



## Jay R. Spencer Jr.

July 6, 1923 - July 10, 2020

On July 10, 2020, Jay Spencer Jr, passed away peacefully at home in Towanda, PA at the age of 97. He was born on July 6, 1923 in Towanda, PA to Jay and Minnie (Williams) Spencer. On November 15, 1947, he married Charlotte Ruth Gross from Wilkes-Barre, PA. Jay was a WWII Army veteran serving in the South Pacific. He worked for GTE Sylvania for 43 years and retired as a Senior Technician. As an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Towanda for over 70 years, Jay took on many roles such as Junior Warden, serving many terms on the Vestry, sung in the choir, 5 years as Canvass and Stewardship Chairman, and 23 years as treasurer. He also had used his talents to refinish furniture in the church and performed numerous maintenance jobs over the years. Jay enjoyed working in his garage refinishing and repairing furniture for family and friends, attending church services with breakfast afterwards, working in the yard, and visiting family. Jay was preceded in death by his wife Charlotte, parents, brother, Elwood, and sisters Cleone, Janice, and Alberta. He is survived by his children, Claudia Jackson (Douglas), Becky Hoeft (Paul), Lester Spencer (Eun-Hee), and Linda Harvey, sisters, Berneda Daly and Judy Parmenter, grandchildren, Doug Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, Joshua Jackson, Anna Hoeft, Matt Hoeft, Kristina Spencer, Brandon Spencer, and four great grandchildren, Amber Jackson, Spencer Jackson, Boston Jackson, and Landon Jackson. A memorial service will be held for family and guests on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Christ Episcopal Church, 1 Main St., Towanda at 11 am. Guests will be able to visit

from 10 am to 11 am at the church. Interment will follow at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Towanda with military honors accorded. No flowers please. Contributions may be directed to Towanda American Legion Post No. 42, 912 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848 or to Guthrie Hospice, 421 Tomahawk Road, Towanda, PA 18848 in memory of Jay Spencer Jr. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, guests are required to maintain social distance and wear face masks. Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church  
One Main Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jay R. Spencer Jr.

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Jay R. Spencer Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Jay R. Spencer Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Jay R. Spencer Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Jay R. Spencer Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ My heart is broken to learn after two years of Jay's passing, my love and hugs go out to all in the family...Jay was my family also (Bonnie Marshall Park), my mother and his darling wife Charlotte were cousins ... Jay I will hold you dear in my heart for all my life, may your golden Angel Wings soar high in Heaven with all God and Jesus's Grace ...you are loved !!!!

**Bonnie Marshall Park** - March 17, 2022 at 12:45 PM

DH

“ Dear Linda, Lester, Claudia, Becky, and Family,  
Please accept Debbie's and my deepest condolences for the loss of your father, Jay. I am deeply saddened by his death, but also thankful for his friendship over so much of my life. I know that his faith always sustained him, particularly at the loss of Charlotte, whom I loved dearly. I was always glad to see Jay, and catch up when I returned to Towanda. The last time was in 2016, when we breakfasted with the church group, and I was so pleased to see Claudia after many years. I have such fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. They remembered traveling to Kentucky on the same train with my late mother, Mary "Molly" Jennings Hawke, early in their marriage. Jay Spencer loaned me his fine tweed overcoat to use in our Senior Class play. It fit well, and I wished he would will it to me (wink). We were all truly blessed to have him for a friend and example in life.

*May God bless, you my dear friends in your time of grief.*

*Sincerely,*

*David B. Hawke*

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**David B. Hawke** - August 06, 2020 at 05:44 PM

SB

“ Jay was a gentleman who loved God, his family, and his church. He will be missed.

*Sharon Brutzman*

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**Sharon Brutzman** - July 20, 2020 at 10:07 PM

RM

“ R I P Jay, Friend, and Neighbor. -- Kathy, Dick, and Chris McGuire

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**Richard McGuire** - July 20, 2020 at 06:32 AM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

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**VFW Post 1536** - July 19, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JF

“ Sincere condolences to Jay's family. Worked with Jay at GTE. He was a great, sincere guy and I always enjoyed having a chat with him. RIP Jay.

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**John Fedorchak** - July 19, 2020 at 10:07 AM

KL

“ Claudia, Sorry about your dad. Always remember those virtues he taught you while you were growing up!!

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**Kathy LeStrange** - July 18, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CC

“ Our deepest Sympathies to Jay's children and the rest of his family. Thanks for getting Jay all those western books. Not only did we enjoy them, but made a new friend. When we went to pick up the books, we would spend time talking about all those projects that you all had him doing. He would say "I think my kids are trying to keep me busy." Don't let that fool you. He loved that you brought projects for him to do. He would show each and everyone of them to us. Show us the master pieces he would make them into. He loved redoing every one.

To Jay: You all most made it, buddy. 3 more years.

Sincerely,

Charles Wolfe, and Cheryl Golden  
We will never forget Jay.

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**Charles and Cheryl** - July 18, 2020 at 07:18 AM