and had been retired for 22 years, living the last 59 years in Overland Park, KS.

John and Pat enjoyed 61 years together with much happiness. Their son John Thomas Simpson, Ph.D. lives in Lake Elmo, MN and their daughter Amy Elizabeth Simpson, M.D. lives in

Bloomington, IN. They have a daughter-in-law Sharon Simpson, Ph.D. and five grandchildren - Sam and Pete Simpson and Justin, Heather and Warren Tait, all of whom are in college, graduate school or medical school. John also leaves a brother-in-law, Dr. Thomas Sherard and sisters-in-law Karen Sherard and Mary Simpson, nephews Scott Simpson and Jackson Sherard and a neice Ashley Sherard.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, reading and especially travelling. He played a monthly bridge game with seven fellow Hallmarkers for 57 years. He was a quiet man who completely loved his family and will always be loved and remembered as a good husband, father, grandfather and as a gentle, kind man. He made the world a better place.

After John suffered a tragic fall in their home October 19, 2013, the couple moved to Bloomington, IN in January 2014 where their care could be supervised by their physician daughter. Pat resides in the retirement community of Meadowood.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.