



Rev. Burton William Spencer Jr.

April 8, 1940 - April 20, 2025

Rev. Burton William Spencer Jr., 85, of Charleston, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Smithers, went home to rejoice with the Lord on Resurrection Sunday evening, April 20, 2025.

Born on April 8, 1940, in Horse Pasture, Virginia, Burton was the son of Burton Weldron and Margaret Spencer Johnson. He was also preceded in death by his wives, Martha Tatum Spencer and Jimmie Lee Spencer; grandchildren, Sara Elizabeth Spencer and Caleb Watson-Hankins.

Burton was a truck driver for Birch Moving and Storage, Point Express, Halls Motor and Consolidated Freight, former pastor of Harewood Baptist Church, Harewood WV, and Elizabeth Baptist Church of Cedar Grove. He was passionate about his work, but never more than his passion for the Word of God.

He is survived by his children, Chaunita Woodson of Charleston, Burton Spencer III (Lynn) of Charleston, Sophia Spencer of Spartanburg, SC, Terri "Tea" Spencer of Charleston, and Thomas Spencer (Angela) of Lady Lake, FL; sisters, Nancy Purry of Detroit, Eva King of Winston-Salem, NC, Margaret "Jane" Reynolds (James Jr.) of Patrick Springs, VA; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm Monday, April 28, 2025, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Larry Smith and Deacon Gordon Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow service at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers it was Burton's request for donations to be sent to First Baptist Church of Smithers at 696 Michigan Avenue, Smithers, WV 25186.

You may visit Burton's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, is honored to serve the Spencer family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

APR 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TD

“ Tom D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Burton William Spencer Jr..

Tom D. - April 28, 2025 at 09:49 AM





BP

“ Bertha Peters lit a candle in memory of Rev. Burton William Spencer Jr.



Bertha Peters - April 27, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BP

I would like to take this time out to say, so sorry for your loss. I loved Reverend Spencer very much and he will truly be missed, even though I didn't  get to see him that often nevertheless he was a great man of God. I pray  the rest of the family is fine even though it's hard to accept the fact that he's no longer with us. REST IN PEACE AND  GOD BLESS  THE FAMILY

Bertha Peters - April 27, 2025 at 03:56 PM

PH

“ Rev Spencer aka Mr Burton was always a kind, caring, gentle, honest man. My family and I knew him for decades. His love for God and people was consistently evident. May God comfort his family.

Pamm "Susie Lindsey" Haley - April 25, 2025 at 03:42 PM

DJ

“ *Delores L. James purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Burton William Spencer Jr..*



Delores L. James - April 25, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - April 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM

VC

“ *WHEREAS, Reverend Burton W. Spencer, Jr., served this earthly kingdom with devout service. We the officers and members of The First Missionary Baptist Church of Vandalia extend to the Spencer family our most sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy. We stand with the family as we look to the hills from whence cometh our help knowing that our help comes from the Lord. In this time of bereavement, we trust the promise of God that He will never leave us or nor forsake us.*



WE Resolve: That our prayers be ever with the family and loved ones who mourn his passing. We pray that God will comfort you for the Bible says, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Therefore, be it resolved that we embrace this bereaved family, in our common bond of grief and remembrance of a beloved soul. Be at peace in the everlasting love of the Lord.

Humbly submitted by The First Missionary Baptist Church of Vandalia

Reverend James H. Mosley, Jr., Senior Pastor

Sis. Adah Strum, Clerk

Vandalia Missionary Baptist Church - April 25, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - April 25, 2025 at 09:59 AM

RA

“ We, the officers and members of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, of Beards Fork WV, want the family to know that our hearts are with you as we gather to bid a Christian goodbye to a precious and valiant man, Rev. Burton William Spencer Jr. Not only is this a loss of a devoted man, but also a confident Minister and closest of friends to many. A person who was always available to share an encouraging word and demonstrate strong support.

WHEREAS, the passing of our beloved Reverend is Heaven's gain and there is a human tie that has been broken which bleeds the heart in agony and pain. We are encouraged and consoled in the words of Jesus who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee".

BE IT RESOLVED that we embrace the family because all of us have a common bond that will connect us for the rest of our lives. We cannot replace Rev. Spencer Jr. but will attempt to demonstrate His love for you.

To the family, we know your loss is deep, and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, but more importantly, we recognize that God called him home to get his reward.

*Humbly submitted by Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Herman James, Pastor
Sis. Rosetta Austin, Clerk*

Rosetta Austin - April 24, 2025 at 03:29 PM

JS

“ Spencer was one of the happiest sweetest person I have ever met. What an example of what a Christian man should be. He loved the Lord with such passion. I was so honored to have been his friend.

Joe Sowers - April 23, 2025 at 12:47 PM

JK

“ Dear family, may we all cherish the beautiful memories we have of Uncle Spencer. Like him, let us live our lives so we too can say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7) May God keep you all and grace you with His comfort, strength, and peace.

Love your cousin,
Minister Jami L. King

Jami King - April 23, 2025 at 09:28 AM