



Rudolph Spence

September 26, 1923 - August 2, 2002

Rudolph Fred Spence was born September 26, 1923 in Camden, N.C. to the late Charlie Spence and Armelia Bartlett Spence. Rudolph was the second child to this union and was preceded in death by one sister, Clelia Jane Spence. Rudolph received his early education in the public schools of Camden County, North Carolina and completed his education in the Baltimore City Public School System where he received his high school diploma. Rudolph was employed at Dukeland Meat Packing Company as supervisor for twenty-five years until he retired in 1973. However, he was an entrepreneur of many businesses. To name a few, he had a service station, auto repair garage, and a trucking business. His last endeavors were contracting real estate and construction in moving and hauling until the day of the onset of his illness. Rudolph received Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and became a member of New Shiloh Baptist Church in Camden, North Carolina. He later joined St. Paul Community Baptist Church where he was a faithful member until his illness prevented him from being able to attend. Rudolph was an encourager of young people. He was positive person who set goals and promoted entrepreneurship to his family and friends. There was a standing joke among his grandchildren. Whenever there was a special occasion of any kind, wedding, cookout, graduation, etc., everyone knew that if you couldn't count on any one else, Rudolph Would "show up." He was blessed with many friends and will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him. On Friday, August 2, 2002 after a six-month illness, God called him

from labor to reward. Those who shared the joys of life with him and survive to cherish his most precious memory are: his devoted wife, Gloria Jean Dean Spence; one son, Reverend Wendell (Deborah) Spence of Baltimore; three daughters, Paula (Marvin) Prioleau, Audrey (Charles) Ellis, both of Baltimore, and Merle (Johnnie) Wilson of Chesapeake, VA; one father-in-law, William Richard Dean of Frisco City, Alabama; one son-in-law, Jerome Jones of Roanoke Rapids, N.C.; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edith (Thurman) Lamb and Delilian (Howard) Chamblee both of Camden, N.C.; one brother, William (Gloria) Spence of Charlotte, N.C.; three stepsons, Chris Dean, Dwayne Dean, and Sabin Dean all of Baltimore, MD.; goddaughter, Tajauna Munerlyn of Jonesboro, Georgia; godson, Willie Spence, Jr.; four sisters-in-law, three brothers-in-law; one devoted friend, George Singleton; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. One daughter preceded him in death, Lorraine Jones.

Tribute Wall



“ Rudolph Spence

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ Rudolph Spence

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Sometimes words just are not enough to take away our grief, so we rely on God for help and strength in our belief. May He uplift you greatly, take the sorrow that you bear, than comfort you with healing in the safety of His care... May God's love comfort you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

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“ Dear Granddaddy, I will miss you. It was always nice to know that you would be at the family reunions and other family events no matter what. You will be deeply missed, but I know that God will take good care of you. Love, Renita##imported-begin##Renita Mathis##imported-end##

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“ I will never forget the special person that you were to my immediate family. The Patriarch of the Spence Family for so many years. You will be truly missed. Jean, Wendell, Paula, Audrey and Meryl, our prayers are with you always.##imported-begin##Consta Williams (Your cousin)##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God's grace comfort you in your time of sorrow. I want you to know that I feel your loss and I am grieving with you. Love, Roz##imported-begin##Rosalind Spellman##imported-end##

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“ May God continue to strengthen and keep you through this difficult time...##imported-begin##Doris Blount & Ayana Patterson##imported-end##

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“ Rudolph you will be missed.##imported-begin##Dowery Wilson & Family##imported-end##

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“ Rudolph you will be missed. You were very special to us. Cousin's Wendell, Audrey, Meryl, Paula and Jean we love you all and will continue to pray for you. You cousins Michael, Cathy, James Michael & Joseph Daniels###imported-begin##Michael & Cathy (Spence) Daniels###imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I know that you loved him dearly. May the memories of times spent together lessen your sorrow and feel your hearts with joy again.###imported-begin##Cherring A. Spence (Your cousin)###imported-end##

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“ We will miss Rudolph at the many family functions -- let's keep the legacy alive.###imported-begin##Loretta M. (Mercer) Fuller###imported-end##

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“ This is a very nice tribute to my brother-in-law. I really enjoyed knowing him for his warmth, concern and humor. Although he may not know it, I think of him as "Big Spence" affectionally because my husband is referred to fondly by some as "Little Spence." I have already missed him at the last Labor Day Cook-Out and the past Spence Family Reunion. He was just a great guy.###imported-begin##Gloria J. Spence###imported-end##

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