



## Royce Simpson

September 23, 1923 - June 12, 2009

Royce Vance Simpson, Sr., age 85 of Fort Collins, Colorado, formerly of Kalispell, Montana, died June 12, 2009. His body has been cremated and a gathering in his memory, with full military honors, will be held later this summer. Royce Vance Simpson was born September 23, 1923 in Winnemucca, Nevada to Leland and Marion Simpson. He served in the U. S. Navy during WWII as a medical officer aboard an anti-submarine patrol craft. Following his service in the Navy, Royce attended, and graduated from the University of California, at Davis as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He owned and operated a Veterinary Hospital in North Hollywood, CA for 20 years. In 1968, Royce married Jessamine Marion Sadler. In 1983, after retiring from his practice in North Hollywood they moved to Kalispell, MT where he busied himself with raising horses, hiking, skiing and working as a children's librarian. Royce was a marathoner and mountain climber; a gardener and cook; he built model trains; loved music was a voracious reader; and loved to read to children. He was always learning and enjoyed sharing his knowledge and wisdom with his family and anyone who enjoyed a good discussion. He attended Crossroads Church in Loveland. He is survived by his wife Jessamine; four children, Gregory Royce Simpson of Shasta City, CA, Kiko Simpson of Denver, CO, Laurel Ann Simpson of Fredericksburg, VA, and Royce Vance Simpson, Jr. of Fort Collins; and four grandchildren, Taylor Skye Hawkins, Hunter Brian Green, Skyler Bancroft Simpson and Ansley Wild Simpson. A celebration of Royce's life will be held on August 15, 2009 His

family requests that any memorial donations please be made to the Alzheimer's Association at 415 Peterson St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall



“ Royce Simpson

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“ We're sorry to hear about Royce's passing; our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Lou & Eileen Kis - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jessamine,

We are so sorry to hear about Royce's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bonnie and Frank Kapelanczyk - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jasmine, I'm so sorry that you lost Royce. I lost Terry 4 years ago to cancer and I know how hard it is. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Jayne

Jayne Jones - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Dad,  
*I'll miss you for the rest of my days and I love you with my entire Being.*

*Your presence here on Earth has enriched countless lives and this I know to be true; You lived during the most exciting time in human history and your every waking hour was filled with wonder, joy and care for the world around you.*

*Peace be upon you as you make your sacred journey. When my times comes, I will look for your shining light and will rejoice in knowing you yet again.*

*Your humble and respectful son,  
-Royce*

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**R Simpson, Jr.** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *I will always remember what a nice person Royce was to me. As a hair dresser for his Mom, he was always a gentleman.*

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**lavine heuscher** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I was saddened to learn of Royce's passing. It was a pleasure to work with him at the Flathead County Library. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face, and he was willing to take on any task. He was a remarkable man who will be missed.*

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**Dorothy Laird** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Royce and Lisa,  
You and your family are in our prayers. It is always so difficult to say good-bye to a loved one, but he will always be in your heart and memory.  
Our thoughts are with you during this time.  
Ray and Susan Sullivan

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**Ray Sullivan** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jasmine: Thoughts and prayers are with you and yours at this most difficult time. Take care.

*Former co-worker of yours in Kalispell.*

*Pat Purcell*

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June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Royce was a good friend and co-worker. His wonderful smile and sense of humor made us all love him. He was willing to share his expertise on many, many subjects and so willing to help us with anything we asked of him. He was our tea expert and shared his recipe for tabouli which we printed and shared with our staff and vegetarian patrons. I believe he was happiest when working in the Children's Dept. I have truly missed Royce in the Library and would like his family to know what a very special person he was.

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**Marilyn Campbell** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“Dad, you were a irreplaceable influence in my life. You showed me kindness, enthusiasm, and patience. Your sense of humor will be missed. You took me in as your step son when I was six years old. But, in truth, your the only dad I've known. You were my father from birth. Thanks for stepping in and raising me up better than anyone I could imagine. Keep on being who you are in the great beyond. And I'm sure you are being even more than anyone could imagine. Tell the angels that I heard from at your passing to keep on with their sense of humor. I know you are whoop it up with them in Heaven.

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**Kiko Simpson** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“Royce was one of kindest, happiest, most pleasant people I've ever met. He always had a smile on his face, something nice to say and a jaunty step. And, of course, he often wore a jaunty hat! All of us at the Library loved that man. He was truly a treasure. We have missed him since the day he left. I am saddened at his passing and wish him peace.

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**Patty Jones** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“I was so sorry to hear of Royce's passing. He was a particularly kind and gentle man. I remember his special touch with LC, the Library Cat and his fondness for all creatures and people. He was never too tired to lend a helping hand and always ready with a smile a cheerful greeting for all. It was an honor to know him.

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**Rita Kraus Allen** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Royce was a pleasure to work with at the library. He always came in with a cheerful attitude and a pleasant smile. He seemed to take great joy in working in the Children's Department and we all felt privileged to have him as a co-worker. His age gave him wisdom that he would pass on to the rest of us. I remember the words that he shared with me when I was saddened at having to put down our beloved dog. His words put my heart at ease. My sympathies go out to his family on the loss of this wonderful person.

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**Carol Mizee** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have a heart full of wonderful memories of Royce. For many years he my neighbor, my friend and doctor to my beloved animals.

*He was kind and gentle, and very very funny. I remember when he and Jessamine started their vegetable garden and how proud he was of his sweet peas. I remember watching him methodically chop garlic, and then cook up something wonderful, and then thoroughly enjoy his creation. And I remember how much he loved his dog Lucy.*

*I never saw Royce after he and Jessamine moved to Kalispell, but we spoke several times. I always enjoyed those conversations because they brought back so many wonderful memories.*

*I'll speak to Royce tonight, before I go to sleep, and thank him for his friendship and wish him well on his continuing journey. The world is truly a better place for him having been here.*

*Judy Devore  
Los Angeles, CA*

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**Judy Devore (Parrish)** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

 LH

“ Hello Jessamine..my name is Linda Himsl and I worked at First Interstate Bank and had the opportunity to meet you and your husband, Royce. He was an interesting man and I always enjoyed visiting with both of you. It has been many years ago and you may not recall. I was sorry to hear of his passing and will keep him in my prayers. May he rest in peace. Best regards, Linda Himsl

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**Linda Himsl** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ What a kind and special man he was. He won our hearts and we remember him with such fondness. We missed him when he left Montana and are sorry to hear of his passing. Forever. For always. And no matter what. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

 JW

“ The world is a little less cheerful without the smiling face of Royce Simpson. The library girls all miss you. We still remember to "keep it under the gunnells". Thanks Royce.

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**Jane Wilkinson** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Jas and family,

*We were saddened to learn of Royce's passing. I will always remember the wonderful Easter I spent with you all at your home in LA when I was just out of college back in '83 as well as Royce and Aunt Marion attending our wedding in '84. My mother, Betty Duffy Due, passed away unexpectedly in October so maybe the cousins have had a reunion. Royce is a special guy and will always hold a place in our hearts. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jim and Jill Due*

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**James Due** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ a very special man, indeed.

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**Kurt Hawkins** - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM