



## Bill Simpson

January 13, 1932 - April 17, 2019

Bill Simpson died at Pennybyrn at Maryfield on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. He was born January 13, 1932 in Muskegon, Michigan to the late Lawrence and Mary Simpson. Bill was a graduate of Genish Higgins High School in Roscommon, Michigan where he excelled in football and track and also was the Class Valedictorian. In his youth he was active in the Boy Scouts of America, Senior and Explorer Scouts reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Bill served in the US Air Force as a member of the Research & Development Engineering Team that developed the first successful escape system for supersonic military aircraft and was later honorably discharged as Captain.

He graduated with honors and as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Michigan State University in 1953, later doing graduate work at the University of Michigan and Ohio State University. Bill had a distinguished career in the Engineering Management field while in the private sector, being awarded several United States and foreign patents. He later accepted an appointment with the College of Engineering at North Carolina State University where he earned several national and international awards and commendations for his contributions to the Engineering Management profession. During his career, he personally conducted over a thousand seminars and workshops globally as well as making scores of presentations at local, national and international management conferences. Bill also served on the adjunct staff of the Battelle Institute, Center for Creative Leadership and Dun & Bradstreet. He was an active volunteer in over a dozen technical professional societies where he served in various state and local offices and national committees.

His hobbies included writing, painting, gardening and photography and on retirement he became a Master Gardener volunteer.

Bill is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Roslyn and William Peterson, Greensboro, NC, his two Granddaughters Laura Peterson of New York, New York and Anna Peterson of Greensboro and his brother Delano Simpson. He is further survived by several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Annabell and his daughter Laura Lynn Simpson