



## Donald Ray Spencer

January 14, 1958 - January 22, 2025

Donald Ray Spencer, 67, of Stone Crest, Georgia, passed away peacefully at his residence on January 22, 2025. Born in Los Angeles, California, Don lived a life marked by purpose, accomplishment, and an indomitable spirit.

Faith was a cornerstone of Don's strength. Raised in a deeply spiritual household, he found solace and purpose in the church. Playing drums in the choir and absorbing the wisdom of his stepfather, Dr Herbert Bryant, and mother, Ida Mae Bryant, instilled in him a profound sense of faith that guided him throughout his life.

Don began his career at the forefront of technology, excelling in the then-revolutionary photocopier industry. He was District Manager of Pitney Bowes where he received several awards and accolades for leadership and mentorship throughout his tenure. He later transitioned to the mortgage brokerage business, where he built a successful enterprise. Throughout his professional journey, Don was admired for his charisma, generosity, and unwavering drive. A proud veteran of the United States Army, he served his country with distinction.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Don was a passionate aficionado of sports and entertainment. His eclectic musical tastes, love for audiobooks and concerts, and dedicated support for the Los Angeles Rams and Oakland

Raiders fueled his vibrant spirit. Whether enjoying a film, a captivating show at home, or a boxing match with his sons, Don cherished life's simple pleasures and deeply appreciated the talents of others.

Facing the challenges of a chronic illness with determined optimism, Don exemplified resilience and adaptability. His positive outlook and generous spirit remained steadfast, inspiring all who knew him.

Rooted deeply in his soul, Don's unwavering faith in God provided him with the strength, resilience, and courage to navigate life's hardships. It was the foundation upon which he built his strength, offering him the peace to transition without fear or anger.

Don is preceded by his Mother Ida Mae Bryant and Granddaughter Raya Reid. He is survived by his sisters, Renette Spencer and Melody Rodriguez; his children, Portia Spencer, Brandy Arnold, Dominique Spencer, Danielle Reid, Joshua Spencer, Christopher Spencer, Donovan Spencer, Devon Spencer, Niya Spencer, and Donald Spencer II; his grandchildren, Raven Rush, Skylar Fomond, Mateo Spencer, Lewis Reid, and Lucas Reid; and his great-grandchild, Jamie Jamyr Rush and several cherished Nieces and Nephews.

An Incredible Father, Brother, Son and Friend. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate to have known him.

The Celebration of Life Service for Donald Ray Spencer will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 1:00 PM This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4873093>

Final services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Dr  
Decatur, GA 30034-4146  
(404) 288-1910

## Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Dr  
Decatur, GA 30034-4146  
(404) 288-1910

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Lavina F. purchased the Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.*



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**Lavina F.** - February 12, 2025 at 06:32 PM

LF

“ *Lavina F. purchased the Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.*



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**Lavina F.** - February 12, 2025 at 06:27 PM

SP

“ *As the best friend of Mr. Donald Spencer's eldest daughter Portia and extended family of the Babers', I would like to offer my deepest condolences for all of the loved ones celebrating the life of Mr. Spencer today. I feel blessed to have made his acquaintance years ago when I had the pleasure of meeting him. The 2 things that stood out to me the most were how beautiful his children were, and the sparkle in his eye when he spoke of them. I pray that fond memories comfort you all, and that his legacy will live on to inspire a new generation of resilient, respectful black men. May the love and peace of the Most High be with everyone during this time of loss.*  
*Sincerely, Shaunte Patterson*

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**Shaunte Patterson** - February 08, 2025 at 02:03 PM

LB

“ For over 25 years Don has been woven into the fiber of the Bradford experience. His kindness, caring spirit, and support always brought a smile to my face and energized me to be my best. From dancing at my wedding, to the countless celebrations and Thanksgivings shared, he was always a bright and shining star. He will be missed beyond words. Now he and Dad are golfing together once again, and cheering us on as we run our race. ❤️ Thank you for sharing Don with me. My life is richer because of him. My prayers for peace and comfort are with the entire family during this very difficult time. I and the entire Bradford family are here for you always. 🙏

Love you.

LaWanna Bradford



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**LaWanna Bradford** - February 08, 2025 at 11:49 AM

RB

“ As the saying goes, you may not always remember what someone said but you will always remember how they made you feel. Don always made someone feel like family, immediately. I will cherish our holidays together especially this one as I sit next to Don with my Miguel who I recently loss too. May you both give each other a hug in heaven in his turkey costume 💕💕



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**Rochelle Bradford** - February 08, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Your WVU friends (KKDTTHM) purchased the *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White* for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.



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Your WVU friends (KKDTTHM) - February 07, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ Your WVU friends (KKDTTHM) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Ray Spencer.

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Your WVU friends (KKDTTHM) - February 07, 2025 at 03:56 PM

EM

“ Donald was a rare and beautiful soul who filled every moment with warmth and kindness. He had a gift for making everyone feel special, and we feel so blessed to have been part of his world. We'll hold tightly to the Sundays spent watching football, amazed by his incredible knowledge of every stat and player. 🏈 The evenings at the Fox Theater, the laughter that echoed through holiday gatherings—these are the precious memories we'll treasure forever. Donald wasn't just a friend; he was our chosen family, and we loved him with all our hearts. His love will always be with us, and we will miss him deeply. 💜

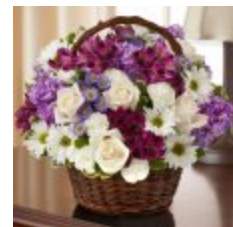
Donald, you will forever have a place in our hearts. To the Spencer family, we are sending you all our love, prayers, and comfort. His spirit will continue to shine through everyone who loved him. 💜,  
Evelyn & Brian



Evelyn Aguilar Manning - February 07, 2025 at 12:41 PM



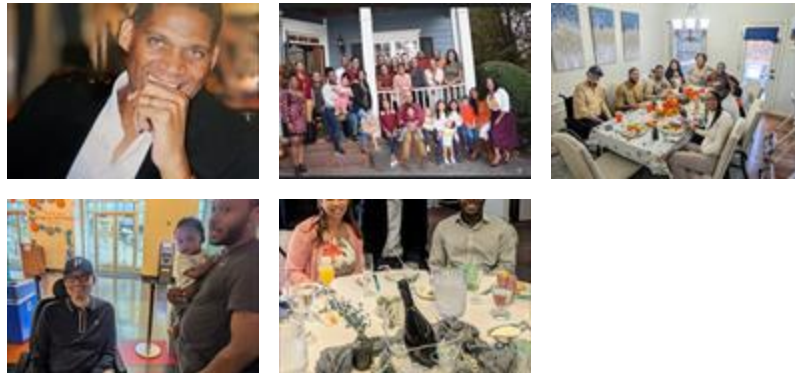
“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.



February 05, 2025 at 08:09 AM

SR

“ 160 files added to the album *The Life of Donald Spencer*



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**Sean Reid** - February 02, 2025 at 11:13 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Miller/CSA Homecare purchased the Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.*



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**Lisa Miller/CSA Homecare** - January 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Miller/CSA Homecare planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Ray Spencer.*

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**Lisa Miller/CSA Homecare** - January 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Donald and I went to elementary school together we lived in the same community. Donna was a vivacious self-confident friend when we were young. I'm sure his family is gonna miss him. I'm sending my condolences to the family and I'm so so sorry to hear about your loss.

Nadine

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**Nadine Branch (Scott)** - January 28, 2025 at 07:42 PM

BC

*Billy Charles Caldwell*

*Donald Spencer is my first cousin in our early years we got out of touch cuz our parents moved and separated I found out on the RTD bus I was in the 6th grade he was probably in the second or third and he was running down the aisle and he came back to me and said hey what's your name he said Donald I said Donald Ray he stated yes he ran back up to his mother and asked her and said Mom that boy back there says he's my cousin and she looked back and she saw me she ran up to me gave me a big hug and asked me how I was doing this is about a 1967 I didn't see download again until 1972 at Geary High School Melody Banks and I were talking in front of the school and Donald walked by and I asked her is his name Donald Melanie said yes I said call him we went to call him and he took out running not only took me around the corner where he lived and we waited for him to pull up and I was sitting on the porch and I told him who I was cuz I'm your first cousin Opie he said he knew me as Opie but he didn't know why I was his cousin and from that day on he became very very special in my life and we had a good relationship a good bond to the end it needs to make me laugh and joke a lot very determined to be successful in life I was then and I am now very very proud of Donald Ray I'm going to love and miss you till the end hopefully I'll see you soon his spirit will always dwell on me Love You Donald*

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**Billy C Caldwell** - January 31, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.



January 28, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Ray Spencer.

January 28, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ Peace & Prayers Blue & White Standing Cross was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.



January 28, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ Donald Ray is my cousin we grew up together attend the same Church as teenagers; Donald was our drummer at the Church he was good too. My cousin Donald was a sweet ,kind & handsome man. We share a lot of memories together I was sad to hear about his passing away. Praying for my family that God give them strength no more suffering Donald 🙏

Kathy Jordan-Dorsey - January 26, 2025 at 03:05 PM

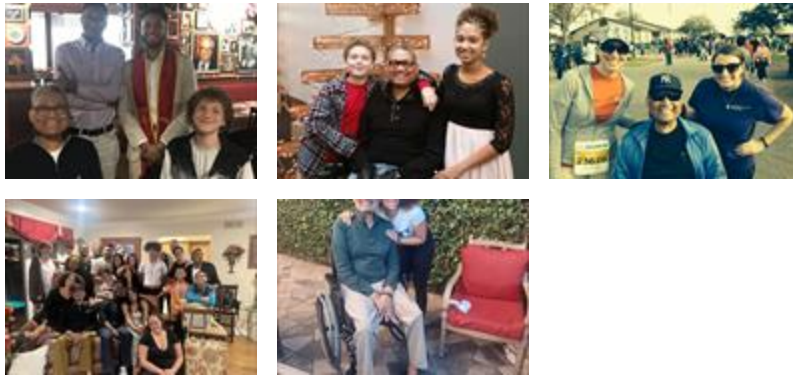


Thank you for the history and kind words about my Dad

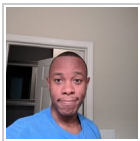
Danielle Reid - January 28, 2025 at 08:50 AM

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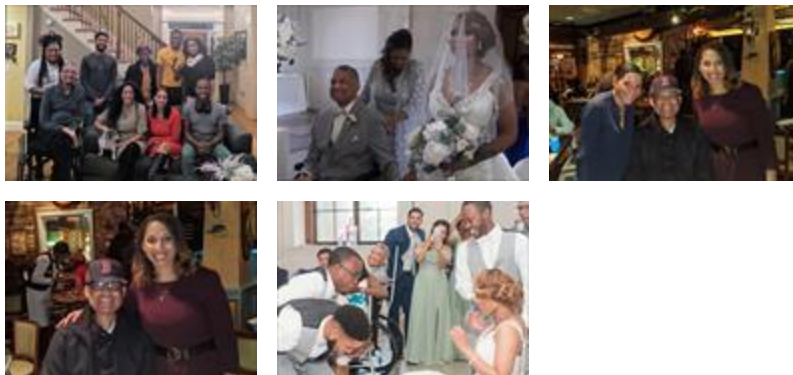
“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Niya Spencer - January 26, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Photos



Sean Reid - January 26, 2025 at 10:42 AM

HR

“ I am sorry to hear of Donald's passing. Donald was father in law to my son, Sean. My enduring memory of Donald was that he never allowed his illness to restrict his enjoyment of life or make him bitter. Condolences to his family, particularly Nellie, my daughter in law and Dom, her sister!

Hugh Reid - January 25, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DR

*Thank you, that means a lot*

Danielle Reid - January 29, 2025 at 12:08 AM

SS

“ *My brother my friend my partner in life , we share so many precious moments ,memories truly a special brother thru life I've Love you thru life, RIP!!!*

Stan Smith - January 25, 2025 at 03:30 PM

NS

“ *My father was a special man. He showed me love, kindness and strength. My father was sick my whole life, but he always smiled through the pain. It's hard being sick 24/7, but instead of grieving the life he should have had, he lived the life he was given. Concerts, games, movies or shopping, dad never let his illness get in the way of what he wanted to do. My father inspired me to pursue a career as a nurse so I could help him and people like him. I took care of my father until his last breath and I would do it again in a heartbeat. I felt his love from hundreds miles away and I still feel it now. I know he is watching down from the pearly white gates of heaven and sending his love and strength to me. I will miss him but I know I will see him again. I love you daddy and this goodbye isn't forever.*

Niya Spencer - January 23, 2025 at 11:46 PM

RL

*RIP Donald* 🙏❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏

Rhonda Lattimore - January 28, 2025 at 12:44 AM

KP

“ I met Mr. Spencer, whom I fondly called dad, through his daughter Nellie. He has been a part of our lives for 2 decades. He was always so kind and welcoming. We were never strangers, always family. I pray that his loving ways live on in his beautiful family. You all are loved immensely.

*Dr. Keeshia Pace*

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**Keeshia Pace** - January 23, 2025 at 08:18 PM

CL

“ I met Donald when his daughter Nellie became friends with my son Sean, who she later married. He was always such a pleasant person with a warm and likeable personality. You just had to admire him. He was always well dressed, sociable and gracious. His love for his children was evident as well as his grandchildren. I remember how happy and excited he was hearing of the birth of his twin grandsons whom he adored. We will truly miss him at our family events. He was a pillar of strength to his children.

*Claudette*

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**Claudette** - January 23, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ Beautiful White Rose Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Spencer.



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January 23, 2025 at 06:13 PM