

## Donald Jay Spicer

April 30, 1930 - April 18, 2014

Donald Jay Spicer, age 83, passed away in the comfort of his home Friday, April 18, 2014. He was the last surviving son of Floyd and Myrtle Spicer. He was born April 30, 1930 to Floyd Sherman and Myrtle Blanche Spicer, née Wahl. He and his sister Doris were the first twins born in Clare hospital. He was one of 16 children. He met the love of his life, Shirley Mae Dunkle, and married her on July 3, 1964. Together they had and raised three boys and two girls. He served in Korea from 1951 – 1953 where he received a purple heart as a result of an injury at Triangle Hill. He worked at a variety of jobs throughout his life and retired from the oilfields at age 62. He enjoyed bowling, gardening, being outdoors, playing cards, doing puzzles, repairing small engines, tinkering, and especially spending time with family. Don had a love of life; he enjoyed telling stories that everyone loved to hear, and jokes that made everybody laugh.

Don is survived by his wife of 50 years, Shirley; his children, Donald Spicer (Julia Spicer-Torres), Jean (David) Spencer, Kim (Mike) Nutt, David (Wanda) Spicer; his siblings, Doris Zuker, Jan (Ed) Tomaski, Jean (Larry) Bole; his grandchildren, Levi (Lori) Spencer, Nicole Nutt, Helaina Spencer, Crystal Nutt, Rocío Spicer-Torres, Kevin Spicer-Torres, Danté Spicer; his step-grandchildren, Christy (Pete) Brown, John Heileman, Stephanie (Chris) Jaskolski; his great-grandchildren, Aidyn Spencer, Cameron Cutsinger; his step-great-grandchildren, James (Nicole) Brown, Casey Kotrba, Kendall Jaskolski, Reese Jaskolski; and many beloved nieces and nephews,

neighborhood kids who knew him as Dad, Uncle Don, or Grandpa Don. He was preceded in death by his son, Carl; his parents and siblings, William Spicer, Edward Spicer, Ray Spicer, Esther Spicer, Helen Spicer, Robert Spicer, Larry Spicer, Dot Gingery, Sue Bole, Jimmy Spicer, Jerry Spicer, and John Spicer.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 2 P.M. at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Young officiating. Burial will be in the Surrey Twp. Cemetery in Farwell. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 7-9 P.M. On-line guestbook at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.  
Farwell, MI 48622

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dad, David & I will miss you with all our hearts. You meant the world to us both.

David keeps recalling times when you'd do or say something & then you'd get that smirk, then curl your lip & then your eyes started twinkling.

David has talked for days about how you taught him that working hard never killed anyone, that family meant the most to you, that fairness & honesty was very important & that doing the right thing was what had to be done. He tried. He / We, know we did all we could for you, and you & mom for many years & He speaks out loud to you since you left us and tells you, he's sorry but, he's been pushed to far & has / had more on his plate these last few days and it's enough. Dad, you taught him well. I always told you he was too much like you.. BUT, in him I will never lose you from your big loving heart to his stubborn attitude & to his twinkling eyes. With few exceptions, I love you for being such a wonderful father to David, A accepting grandpa to james & casey in their young years & wish you'd know kendall & reese. They'll know from our stories and pictures what their step grandpa was like... I / we pray you are at rest and watch over us from where you are. Your gonna be forever in our Thoughts & Hearts !

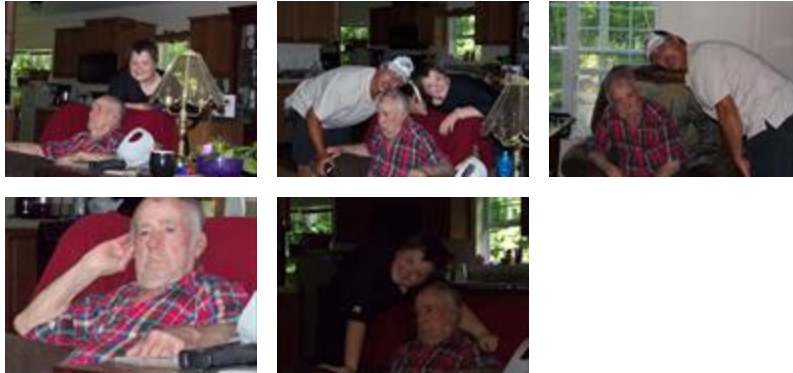
Love Always & forever until we meet again,  
David Lee & Wanda

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david & wanda spicer - April 23, 2014 at 01:17 PM

WS

“ 9 files added to the album dad-grandpa Don



wanda spicer - April 23, 2014 at 12:25 PM

TF

“ Donnie it was a lot of fun to know you I hope you made sure that someone will tend to your flowers .Shirley and family we are thinking of you at this time. our thoughts are with you montey,connie,lillian and Jason blain

the blain family - April 22, 2014 at 08:02 PM

TF

“ The Blain Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Jay Spicer




the blain family - April 22, 2014 at 07:56 PM

ML

“ Spicer family. Sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Maxine Scott Lago, Brian & Echo Spangler.

Maxine Lago - April 22, 2014 at 05:42 PM


 Katie Atteberry

“ *Katie Atteberry lit a candle in memory of Donald Jay Spicer*



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**Katie Atteberry** - April 22, 2014 at 05:18 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Katie Atteberry** - April 22, 2014 at 05:15 AM

**WS**

*I so recall this day & when I took this pic. This day was for dad & dante' at the loons baseball game, dad so enjoyed watching dante enjoy the game and eat, eat, eat ! Dad went although later he admitted he didn't feel good. He was all for family no matter what.*

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**wanda spicer** - April 23, 2014 at 11:48 AM

**EG**

“ *Uncle Don you will be deeply missed! Bet you and my grandma will be playing those card games soon.*

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**elizabeth (fuller ) gura** - April 21, 2014 at 08:07 PM

KZ

“ Kathleen Zuker purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Donald Jay Spicer.



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**Kathleen Zuker** - April 21, 2014 at 07:37 AM

 Katie Atteberry

“ I remember that no matter what you would always hug me and kiss my forehead. Dante remembers going to the Loons game with you. We both remember how kind you always were.

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**Katie Atteberry** - April 20, 2014 at 07:47 PM

BM

“ Don you were such an inspiration to me when I was growing up...you showed all us that no matter what each individual person was important. Now you and my dad are up in heaven and you are sitting there shooting the breeze drinking your coffee and talking about the old days...you will truly be missed and you were truly loved by all who met you..thank you for always making me feel like part of your family.

Love you

Betty Jo (Curns) Miller

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**Betty Jo Miller** - April 20, 2014 at 07:21 AM

NI

“ Grampa,

*You always were and will ALWAYS be my hero. The pain in my heart is heavy, but I will carry you with me for always. You taught me so much over the years. You showed me strength, integrity, you taught me how to be humble, to enjoy the quiet with a good cup of strong coffee on a warm summer morning. Those hummingbirds will always be ours, and I'll forever think of you when I see one. Our relationship didn't need words. Home won't be the same without you, and I know everyone feels that way. Who's going to tease me, poke at me, tell me I'm burning breakfast? Who's going to rub their "whiskers" all over my face as soon as I walk in the door after being away for a while? All those little things, they will stay with me always and there will be an emptiness where they used to be and are no longer, but I love you so much and I was so blessed to have the best man in the world in my life for 25 years. Words can't express all that i want to say, but just like how we were, we don't need words at all. We just know. I love you.*

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**Nicole** - April 19, 2014 at 11:48 PM