



Spencer F. Wilkerson

April 25, 2019

Spencer F. Wilkerson, 96, of Lancaster, PA, died on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at home surrounded by family. Born in Amelia County, Virginia, he was the son of the late Flippen P. and Joanna Barley Wilkerson. He was the husband of the late Ruby Wilson Wilkerson who died in 2007.

Spencer graduated from Susquehanna Township High School in Harrisburg. He was drafted in the U.S. Army and served in the 28th Cavalry 2nd Cavalry Division during WWII. After the war and with the help of the G.I. Bill, Spencer was able to graduate from Eckels College of Mortuary Science and attend Temple University, both in Philadelphia, PA.

On October 10, 1945 in Rouen, France, he married the late Ruby M. Wilkerson who was serving in the Women's Army Corps with the all black 6888th Central Postal Director Battalion. They honeymooned in Paris, France.

Spencer served with the Hooper Memorial Funeral Home in Harrisburg, PA for seven years. He also completed two years at Thompson Business College. He was employed by the Harrisburg State Department and later employed at the Middletown Air Depot where he remained until it was phased out.

In 1957, Spencer moved to Lancaster, PA and founded the Spencer F. Wilkerson Funeral Home at 502 South Christian Street, which later relocated to 1045 East King Street. He worked full time at the Lancaster Post Office until he retired in 1980. In 1988 he sold his funeral business to, and went to work for Fred F. Groff, Inc.

He is a past member of many groups and organizations such as: past member of Unity Lodge of Elks #71 I.B.P.O.E. of W. Harrisburg, PA, past Chairman of the Housing Board of Appeals, past Chairman of the N.A.A.C.P. Housing Board, past member of the Lancaster County Funeral Directors Association and past member of its Board of Governors. Just to mention a few. He was also a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Urban League Housing Development.

Most of Spencer's happiest times were spent with his family, playing golf, taking cruises, reading and cars.

He is survived by his son, Spencer F. Wilkerson, Jr. and his daughter, Joanna L. Wilkerson, both of Lancaster, two grandchildren, Joshua and Patrinia Wilkerson, three great-grandchildren: Desmarie, MacKenzie and Zaydeair Wilkerson, one brother, John Henry Wilkerson and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Wilkerson.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Spencer's Funeral Service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 701 N. Lime Street, Lancaster on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Roland P. Forbes officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Spencer's memory to Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604 or Make a Wish Foundation, 1054 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
701 N. Lime Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Spencer F. Wilkerson*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - May 01, 2019 at 11:09 AM

PM

Simply beautiful.

pam miller - May 01, 2019 at 03:45 PM

SW

Becoming a member of this family in 1968 was the greatest Blessing. So many wonderful family member who are now gone and were such a part of my own journey .

Sheila Wilkerson - May 02, 2019 at 10:39 AM

MW

Beautiful.....

Marcel Woods - May 03, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ *Spencer F. Wilkerson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

MR

“ *Madge L. Robinson lit a candle in memory of Spencer F. Wilkerson*



Madge L. Robinson - May 03, 2019 at 10:34 PM

MW

“ God has call another one of his Angel home.. To the Wilkerson family your Dad was always so kind to people during their time of loss of a family member, praying for healing during your time of loss of your father. He always gave back to the young people in Lancaster city through Scholarships and he always ask me if I knew of young people who want to go to school and learn his trade of work. He offer to help them financially so they could come back and work with him and take over the business one day to help our folks . Will ready miss him, but know he is in a better place.

Marcei Woods - May 03, 2019 at 02:51 PM

PB

“ Pam and Pat Brown purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Spencer F. Wilkerson.



Pam and Pat Brown - May 01, 2019 at 03:44 PM

EJ

“ To the family ... May God give you comfort and peace, you had a great father and he was loved by many ... Mr. Wilkerson was in my experience of knowing him, a truly great man. He's now one of God's soldiers in heaven and back with his beloved wife.



Elaine Jones

Elaine Jones - May 01, 2019 at 03:35 PM

PM

“ Your family was the first we got to know when we moved in 2 doors down from you guys. We loved your dad and your mom. He will be missed. I am so glad that he is with your mom once again. Sending prayers and much love to your family. Love Pam and Pat Brown.

pam miller - May 01, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - May 01, 2019 at 10:05 AM



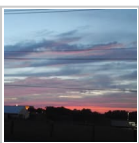
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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 30, 2019 at 03:46 PM

BP

“ Never will there be A more kinder man that did so many things for this town of Lancaster Pa. The love he gave , the people he touched. If you met him you would be A better person because of it. There are no words to tell about a man like Spencer, A friend,just someone who wanted to help everyone, someone who has gone the distance who made life have A true meaning. A man who touched so many lives with love and understanding. With so many things going wrong in this world I always looked for someone like(Spencer F Wilkerson)as A (Positive roll model). If I could have my way I would have 100,000 more just like him. I will miss you (Mr. Wilkerson) seems you where always there and you made this world A better place.It seems good people don"t last forever,but I will go down this long and dusty road and hold on to the memories of you as long as I live. Thanks so very much for being you, your friend. (.Barry Patterson).

Barry Patterson - April 30, 2019 at 12:30 AM



“ I worked with Spencer Jr but had the privilege of meeting his Dad several times. One time while sitting at a traffic light in the mail truck he drove up beside me tooted the horn I looked over see his smiling face and his hands like he's measuring something. Part of his sense of humor about his business. His sense of humor and smile were handed down to his son. Now heaven is Blessed with it and his owl sound. Condolences to Spencer Jr and family
Eileen Anderson

Eileen Anderson - April 29, 2019 at 10:21 AM

EH

“ When Spence worked the night shift at the downtown Post Office, he would coo like an owl "whoo woo woo woo " into the ladies room. If no one answered, he assumed it was empty and would go in to clean. That was over 40 years ago, and my husband and I still use it to find each other in a crowd or the back yard, for that matter. Spencer always greeted others with a smile and kind word. If you were down in the dumps, you would be lifted up by seeing Spencer. He passed that wonderful attitude for others down to his son who also greets with a smile. Thank God for putting Spencer in our world to make it a happier place. See you in Heaven ! Eileen Hodgen

Eileen Hodgen - April 29, 2019 at 06:10 AM

MO

“ Dear Spencer Jr and family. Your father was a wonderful man who left a mark in my life. I started in the USPS in 79 and your father gave me great wisdom and advice. He was truly an honorable man. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God grant you peace in knowing that he is with his maker. God Bless you all. I am sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Monica Ortega

Monica Ortega - April 28, 2019 at 08:35 PM

NM

“ I will always remember our talks around the dinner table of he and norm reminiscing about the "South Pole" and their life in the army. Norm will be forever known as "South Pole Norm" and me as "Mustang Judy" Please take comfort that he will finally be with his Ruby. Wish we could be there with you but we are sending our love and praying for God to lift you up at this sad time. Love, Norm and Judy

Norm & Judy Myers - April 27, 2019 at 11:27 AM

A.

“ May the bereaved family be comforted by looking forward to Jesus' promise of seeing your dear loved one again.
Revelations 20:13~ And the sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the Grave gave up the dead in them, and they were judged individually according to their deeds.



A. - April 26, 2019 at 04:55 PM