



William W. Spencer "Will"

October 1, 2011

Rev. William W. Spencer "Will" 76, went home to be with the Lord on October 1, 2011 at Lake Park Comfort Care. He was born February 1, 1935 in Columbus, OH to the late Bishop Hubert J. and Helen V. (Lee) Spencer.

Rev. Spencer was a former member of Rehoboth Temple Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ where his father was the Pastor. He served as Young People's President for several years, taught Sunday School, was assistant adult choir director, and was also an ordained deacon. Rev. Spencer accepted his call to the ministry and was ordained in August of 1976. He served as pastor of the Assembly Faith Church in Canton, OH. After relocating to Toledo he united with the Church of the New Covenant under the current leadership of Rev. Benjamin L. Green, where he preached and taught the word of God, played the saxophone and at times played the organ.

He worked for Westinghouse, The Ohio State University Hospital and Sun Oil Company. He was an accomplished saxophonist and played for a group called the "symbols". He was also a member of the Gospel Jazz Band, "Jelise & Company" until his health failed. One of his last appearances with the band in public was for the 2010 Komen Race for the Cure.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers, Samuel, James and Joseph Spencer.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 54 years Goldie, daughter, Vicki (Calvin) Lawshe, 3 grandchildren, Kamaria (Floyd) Boatman, Kara (Craig) Fullen and Lance (Zukeya) Lawshe, 5 great

grandchildren, sister, Ruth Holloway of Columbus, OH, 2 sister in laws, 1 brother in law, 9 Godchildren and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and many friends.

Wake service will be 6-8p.m. Wednesday at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel. Family hour 10a.m. Thursday followed by funeral service at 11a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church Rev. Benjamin L. Green officiant. Burial Toledo Memorial Park. www.dalefh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *my prayers are with you in your time of sorrow .*

charlene jackson - October 06, 2011 at 12:26 AM

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“ *Dear Goldie and Family, What a blessing Will was in our lives and in the lives of our children, Elliot and Carrie. He inspired us with the way he loved his family, and how devoted he was in his walk with the Lord! Will could make us laugh with his funny stories, cry under his anointed preaching and teaching, and sing along while he played the sax or piano! Will never compromised on the Word of God! He always strived to bring glory to our Lord! Oh, how we shall miss his kind smile and gentle spirit which ministered to so many of us over the years! We love you all, and pray that God will heal you of your "broken heart" as He promised He would do! Love, Jerry & Dona (Coker) Howard, Elliot and Carrie Houston, TX*

Jerry & Dona Howard - October 05, 2011 at 08:55 AM

MF

“ *To Mrs. Goldie and Family: We are so sorry to hear of your great loss. Keith & I enjoyed being around you and your husband (hearing his funny jokes) at family gatherings. He will truly be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be your comfort and peace during this time.*

Mothershed Family - October 04, 2011 at 06:53 PM

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“ To Goldie and family - So sorry and saddened to hear of Will's passing. He was loved and respected by everyone that knew him. He will most certainly be missed. You have our deepest sympathy. May God give you comfort during this time of sorrow.

Alfred Abbott Family - October 03, 2011 at 08:21 PM