

Celebrating the Life of
Henry Donnell Spencer



Sunrise
January 13, 1951

Sunset
December 31, 2023

Service

Saturday, January 13, 2024 • 12:00 p.m.

New Light Baptist Church
89 Dewey Street • Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
Reverend Vernon C. Miller, Pastor

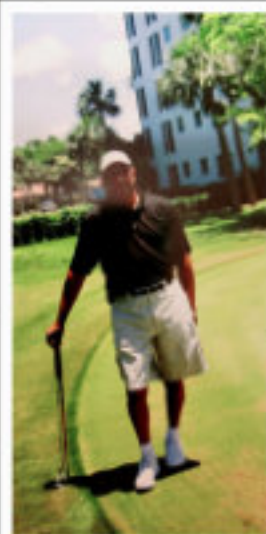
Order of Service

Invocation	Rev. Vernon C. Miller
Opening Hymn.....	Blessed Assurance
Scripture:	
Old Testament Psalm 23	Toni Jackson Perkins (Niece)
New Testament John 14: 1-6	Dr. Lamarr R. Spencer (Niece)
Prayer of Comfort	Min. Brenda Bankhead
Musical Selection.....	Choir
Acknowledgements and Resolutions	Christina Johnson (Niece)
Reading of the Obituary.....	Herbie Banks (Brother)
Tribute.....	Amber Hurley (Niece)
Expressions	Family and Friends "Please limit to two minutes"
	Grandchildren- Tania, Shanae, Elijah, Meikel Jalena Spencer (Daughter) Jo-Anna Spencer (Daughter)
Musical Selection.....	Choir
Message of Comfort.....	Rev. Vernon C. Miller, Pastor
Presentation of the US Flag	US Army Honor Guard
Committal Rites	Rev. Vernon C. Miller, Pastor
Recessional	The Family
Repast.....	Hettie Boone Lower Fellowship Hall

The family would like you to join them downstairs for the repast.

Obituary

Henry Donnell Spencer, the fourth child of seven was born on January 13, 1951 to Alice Spencer and Henry Reid in Grandville County, NC. Upon his mother's sudden death on July 5, 1957, Donnell continued to receive childhood loving care from William Spencer, his uncle, Lizzie Spencer, his aunt, in addition to his grandparents, Cleveland Spencer, Sr. and Laura Spencer. Donnell left Spring Grove Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, New Providence, NJ at the age of 72 peacefully in his sleep on Sunday morning December 31, 2023, to be with the Lord and his eternal family. Donnell was educated in the Morris School District and graduated from Morristown High School in June 1969. Upon graduation, Donnell entered the US ARMY on September 30, 1969. He served in Germany during the Vietnam War and was honorable discharged, September 29, 1975. Upon returning to Morristown, NJ, Donnell's love for cooking while in the service led him as head chef at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Morristown and soon after he started catering for lawyers, schools, weddings and more. This enticed Donnell to open his catering business under "SPENCER FOR HIRE" Construction and Catering Company, where he also loved renovating and flipping houses. He was licensed in electrical and plumbing in NJ, PA, and CT. Donnell also volunteered a great deal of time helping build homes with Habitat for Humanity. Donnell was superintendent for several different residential buildings in the Montclair area. The Montclair YMCA employed Donnell as their building maintenance and residential supervisor for decades. After his untimely motorcycle accident in August 2011, and suffering from lifelong injuries, he retired, keeping his communication ongoing with his co-workers who has become lifetime friends. After retirement, Donnell also served as a crossing guard for the Montclair district. Donnell was predeceased by his parents Alice Spencer and Henry Reid, his sister, Mary G. Jackson (1979), his brothers, Edmund M. Johnson (2019), Robert C. Banks (2004), and his grandson, Dejan D. Foster (2019). Donnell will be lovingly remembered by his son Preston, Newark, NJ, and 2 daughters Jo-Anna, Hillside, NJ, Jalena, Jamestown, NC, four grandchildren, Tania, Shanae, Elijah, Meikel, two brothers, William E. Spenser (Shelia) Puyallup, WA, Herbert W. Banks (Jessi) So. Plainfield, NJ, two sisters, Pamela Banks Depew, Roxboro, NC, Gwendolyn Aiken (Edward) Stanhope NJ, sister in law Veron Johnson, a special nephew, Deacon Charles E. Johnson (Diane) and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, family and friends. A Celebration of Life service honoring Henry Donnell Spencer will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 12 noon, at New Light Baptist Church, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 with Rev. Vernon C. Miller officiating. Repast will immediately follow the service in the Lower Fellowship Hall of the church. The Spencer Family would like to say "thank you" to M. Vernon Rowe, Jr. (Funeral Director at Rowe Funeral Home) who is also a classmate of Donnell of 1969 and to New Light Baptist Church where Donnell was a member. Please visit Rowefuneral.com where you can post a message or memory on Donnell's tribute wall.



"As you were, you will always be, treasured forever in our memory"

Acknowledgments

The family of Henry D. Spencer acknowledges with sincere gratitude and appreciation the many comforting acts of kindness expressed to us during this time. Your thoughtfulness is truly a testimony of God's love and your love for Henry. May daddy rest in peace knowing that he was truly loved. Special thank you to Mr. Vernon Rowe and Rowe Funeral Home and New Light Baptist Church for helping us with the arrangements during this difficult time. It is truly appreciated. May God bless and keep each of you in his care. Thank you and love you all.

Services Entrusted To:

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