



Charles T. Spencer

November 28, 1935 - January 7, 2022

Spencer also loved to learn, which led him Charles Thaddeus Spencer would tell anyone who listened that the Good Lord promised “threescore and ten.” Well, the Lord outdid himself and blessed Charles with 86 years on Earth and everlasting life before calling him home at 4:57 a.m., Friday, January 7, 2022. Charles was born to the late Thaddeus and Etta (Gibbs) Spencer in Tyrell County, N.C. on November 28, 1935. The youngest of thirteen children, Charles was nicknamed “Charlie Boy” early in life. He was raised in Creswell, North Carolina where his parents taught him to love God, family, community, country, and himself. Charlie Boy attended St. Mary’s Disciple of Christ Church as a child. He played basketball at Creswell High School before dropping out and running away to join the military at the age of sixteen. As he became a man, Charlie Boy also became known as “Spencer” – a name he embraced with equal affection.

Spencer settled in Washington, D.C. - a world away from his rural upbringing in Creswell. He enjoyed rewarding careers in the United States Military, the United States Government, and the private sector. Spencer served in the Marines as a Hand-to-Hand Combat Instructor during the Korean Conflict; the Army, where he was awarded the Minuteman Award; and the National Guard Reserves 276 MP. In the military, Spencer was a leader and a technical expert in weaponry. Spencer toured the world with his favorite destination being Cairo, Egypt; and reached the distinguished rank of Sergeant First Class before he retired.

As a civilian, Spencer held positions at the U.S. Printing Office, the National Rifle Association, and the National Mediation Board. Spencer retired from the National Mediation Board in 1991. Spencer loved to work, and he was proud of his work. After retiring from the U.S. Military and the National Mediation Board. Spencer enjoyed decades-long career as a Special Police Officer with several private companies in Washington, DC., including Colorado Security Company. Spencer worked as a Private Police Office well into his early 80s. to earn his General Equivalency Degree (GED) at the age of 48. Spencer dedicated himself to learning the principles and teachings of Prince Hall Freemasonry. Spencer was well known for his affection for barbequing, hand dancing, bus trips and The Young and the Restless.

Spencer was preceded in death by his wife of more than 40 years, Jean E. Spencer (mother of Jo-Ann); 7 brothers, Olian, Elmo, Herman, Agnes, Earl, Harvey, and Burnes Spencer; and 4 sisters, Mamie James, Willie Bell Davis, Lemon Leary, and Marie Sorey.

Spencer is survived by his wife of 20 plus years Nina Delores Spencer; two daughters Jo-Ann Spencer, Washington, D.C; and Delores Jeffries-Spencer, Nashville, Tennessee; two step children Denise M. Bethea and Anthony T. Bethea (Brenda), Clifton, Md; five grandchildren Deron R. Spencer; Michael T. Spencer (Justin Stephens), Washington, D.C.; Moses Jeffries (LaToya); Brian Jeffries (Francesca), Nashville, Tennessee, and Jeannai E. Spencer, Washington, D.C; 3 step-grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

Quantico, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Frazier Mason Memorial Funeral Home
1661 Marion Barry Avenue SE
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles T. Spencer*

October 07, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Uncle Charlie your Cindy will miss our talks about family and life. Rest In Peace until we meet again. I can hear you singing, “When I’ve gone the last mile of the way”....*□



Cynthia Spencer - January 30, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *God is a keeper and I know you are singing around Heaven in your new body!! No more worries in this place! Hallelujah! Till we meet again. Rest In Peace 🙏 Your baby girl!*



Delores Spencer-Jefferies - January 30, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *RIP Uncle Charles*



Sandra Thornton - January 28, 2022 at 08:04 AM

SW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



SFC Kenneth Williams - January 27, 2022 at 07:23 PM

SW

Master sergeant Reed Sergeant first class Williams Sergeant first class King, Sergeant first class Williams DC National Guard we're gonna miss you my brother rest in peace God is good

SFC Kenneth Williams - January 27, 2022 at 07:29 PM

JS

SFC Williams, thank you for posting these pictures, it means so much knowing you visited him in his time of need. Signed, Jo-Ann (daughter).

Jo-Ann Spencer - January 29, 2022 at 12:19 PM

RA

“ *Rayneisha purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles T. Spencer.*



Rayneisha - January 27, 2022 at 10:44 AM

MB

“ *Love you, Uncle Charlie...you will be missed. My condolences during this difficult time. I pray that God continue to keep in in perfect peace...Annette (Mary S. Booth)*

Mary (Spencer) Booth - January 26, 2022 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ *Jo-Ann Spencer lit a candle in memory of Charles T. Spencer*



Jo-Ann Spencer - January 26, 2022 at 10:24 AM

JS

“ *I will always be grateful for the love and memories of you as my dad and will forever hear you singing “your’e going to miss me when I’m gone”. Always your, Jo-Jo!*

Jo-Ann Spencer - January 26, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles T. Spencer.*



January 25, 2022 at 12:53 PM

MG

“ *Marilyn Gordon lit a candle in memory of Charles T. Spencer*



Marilyn Gordon - January 23, 2022 at 08:04 PM

TF

“ *The Ward Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles T. Spencer.*



The Ward Family - January 23, 2022 at 03:24 PM

SF

“ *Sarah Francis lit a candle in memory of Charles T. Spencer*



Sarah Francis - January 23, 2022 at 03:14 PM

JS

“ *Jeannai Spencer lit a candle in memory of Charles T. Spencer*



Jeannai Spencer - January 17, 2022 at 07:23 PM