



James Hugh Spence III

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James H. Spence died peacefully at his family home in Herald Harbor on February 5th. He was born July 22, 1928 in Staunton, Virginia and was raised by his grandparents on their family farm in Doe Hill, Virginia.

He later joined his mother, Nell Beverage, in Washington, DC.

At the waterfront community of Herald Harbor in Anne Arundel County, he would meet his future wife, Gloria V. Ryan, when he took the microphone to sing with the band at an evening dance. She fell immediately in love with him that night. They married and had 4 children together.

His career began in the aerospace industry at Martin Marietta and then Hughes Aircraft Company. He was a contributor to the first surveyor programs.

Upon retiring from aerospace he and his wife became the owners and proprietors of one of the oldest taverns in Anne Arundel County, Millhausens Tavern in Severna Park.

Following retirement, Jim and Gloria became active in the Annapolis Area Intergroup. Sadly, Gloria became ill and lived her last 5 years in assisted living, with Jim by her side each and every day until her death.

James is survived by his four children; Valerie S. Crawford, Kimberly Spence, Kevin Spence, James H Spence III, and nine grandchildren and give great grandchildren.




Events

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Memorial Gathering


 **Sunday**, February 9, 2020


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401



Time of Shared Memories

 **Sunday**, February 9, 2020

 4:30 PM ET

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JW

James West posted:

I remember family trips to visit the Spence's in my youth. Mom, (Arlene Ryan West), my sister Patty and I, (Jim), would drive down from Pennsylvania and stay for the weekend. I remember swimming in the harbor, and floating on the raft that was anchored off the beach. I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We're praying for the Spence family. Jim West

April 8 at 4:25 AM

CL

Charlotte Lubbert posted:

A life so very beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved. Charlotte Lubbert

February 14 at 12:18 PM



Susan Moore posted:

My prayers are with the family, i was privileged to get to know him and shared a Thanksgiving with him at his son's house,

February 9 at 10:45 AM

CD

Charlie Dingman posted:

Charlie & Linda Dingman offer our condolences to the entire Spence family! As all of you know we are in Florida enjoying our retirement and wishing we could be with you all in honoring your dad for the wonderful man he was. I shared a thought that I had with Kevin when I heard about Jim's passing and I'd like to share it with everyone. I visited Gloria several time when she was in the nursing home and every time I stopped in she would turn on her record player and she and I would dance to the Big Band records she had. My thought when I heard of your dads passing was I saw Jim and Gloria dancing at the foot of our Savior!!!God Bless you all!!

February 7 at 1:03 PM



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KS

Kevin Spence posted:

A Great Man indeed....Can't imagine how I'll do life without him...Coffee in the a.m., Catch a MTG & a meal together, sitting together on the screened porch looking out over the Severn River..Love,Love Love my Dad.. he's in my heart now.

February 7 at 11:53 AM

CB

Carol Bird February 9 at 4:29 AM

Sorry for you loss Kevin. He was indeed a great man. A role model of humble spiritually for many. I will miss him.

KS

Kimberly Spence posted:

My heart is so heavy with all the love that you gave me. My world will never be the same without you, Daddy. My first and last true love. Kim

February 7 at 9:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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