



Theodore "Ted" Simmons

February 4, 1937 - April 26, 2016

Theodore "Ted" Simmons, 79, died on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. He was born on Feb. 4, 1937 in Southern California. He attended the University of Southern California (USC) earning a degree in Petroleum Engineering. On June 9, 1957, Ted married his high school sweetheart, Diane.

Ted was an oil company technology manager with Texaco, most of this time spent in international producing operations. This allowed him and his family the opportunity to live in places such as Indonesia, England and Kuwait. He loved traveling and appreciating the world's diverse cultures, making new friends wherever he went. Ted retired and settled in Houston, TX for many years. He and Diane then moved to Tallahassee, FL to be closer to children and grandchildren.

After retiring, Ted began exploring his creative side, crafting stained glass, woodworking and writing. He served as President of the Tallahassee Writers Association and published a number of books inspired by his international travels.

Ted is survived by his wife of 58 years, Diane Simmons; his children Deborah (Andrew) Bundschuh, Kathleen (Richard) Rossman, Mark (Cassie) Simmons and Scott (Michelle) Simmons; his grandchildren Stephanie Rossman, Kristopher (Jessica) Rossman, Chelsea (James) Burns, Trevor Bundschuh, Brianna Simmons, Taylor Rossman, Amanda Simmons, Conner Rossman, Ian Simmons and Eleanor Simmons; his great-grandchild Ryan Rossman; and his sister Anne (Emily) Gross.

A private memorial service for family will be held at a later date. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)