



Raymond Charles Spence

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Raymond Charles Spence of Annapolis, Maryland and Bethany Beach, Delaware passed away on November 18, 2017 at the age of 92. Born in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania on April 14, 1925, Ray joined the Army at the age of 18. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the 10th Mountain Division HQ 85. After WWII, Ray separated from the Army to join the United States Air Force. Ray was an aircrew member during the Berlin Airlift. He performed the duties of radio operator. Ray was a cartographer and photo-grammetrist for Defense Mapping Agency and NOAA.

He was an active member of the Lions Club for 32 years. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award, recognized for his humanitarianism and community service. Ray was a man who always helped others and instilled in his children the value of community service. Even into his 90's, Ray was helping his fellow residents at his assisted living home.

Ray loved Summer days at the beach. Every summer for 53 years he enjoyed being with his family at South Bethany Beach. He was an organist, enjoying music from the 40's and 50's.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorthea E. Spence. He is survived by his 4 children, Patricia Byers (Pete), of Kingman, AZ, John Spence (Melinda) of West River, MD, Donald Spence (Denise) of Ijamsville, MD and Orrin Spence (Cathy) of Brunswick, MD. Grandchildren, Warren Adams-Ockrassa (Suzanne), Donald Spence, Jr. (Bethany), Jonathan Spence (Amy), Elizabeth Arenas, Cole Spence and Heather Spence. Great Grandchildren, Alessandro Arenas, Tyson Spence, Eric Spence, Cameron Spence, Steven Spence and Inge Adams-Ockrassa. Ray is also survived by his companion Nancy Brubaker of Ocean View, DE.

A celebration of Ray's life will take place at Mid Atlantic Community Church, 2485 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD 21054 on Friday, December 1, 2017. Family will



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receive friends from 1:00-2:00 PM with the funeral service at 2:00 PM. Donations may be made to Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, 5457 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 100 Columbia, MD 21045.



Events

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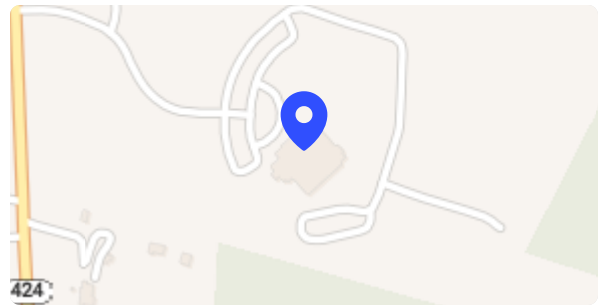
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Memorial Gathering

 **Friday**, December 1, 2017


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Mid-Atlantic Community Church**
2485 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills MD 21054

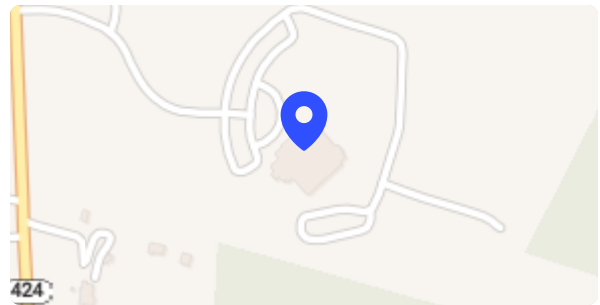


Memorial Service

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Jutta shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.



December 2 at 5:15 PM



Donald Kaminski posted:

Ray was more than a good neighbor, he was what I would call a good buddy. Ray was always there to lend a helping hand. When ever I was doing something in my yard, I would look over my shoulder and Ray was there ready to help. RIP Old friend and neighbor. Don & MaryAnn Kaminski

December 2 at 11:22 AM



Caron Covert Mosey posted:

Sending love and prayers to the family. I wish I could attend the funeral for my Uncle Ray. Please know that my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Hugs, Caron Covert Mosey.

November 30 at 2:11 AM



Pat Spence Byers December 3 at 3:27 PM

Thank you, Caron.



Micki Krieger lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



November 29 at 6:56 PM



Pat Spence Byers December 3 at 3:27 PM

Thank you, Micki. I think Dad raised us both!



Pat Spence Byers December 1 at 1:09 PM

Micki is the friend mentioned in my eulogy. After Micki's father passed away, Dad painted their entire two story house so that Micki's mom wouldn't have to worry about that particular item being done. Thanks for lighting the candle, Micki!



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Julie Van Arsdale lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



November 29 at 2:32 PM



Pat Spence Byers December 3 at 3:28 PM
Thanks, Julie, my BFF!



Warren Adams-Ockrassa lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



November 29 at 11:43 AM



Pat Byers lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



November 29 at 11:24 AM



Pat Spence Byers November 29 at 11:24 AM
Air Force Blue candle in memory of Dad's veteran service!



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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