



## Charles Wilson Spence

January 31, 1925 - March 17, 2010

Charles Wilson Spence was born January 31, 1925 at Greenville, SC unto John Doane Spence, Sr. and Lillian Evelyn Wilson Spence, passed away March 17, 2010. His father, born in Clayton, NC was a local merchant. His mother was the daughter of Julian Sidney Wilson, the Founder of Simpsonville, SC. He was a nephew of C. Douglas Wilson, a Mortgage Banker and of Robert S. Mealing, Mayor of North Augusta. Mrs. Spence died in 1939, Mr. Spence in 1945. A brother, John Doane Spence, Jr. died in 1980. His mother died when he was only nine years old. His father was sick for many years and was unable to care for the children. Charles supported himself from the time he was twelve years old. Many people helped him during those years. Our family would like to thank the family of Mr. and Mrs. Otus Pickleseimer for allowing Charles to live in an abandoned auto for six months and take showers in their service station; Jim Love, Esquire; Southern Bell Linemen; Duke Power Linemen and others who helped him when he lived in the Stagg Apartments as a young lad.

Mr. Spence graduated Greenville Senior High School in 1941. In 1942 at the age of 17 he became Manager of the Cannon Shoe Store in Cleveland, Ohio. During World War II he served in the South Pacific as a Coxswain on a landing craft in the 543rd Amphibious Brigade, surviving 62 separate Campaigns, and was Honorably Discharged in 1946.

In 1946, he entered Duke University, washing dishes at the hospital to pay tuition. In 1948, he entered Duke University Law School.

In 1950, he passed the Virginia Bar and was admitted to practice in Virginia. In 1951, he graduated Duke University Law School. He then took and passed the South Carolina Bar and was admitted to practice in South Carolina. He associated with the Law Firm of Leatherwood, Walker, Todd and Mann. In 1953, he formed a partnership with Younts during which time they founded Fountain Inn Federal Savings and Loan Association. In 1959, he founded Travelers Rest Savings and Loan Association, serving as a Director, Secretary and Attorney for over twenty years. In 1965 he became a sole practitioner at 101 Broadus Avenue, Greenville, SC. One of Mr. Spence's proudest accomplishments was passing the Virginia Bar Exam after his second year of law school so that even the most difficult professors at Duke couldn't keep him from practicing law.

Mr. Spence has founded, owned or been an officer in the following: Augusta Temporaries, Inc., a franchise of Manpower Temporary Help Services, Founder, Officer & Director; Aviation Services Int'l, Founder, Officer & Director; Banner Mutual Life Insurance Company, Officer; Depositions and...Inc., a court reporting firm, Officer; Rex, Inc., Founder, Officer & Director; Spence Real Estate Co., Owner, Broker in charge; Spence, Spence & Reed, Partner; Spence & Spence, Partner; Systems Staff Corp., Founder, Officer & Director; Track-A-Temp, Inc., Founder, Officer & Director.

Mr. Spence was a member, now or formerly in the following: AMBUCS, American Business Club; American Legion, Overseas Veteran; American Rifle Association, Life Member; Cancer Crusade, Crusade Chairman; Clan MacDuff of Banhard, Clan Spens; Clemson University IPTAY, Life Member; Clemson Scholarship Program, Life Member; Commerce Club of Greenville, Life Member; Duke Alumni Association; Order of the Eastern Star; Elks B.P.O.E., Trustee; Georgia University Scholarship Donor; German-American Club; Greenville Country Club, Life Member & Board of Directors; Greenwood Country Club; Houndslake Country Club, Aiken, SC ; Lions Club, Greenville, SC; Lions Club, Travelers Rest, SC; Walden Masonic Lodge No. 274, A.F.M.;

Loyal Order of Moose; Myrtle Beach Yacht Club, Coquina Harbour; Pebble Creek Country Club, Life Member; Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Alpha Chapter, Duke University; Piedmont Club, Spartanburg, SC; Pinnacle Club, Augusta, GA; Sertoma Club, Wade Hampton, Greenville, SC; Hejaz Shrine Temple, Greeters Unit, Scottish Rite Bodies & York Rite Bodies; Spartanburg Country Club, Spartanburg, SC; U.S. Power Squadron, Secretary; Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Westlake Country Club, Augusta, GA.

Mr. Spence is survived by his wife of 37 ½ years, Martha Wooten Spence of the home; two sons, Steven R. Spence of Travelers Rest, SC and Edward D. Spence and wife Madelen of Greenville, SC; two daughters, Laura J. Spence of Lexington, Ky and Susan F. Spence of Abbingdon, VA and two grandchildren, Jessica M. Spence and John W. Spence.

Graveside services will be held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at The Spence Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2pm until 8pm at the home on Friday, March 19, 2010, 259 Pine Log Ford Road, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thoughts@manpowersc.com](mailto:www.thoughts@manpowersc.com) or at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

the Home of Charles W. Spence  
259 Pine Log Ford Road  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Service

MAR 20. 4:00 PM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall



“ Wonderful



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king larriante sumbryel - December 11, 2021 at 03:57 AM



“ So sorry to hear the news of Mr. Spence's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Keith Alsup ##imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 12:38 PM



“ Dear Martha,

*Please accept my sympathy. The two of you were so kind to my mother, Catherine Langley. I have fond memories of the two of you at Caterans.*

*Mother always told me what a special person you are - she loved both you and Charlie. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.*

*Clara Ballew*

*Murfreesboro, TN##imported-begin##Clara Ballew##imported-end##*

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March 20, 2010 at 11:31 PM



“ *Dear Spence Family*  
*I wish to extend my condolences to the family of Charles Spence and his friends.*  
*I will keep you all in my prayers.*  
*May God bless you all.*  
*Janice Sherman##imported-begin##Janice Sherman##imported-end##*

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March 20, 2010 at 03:35 PM



“ *Dear Martha and Family,*

*We are very sorry to hear of Charles' passing. He was a true southern gentleman and lived life to the fullest. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With love, Jody and Kevin Farrell##imported-begin##Jody Farrell##imported-end##*

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March 20, 2010 at 03:34 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of Charles' death. We will always remember all the good times and will miss him.*

*Tom and Mara Givens##imported-begin##Tom Givens##imported-end##*

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March 20, 2010 at 12:00 PM



“ Martha: I was very sorry to hear and read of Charles' death. I had not seen him in many years but I remember him very pleasantly.  
Take care,  
Your friend,  
Jim Hudgens  
No response necessary.  
PS I see there is a daughter, Susan, in Abingdon, VA. My cousin Mary Lucy Bivins lives there. She is a director with the Barter Theater. Perhaps they know each other. Mary Lucy's sister, Martha Reid, lives in Greenville.##imported-begin##Jim Hudgens##imported-end##

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March 20, 2010 at 10:20 AM



“ Martha and Family. Thinking of you at this difficult time. Hope to see all of you at the service tomorrow. Charles was an amazing person and will be missed very much. My mother thought he was wonderful.##imported-begin##Helen Wilson Pickelsimer##imported-end##

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March 19, 2010 at 09:43 PM



“ dEAR mARTHA,  
  
sO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT cHARLES!  
  
hE WAS A WONDERDFUL FREE SPIRIT who I always admired.  
  
May the Good Lord rest his soul in PEACE!##imported-begin##Phil Snell##imported-end##

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March 19, 2010 at 05:27 PM



“ *Laura & Steve,  
I am sorry to read about your father's passing. I just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love in Christ###imported-begin##Dottie Dockery  
Rhoden###imported-end##*

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March 19, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ *Martha and Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*

*Stuart37095  
Gallivan White & Boyd###imported-begin##Stuart  
Mauney###imported-end##*

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March 19, 2010 at 11:41 AM



“ *Martha: I am so sorry to hear of Charles passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Betty###imported-begin##Betty McCormick###imported-end##*

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March 19, 2010 at 10:40 AM



“ *Dear Martha, we are so sorry to hear of your loss of Mr. Spence. I so remember how kind the both of you were to our family when we lost Janet. Please know our prayers are with you and your family. I know you will miss him, fondly, Susan and Johnny Cash.###imported-begin##Johnny and Susan Cash###imported-end##*

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March 19, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“ *ED, Please accept our deepest sympathies. Dad is now in a wonderful place. Don Pham and Family.##imported-begin##Don Pham and Family##imported-end##*

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March 19, 2010 at 05:16 AM



“ *Dear Martha and Family,*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Dee and Ruthie McCraw##imported-begin##Dee McCraw##imported-end##*

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March 18, 2010 at 04:37 PM