



John Dennis Spencer

January 3, 1944 - September 2, 2020

Dateline: Grafton

John Dennis Spencer, 76, died at 4:16 p.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at his home in Grafton. Born January 3, 1944 in Hammond, IN, he was the son of John D. and Roanna L. "Roni" (Smith) Spencer. Mr. Spencer served in the U.S. Air Force and was an active member of the Abundant Life Community Church in Alton. He was a member of the EMU Motorcycle Club and volunteered for OSF Hospice. He loved to play the ukulele, guitar and harmonica. He retired from Shell Oil as a heavy equipment operator. After retirement he worked part time for Cavallo Bus Line. In 1970 he married the former Margie L. Haynes in Alton. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Carla Newton (Jim) of Grafton, one son, Jerry Brown (Lisa) of Augusta, Michigan, three grandchildren, Roanna Newton, Amy Brown and Ashley Allen, four great grandchildren, Evelyn, Aiden, Jameson and Annabelle, two brothers, Dane Spencer (Ruth) of Alton, and Kevin Spencer (Janet) of Godfrey, and two sisters, Cindy Burns (Robert) of Sumner, IL and Mary Ann Zahner (Alan) of Alton. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Brown and a brother, Stephen Spencer. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, a drive thru visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Please enter through the south entrance off Rozier Street. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Reverend

Roy Rhodes will officiate. Memorials may be made to OSF Hospice. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Dennis Spencer*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John Dennis Spencer*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dennis was my cousin. His dad (my mother's brother) was one of our favorite uncles. We were not as geographically close (Arkansas) and so not as bonded as the others family. Our family of aunts, uncles and cousins is getting smaller. I wanted to express my sadness over Dennis's passing, sounds as if had a life well lived here on earth and a better one now.
Love from my mothers (his aunt pearl) family.*

Jane Hartline Bowden - September 15, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dennis Spencer was a true gentleman and kind man. My thoughts and prayers go up for family and friends. I believe we will meet again in that land where death and sorrow are no more.*

Jerry Hampshire - September 08, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Dennis will be missed. Praying for your family.*

Sam and Nina

Sam Beem - September 05, 2020 at 07:51 AM

SM

“ We first met Dennis at an AHRMA Trials event, the first of many meetings, both at AHRMA events and at Donelson's Cycles. We always enjoyed spending time with him. He was such a great person and storyteller. We are still laughing about his spider stories and his tale about when he discovered that he could get cash when we bought groceries with the ATM card (before Margie took his card away.) He will be sorely missed, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain. -- Sy & Claude McElvain ("To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." - Author Unknown)



Sy McElvain - September 04, 2020 at 04:57 PM

KE

“ I met Dennis many years ago through Lisa, his daughter-in-law, one of my best friends. Then we ended up going to church together. Lisa & Jerry lived away, so I always enjoyed talking with Dennis and catching up. He enjoyed life and had so much to give. He had a servant's heart and I loved when he told me that he volunteered with Hospice. I will miss chatting with him at church. Hugs & prayers for Margie and family. May God comfort you and give you peace during this time.

Karen Edwards - September 04, 2020 at 04:39 PM

CC

“ We were so happy when we learned Dennis & Marge would be our new neighbors here in Grafton. I will miss his backyard jam sessions, comparing our mushroom finds and racing discussions. He was always lending a helping hand around town and a great asset to the community. Just a truly nice guy. Many, many condolences to the family. Carole Clayton

Carole Clayton - September 04, 2020 at 02:30 PM

CH

“ Remembering Dennis from Therapy Dog visits. Always so kind and pleasant to be around. Will miss he and Margie with Lily at visits and our Christmas dinners! Prayers for Margie and her beautiful family for comfort and peace! May he rest in Jesus’ arms.

carolyn and Gene Holt - September 04, 2020 at 11:43 AM

GH

So sorry to hear about Dennis passing. I will miss visiting with him at Christmas. He was always pleasant and kind. Margie, you have my sincere sympathy. Georgian

Georgian Hock - September 04, 2020 at 08:37 PM

PW

“ I worked with John at the refinery. He was one of the "GOOD GUYS".
My condolences to the family. Paul Weinmann.

Paul Weinmann - September 04, 2020 at 10:31 AM

GK

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of John. We worked along side each other for many years at the refinery.

gary klucker - September 03, 2020 at 11:46 PM

SH

“ Dennis has been a member in good standing with the Gateway Norton Association for 15+ years. He will be missed by all of us. I loved it when he would produce a harmonica and start to play. He was my friend. On his final ride may angels be on his side our prayers are in his tank bag. Steve Hurst

Steve Hurst - September 03, 2020 at 09:20 PM

MB

“ Remembering years past ,next door neighbors.
Love the family.



Richard and Darlene Burns

Mary Darlene Burns - September 03, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
John Dennis Spencer.



September 03, 2020 at 08:08 PM

TW

“ One of our friends from racing motorcycles in Ahrma across the
country. Always with a story to tell. And a fun ski partner.

Tammy & Wayne - September 03, 2020 at 08:03 PM

CM

“ Words cannot express how deeply sorry we are and how terribly we
will miss Dennis. Love to you all.

Claire and Ben and Marek McKinney - September 03, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Dennis Spencer.*



September 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM



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September 03, 2020 at 05:40 PM



David Totten

“ *I got to know Dennis through his motorcycle friends, and through his involvement with Grafton. Just a nice, nice person.*

David Totten (Sidecar Dave)

David Totten - September 03, 2020 at 03:23 PM