



William Gene Spence

October 25, 1956 - November 26, 2024

William Gene Spence, 68, of Lubbock, Texas passed away November 26, 2024.

Gene was born October 25, 1956 in Lubbock, TX to Robert Timothy Spence, Sr. and Videlia Ellen Spence.

Gene graduated from New Deal High school in 1974 and began working as an electric motor repairman for Brandon and Clark Electric. He retired after 25 years of service and moved with wife, Mary to New Life Ranch in Colcord Oklahoma. There he managed all sorts of building projects including building new staff housing, dorm, and a new chapel of which he was most proud.

Gene was simply a genius with a block of wood. He used his God-given skill to the best of his ability. He could do any kind of building or remodeling work imaginable. Most of all, he was an expert-level electrician and cabinet-maker. He made many pieces of heirloom quality furniture that will be passed down to his descendants for generations to come.

Gene and Mary, whom he married on September 25, 1999 built many priceless memories at New Life Ranch over the next 8 years. They moved back to Lubbock in 2007 to be closer to grandkids. Gene worked for Lubbock County Appraisal District, First Baptist Church, and occasional remodeling jobs since moving back.

Loved ones include spouse Mary Spence; daughter Emily Edwards and husband Chancy; daughter Holly Pierce and husband Henry; Grandchildren Kaitlyn Pierce, Carson Edwards, Kelsea Pierce, Callie Edwards, and Kamryn

Pierce; sister Diana White; brother Tim Spence and wife Jan; sister Carol Peterson; brother Howard Spence and wife LeAnn; brother, Eddie Spence; brother-in-law, Larry Estes and numerous nieces, nephews and their children whom he loved like his own grandkids.

Preceded in death by Videlia Spence (Mother), Robert Spence, Sr. (Father), and Catherine Spence (stepmother), and Dennis Spence (brother).

Gene will be remembered as a kind, joyful servant of the Lord. His Godly influence has had a profound influence on the lives of his daughters and their families. He was the spiritual leader of his extended family. He was humble of heart and soul. He was hospitable, always willing to serve a meal or give a kind word. He was a wise counselor and mentor. He was hard-working. He cared deeply about others, and he modeled the love of Christ for those he knew. Gene believed that there is a God of the universe, and He created the world. He created man in His image. He believed that Jesus is the Son of God, born of a virgin, the spotless Lamb of God who gave up his life voluntarily, as a payment for the sins of those who follow him. Gene believed that Jesus rose from the grave, defeating death, and now sits at the right hand of God the creator of the universe. Gene had no doubt that Jesus was his Lord and Savior, and he will spend eternity with Him. Gene would want anyone reading this to know that they too can have this free gift of salvation, if they call on the name of Jesus, and repent from their sins and walk with the Lord.

Family visitation will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Friday, December 6, 2024 at Sanders Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2024 at First Baptist Church Lubbock with Tim Thorton officiating. Graveside services will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Please celebrate the life of William by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Donate to New Life Ranch <http://newliferanch.com/donate>

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
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Lubbock, TX 79401
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Funeral Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

First Baptist Church Lubbock

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Gene Spence



Sanders Funeral Home - December 06, 2024 at 12:20 AM

KT

“*Mary, I am so very heartbroken for this day. We all knew it was coming, but that still doesn't totally prepare us for it.*

I met Gene when he came to a meeting in 2008. We got to know each other after he became a client and we found out that we shared a lot of common values and beliefs, most importantly, the faith and hope we both had in Jesus Christ. When he told me this summer about how his condition had changed, he told me, “He would keep my seat warm.”

It hurt me when I heard first about his condition about a year ago. Gene had become a good friend. It hurts me now that you are temporarily separated from him.

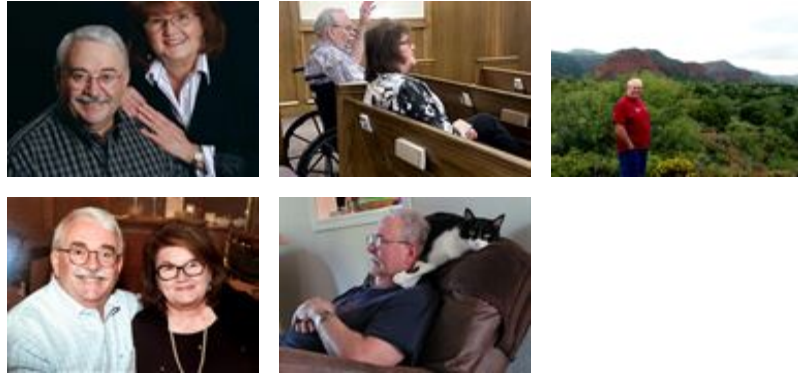
When times like this happen, people will say, “ They are no longer hurting and in a better place”. We who are believers in Christ know not everyone goes to a better place. However, in Gene's case we KNOW where he is right now and he is not hurting.

So, look forward to the day when death cannot separate us and there will be no more tears. We love you.

Keith Trent - December 07, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ 102 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sanders Funeral Home - December 05, 2024 at 06:42 PM

JZ

“ Please accept our utmost condolences for your loss. I’m certain that there’s a glorious reunion in heaven going on and the Spence family has a very special guardian angel who is watching over them.

Jack Zehr - November 29, 2024 at 11:04 AM

NP

“ Most of you don’t know me. I am Howard’s cousin from the Paschal side but I knew Gene as a child. Even then he was sweet. I always loved playing with him because he was a happy guy. I still smile at those memories. I’m very sorry that you are having this pain but like I will, remember his smiles and let those comfort you.

Nan Paschal

Nan Paschal - November 27, 2024 at 04:52 PM

CE

“ We will miss you PawPaw! He was a Godly influence in the lives of many, many people. He was kind, gentle and wise, and loved serving people. He smoked the best brisket around, and he loved to cook sausage, gravy & biscuits for the grandkids when they spent the night. He had a huge heart and was a master carpenter, like his Lord, Jesus. He leaves a large hole in our family, but we know we will see him again soon.

Love,
Chancy

Chancy Edwards - November 27, 2024 at 04:04 PM

CU

I met Gene and Mary on our Alaskan cruise in 2019. So kind and friendly. It was a pleasure to get to know them on this adventure. Prayers for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time. Cheri U'Ran

Cheri Bates U'Ran - November 28, 2024 at 10:53 PM