

## Harold Simpson, 74

*June 1, 1926 – May 27, 2001*

**LINCOLN, NE** – Harold Dwaine Simpson was born in Harlan, June 1, 1926, to Harold W. and Esther Simpson. He was a foreman of Gooch's Milling and Elevator Co.; State Senator, 46th District, 1966-1975, and Commissioner, Public Service Commission, 1976-1988; Union leader, Grain Millers Local 31; Nebraska State AFL-CIO; Wilk Award "Profiles in Courage" in 1987. He was instrumental for the renters rights bill; Cub Scout Pack 26 Cubmaster, pack chairman, institutional representative; Explorer Post 26 advisor; Silver Beaver Award in Scouting, 1969; George Meany Award from AFL-CIO, 1975. He was active in PTA, Clinton, Whittier, Lincoln High Schools; Clinton Neighborhood Association. He was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church, umpire for AAA Fastpitch Softball and Nationals at Bakersfield, CA; assistant state softball commissioner; Nebraska Softball Association Hall of Fame, inducted in 1994. He was also a World War II veteran, lifetime member of the Nebraska Softball Association, and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Ruth Downey and Marilyn Escher. Survivors include his wife, Jean; son, Roger (Sue), and granddaughter, Kara, Lincoln, NE; son, Harold (Lavonne), Lincoln, NE; granddaughter, Angie, Norfolk, NE; granddaughter and great granddaughter, Jeannie and Kayla, Lincoln, NE; son, John (Linda), Battle Creek, MI; grandson, Heath (Kelly), grandchildren, Grant, Madison and Emma, Battle Creek, NE; granddaughter, Jennifer (Chad) Smith, South Bend, IN daughter, Marge (Ron) Daniel, McCook, NE; grandson, Todd (Danette) Daniel; granddaughters, Taylor and Tara Daniel, McCook, NE; granddaughter, Tori Daniel, Bellevue, KY; son, Tom (Dorothy), Lincoln; granddaughter and great granddaughter, Michele and Dena, Lincoln, NE; granddaughter, Danielle, Bridgeport, CT; granddaughter, Nicole, Omaha; grandson, George, Lincoln, NE; son, Jim (Charlene), Lincoln, NE; grandson, Matt (Sara); granddaughter, Kelly (Jared) Georgius, Lincoln, NE; stepdaughter, step granddaughters, Terrie Rabe, Adrienne Mott, Fremont, NE; stepdaughter, Jolynn (Frank) Joutras; step grandson, Zachary Joutras, Lincoln, NE; stepson, Jon Weddle, Fremont, NE; brother-in-law, Charles Escher, Manning; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A celebration of life was held June 1, 2001, at St. Luke Methodist Church.