



James Hugh Spence III

July 22, 1928 - February 5, 2020

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

FEB **Memorial Gathering** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Lasting Tributes Cremation and Funeral Care
814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD, US, 21401

FEB **Time of Shared Memories** 04:30PM

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Comments



“ 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

James West - April 08, 2020 at 08:25 AM



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

Charlotte Lubbert

Charlotte Lubbert - February 14, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ 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,

Susan Moore - February 09, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ 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!!

Charlie Dingman - February 07, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ 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.

Kevin Spence - February 07, 2020 at 03:53 PM



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

Carol Bird - February 09, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ 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

Kimberly Spence - February 07, 2020 at 01:59 PM