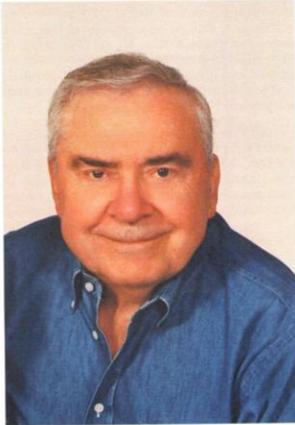


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We have had to part with a wonderful member of our button family this year. For those of you who did not have the honor of knowing this man; there are not enough words or space to tell you about him in our bulletin. For those of you that were able to attend the Celebration of his life at his church; followed by a Military Memorial Service, you too discovered so many things about him that we never knew; we only thought we knew him.

Both he and his wife, Ruth of 61 ½ years were active members of our Big "D" Button Club, Texas State Button Society as well as the National Buttons Society for many years. They were blessed with 3 children.

He had a distinguished military career followed by 23 years at the University of Texas in Dallas with the experimentation, engineering, scientific experiments, communication and teaching roles associated with NASA Mercury and Apollo flight programs; developing into other scientific satellite instruments that measured the gases and other molecules associated with Haley's Comet. He was actively involved with teaching roles with NASA Mercury and Apollo flight programs. His career developed even further into other scientific satellite instruments to measure the galaxy, individual planets consisting of Earth, Moon, Mars, Venus and Jupiter. This is only a small portion that was recorded from his obituary. His travels were extensive to NASA and Baltimore, Md. as he worked with other scientific accomplishments.

His hobbies were many which included; music, land owner, motorcycles, sport cars, trucks, train collection, coin collection, clock collection, cash register

collection, wood working , rocks and buttons. Along with his love of transportation buttons he was always looking for those stunningly beautiful cobalt blue buttons.

As all of us in Texas were so happy to host the TEXAS2007NBS Convention here in north Texas, both he and Ruth asked if they could serve as greeters. They welcomed and provided directions to all of our button family as they arrived from all over the country and our international attendees as well. They not only dressed each day in appropriate costume; they even won the contest as the best dressed. Many would never know how much courage, strength and enduring pain that it took for them even to attend much less the effort that they extended to all of us and our guests. In fact, after their appearance; they both began to deal with debilitating health issues; never to attend any more of our activities.

Last, but certainly not least was his love of the Lord of which he served in many capacities at his church including Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Choir Member.

How I missed him always asking the blessing over our food at each Awards Breakfast at our Texas State Button Shows when both he and Ruth were able to attend. I so look forward to meeting him someday in heaven. We will have a tour guide who studied the galaxy. (smile) I hope you all have made your reservations to join us in the Big Button Club in the Sky when our day comes for this ultimate family reunion.

Respectfully submitted by his friend;

Joyce Simpson