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ames Byrd “Jim” Simpson, son of Edward Gilbert and Helen Carolyn Krueger Simpson, was born February 21, 1929, in McGregor, Minnesota. He departed this life Friday, May 23, 2008, in St. John’s Regional Health Center in Springfield, Missouri at the age of seventy-nine years, three months and two days. On November 8, 1952, he was united in marriage to Patricia A. Kolb, and they have shared the last fifty-five years together. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Russell; a sister, Jessie Heady; and a brother, William Simpson. Jim is survived by his wife, Pat, of the home; his four children, Jim Simpson, Jr. and wife, Mary, of Clinton, Iowa, Terry Simpson, of the State of Alaska, Robert Simpson and wife, Jean, of Ashland, Missouri, and Karen Clark and husband, Steven, of Grovespring, Missouri; ten grandchildren and two greatly anticipated great-grandchildren; a sister, Elsie Kolstad, of Billings, Montana; two brothers, David Simpson, of Anchorage, Alaska and Edward Simpson, of Des Moines, Iowa; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He was born and reared in McGregor, Minnesota where he graduated high school. In 1948 he moved to Alaska and in 1951 entered the United States Army. After faithfully serving his country, he returned to McGregor where he married Pat. They made their home in Alaska from 1953 until 1981, where he was a warehouse supervisor for the Department of the Army. Following his retirement they left Alaska and moved to Grovespring and purchased the farm Jim always dreamed of. Jim professed his faith in Christ, and was a member of the Fairview Methodist Church. He was also a member of the American Legion, in Jefferson City, and was active in DAR and DAC. His family and their activities were important to him. Caring for the farm, reading, woodworking, fishing, golfing and being outdoors gave him great pleasure. Jim was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. We celebrate his life



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and his accomplishments and treasure the memories he created. He will live in our hearts forever. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in the Holman-Howe Funeral Home, Hartville, Missouri. Burial will be in the McGregor Cemetery, McGregor, Minnesota. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until service time. Services are under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Hartville, Missouri. Memorials to Alaska Childrens Services may be made through the funeral home. [Return to top](#)



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