



Richard Lee Spence

August 17, 1942 - December 5, 2022

RICHARD SPENCE was born on August 17, 1942, in Baltimore, MD to the late Helen Fleming (Marshall) and the late Jerome Spence. Richard left this life on December 5, 2022. He was raised by his grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Spence in the Saratoga St. Poe Homes. Richard attended Baltimore public schools. Fannie L. Barbara (161), Booker T. Washington (130), and Douglass High School where he graduated in June 1960. After high school he went to work at Hutzler's Department Store. Later he joined the Army where he served in Korea until 1965. After he was discharged he went to work for Bethlehem Steel. Richard worked there for over 30 years and then retired. On December 8, 1967, he married Rosemarie Jones, who was also raised in the Poe Homes. She met Richard when she was six years old and he was twelve. He accidentally ran into her with his bicycle. She never forgot it. From their union, they had two sons, Steven and Carlos. Richard and Rosemarie stayed married for what would have been 55 years as of December 8, 2022. She at 74 and he at 80 years old. Richard enjoyed reading his bible and watching ministries on the television. It amazed him that the TV ministries sometimes would be preaching on the same passages that he was reading. Richard loved going to different places by bus, train and car;

especially on cruise ships. He really like cruising on the Carnival, Norwegian, and Royal Caribbean, etc. His favorite places to visit were Foxwood, CT, Cove Haven, PA, Bermuda, The Bahamas, Charleston, West Virginia, and Horseshoe, Baltimore. He was an avid Pinochle, Spades, and Poker player. Richard was diagnosed with prostate cancer more than 20 years ago. This cancer was considered a very slow moving cancer, therefore, he decided not to receive treatment. Later, he was diagnosed with diabetes and high blood pressure. He became ill while he was away at Foxwood, CT. When he arrived home from Foxwood, Richard became worse and had to be rushed to the hospital by ambulance. He was placed in ICU with a very bad infection. For the last three years he was in and out of the hospital for one thing or another. Later, the doctors discovered that the cancer started to spread to his legs, spine and pelvis. He could not walk, stand, or sit up. In November he was admitted to the hospital and stayed for 3 weeks. He was released to come home on December 3, 2022. He suddenly passed away on December 5, 2022, three days before his and Rosemarie's 55th wedding anniversary. His wife, Rosemarie, was with him when he took his last breath.

Richard leaves to mourn: his wife, Rosemarie; two sons, Steven (Melissa) and Carlos (Tina); brothers, Montrell Spence (Patricia) and Raymond Spence; sister, Geri Spence (Queen); grandchildren, Carlos Jr., Carlaya, Skylar, Joshua, Ericka; and host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, buddies and friends.

He is preceded in death by siblings Karl Marshall, William Spence, Gail Marshall (McLeod) and Leonora Spence

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 11. 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

JAN 12. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Richard Lee Spence*



March Funeral Homes - January 11, 2023 at 05:59 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to Rosemarie, Steven, Carlos and the entire Spence family . . . we will miss truly miss Cousin Richard.*



Rhonda Jones - January 11, 2023 at 11:41 PM

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“ *The Chesapeake Bay Zone Frito-Lay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Lee Spence.*



The Chesapeake Bay Zone Frito-Lay - January 06, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 30, 2022 at 01:29 PM