



Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer

June 10, 1925 - July 26, 2015

Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer, age 90, of Huntington, died at 1:55 p.m. Sunday (July 26, 2015) at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2 - 8 p.m. Wednesday (July 29, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday (July 30, 2015) at Gethsemane Ministries, 2239 Hartman Street, Huntington, with Pastors Worley Newsome and Mark Hoffer officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Markle Cemetery with military graveside rites performed by VFW Post #2689 of Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gethsemane Ministries, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana.

Elzie was born on June 10, 1925 in Campton, Kentucky, the son of Armstrong "Strong" and Alice S. (Cable) Spencer. He served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant in the Philippine Theater with the railroad unit during WWII, earning the Bronze Star. He married Opal M. Cole on November 1, 1947 in Hazard, Kentucky, and she preceded him in death on November 28, 2005. Elzie retired from K-Mart Distribution Center in Fort Wayne, where he worked from 1950-1987. He was the Bishop and founder of Gospel Community Church on Grayston Avenue in Huntington, through which he ministered to the

community for over 45 years. He later was a member of Gethsemane Ministries in Huntington, where he served as a board member and Vice President of the church board. In October 2013, Elzie participated in the Honor Flight program which took him to Washington D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial in honor of his military service. He also enjoyed watching college basketball.

He is survived by four sons - David (Ellen) Spencer of Huntington, Wayne (Virgie) Spencer of Andrews, Earl (Deborah) Spencer of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and Tom Spencer of Fort Wayne; three daughters - Shirley Elsten, Glenda Sue (David) Stamper, and Marsha Kay Tackett, all of Huntington; 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, granddaughter - Chantell Elsten, two brothers - Carl Spencer and Cordy Spencer, and four sisters - Jessie Earhart, Edith Cruz, Harriett Williams, and Bessie Boyer.

Cemetery Details

Markle Cemetery

424-464 IN-116
Markle, IN 46770

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Visitation

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gethsemene Ministries Church
2239 Hartman Street
Huntington, IN 46750

Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gethsemane Ministries Church
2239 Hartman Street
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - July 28, 2015 at 03:10 PM



“ *Donnie Hall lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Donnie Hall - February 01, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ *God bless you ameen*



sajjad - August 04, 2015 at 11:16 AM

RS

“ He was a great man and will be very missed. We'll be praying for you all and rejoicing for him since he went Home, the place we all long to go.



Randy & Delilah Slone - July 31, 2015 at 06:57 PM

RR

“ I am so sorry to see that Rev.Spencer has passed . I lived down the street from the Spencer Family and went to school with Earl. I don't need to tell you what a loving and caring man he was ,I'm sure he will be missed by all . I am truly sorry for your loss.

Renay Snider Rivers - July 30, 2015 at 09:54 PM



“ Ann Hasty Pownall lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Ann Hasty Pownall - July 30, 2015 at 08:37 PM



Earl and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Keep the good memories fresh in your mind and he will be forever in your heart.

Ann Hasty Pownall - July 30, 2015 at 08:40 PM

JF

“ *My Prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. Your dad touched a lot of people over the years and was a wonderful man . He will be missed. Sorry that I was not able to pay my respect at the viewing.*
June Keplinger Frederick



June Frederick - July 29, 2015 at 10:31 PM

JF

“ *June Frederick lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



June Frederick - July 29, 2015 at 10:26 PM

LF

“ *Boodge was kind enough to perform a lovely funeral service for our family when my husband passed away (Ellen's brother), even though he was retired. We were so comforted by his kindness at that most difficult time. He was a lovely man.*

Lin Smith and family



Lin Smith & family - July 29, 2015 at 06:49 PM

LP

“ LOIS MILLER PELZ lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



LOIS MILLER PELZ - July 29, 2015 at 05:12 PM

AM

“ Addie, Jeff, and Dawn Mullins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer.



Addie, Jeff, and Dawn Mullins - July 29, 2015 at 12:00 PM

TB

“ Theresa Bucher lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Theresa Bucher - July 29, 2015 at 11:48 AM

SB

“ Elsie will be missed by many people. He was rhe most caring man I have ever known. Rest in peace as those Angels carry you home.



Sue Burke - July 29, 2015 at 09:52 AM

BM

“ I was privileged to know Elzie for over 40 years when I first came to Markle. He truly made an impact of people's lives in Markle, Huntington and elsewhere. He was truly a man of God and used his talents to the Glory of God. Wanted you to know I am thinking of the family during your loss. We all know he is enjoying the fruits of his labor and would not wish him back. May God bless all of you.
Bruce Myers



Bruce Myers - July 29, 2015 at 09:50 AM

GS

“ To the family
You are in our prayers I sure did love to hear
bro spencer preach
God. Bless you all



David and Glenna (Bolding) Slone

glenna slone - July 29, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of
Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer.



July 28, 2015 at 09:33 PM

JJ

“ Reverend Spencer will be sadly missed by me. He carried a "heart of Gold" to all that touched his life. He understood people so well and gave comfort and advice to many and did not judge. My memories of waking up, heading to work and finding an egg McMuffin on my truck hood. He knew I needed a prayer and breakfast for the day. My deepest sympathy to the family.



Sadly missed, Jeff

Janet Jones - July 28, 2015 at 09:29 PM

JJ

“ Reverend Spencer was a great man and will be missed dearly. You have our dearest sympathy during this troubled time.



*Mr and Mrs. Richard Keplinger
Janet R. Jones*

Janet Jones - July 28, 2015 at 09:05 PM

JJ

“ JOHN And GLENDA JENT lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



JOHN and GLENDA JENT - July 28, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ Sarah Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Sarah Brown - July 28, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ Booge was very dear to me. I loved him very much. He taught me a lot about the bible and always had a smile and a big hug when we saw each other. He helped me a lot through my personal troubles. I will miss him very much. It won't be the same not seeing him but I know for a fact where he will be. I know that he will be one of my angels and continue to watch over me. My sincere condolences go out to all of his family. He was loved very much by all that knew him. Love you Booge. Rest in Peace.



Naola Falk - July 28, 2015 at 05:26 PM



“ To the Family of Elzie Spencer. I am so sorry for your loss. He was truly a giving and wonderful man. I am glad that I got to know him.

Cyndi Voght - July 28, 2015 at 03:43 PM

PB

“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - July 28, 2015 at 03:04 PM

PB

“ Rev. Spencer even though he was retired baptized my dying husband Albert Blair and I2 years ago as my husband's dying wish I believe that to be his last baptism given may the Lord take him home I know he will

paula blair - July 28, 2015 at 12:38 PM

PB

“ Paula Blair lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



paula blair - July 28, 2015 at 12:36 PM

PG

“ *There will never be another like Boodge. He was one of a kind. Always a smile, always great words of wisdom, never selfish always worried about the other person, and always a friend. He will be missed by so many. He is now at peace and has always knew the lord would take him home in his arms when he was ready. He got his new angel.*

Pauline (Adams) Gearhart - July 28, 2015 at 12:18 PM

TS

“ *To the family of Elzie Spencer, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Terry and Sue



Terry E Scher - July 28, 2015 at 12:16 PM

ES

“ *Eugene & Debra Spencer lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Eugene & Debra Spencer - July 28, 2015 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ *Missy Stephan lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Missy Stephan - July 28, 2015 at 11:52 AM

KW

“ *Kristina Walling lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Kristina walling - July 28, 2015 at 11:36 AM

LW

*to the family of Elzie Spencer our thoughts and prayers our with you
LINDA WOODCOX AND DAVID GREAR*

LINDA WOODCOX - July 29, 2015 at 05:53 AM

MS

“ *he was and will always be a great friend, he has made a difference in my life I will always cherish his thoughts . to me I will always love him he was the best.*



molly strange - July 28, 2015 at 11:32 AM

MH

“ *Love and Hugs to all the family. Boodge was one in a million!! An awesome celebration in Heaven this week I am sure.*



Marci Dial Heiney - July 28, 2015 at 10:25 AM

KS

“ Kris and Libby Stevens purchased the Spring Ha
s Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Rev.
Elzie "Boodge" Spencer.

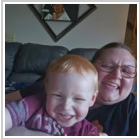


Kris and Libby Stevens - July 28, 2015 at 10:14 AM

SG

“ a man of vision who helped people from the south get jobs he would
help you any he could i knew most of his family and loved to be with
them he is going to be missed for sure
steve godsey

steve godsey - July 28, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ My thoughts and condolences to your family.
Deanna Shoemaker & Family



Deanna Shoemaker - July 28, 2015 at 09:13 AM

LY

“ I will never forget this precious man. What a blessing he was to me
& my family. He prayed with me almost 20 years ago & i
rededicated my life to the Lord. This man of God only knew as a
waitress but he took time for me. I'm sure there are many others he
blessed with prayers, love & the Word of God. Bro. Spencer is with
Jesus now & in the presence of God. I will never forget him.

laurie yeager - July 28, 2015 at 08:31 AM

SM

“ Sue Mullis lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Sue Mullis - July 28, 2015 at 05:13 AM

EM

“ Elaine Myers lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Elaine Myers - July 28, 2015 at 05:01 AM

SW

“ Your family is in our Thoughts and Prayers Warner & Welches family

Sherry Warner - July 28, 2015 at 04:51 AM

CB

“ Carol Bennett lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Carol Bennett - July 28, 2015 at 03:18 AM

RE

“ I will be forever touch by Rev. Spencer I went to his Church once and he will forever be in my Heart. I knew he was a true man of God and it was.aHonor to know him. Rick and my love and prays go out to his family. He is home with God now how happy he must be. He's with the Angles singing now

Rick and cindy Elsten - July 28, 2015 at 03:14 AM

CS

“ Chase Stephan lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Chase Stephan - July 27, 2015 at 11:27 PM

CW

“ Cheryl (Dalrymple) Warner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Cheryl (Dalrymple) Warner - July 27, 2015 at 11:02 PM

RE

“ Rena Emery lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Rena Emery - July 27, 2015 at 09:59 PM

RJ

“ Roxie Jeffrey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Roxie Jeffrey - July 27, 2015 at 09:58 PM

MG

“ Mike & Joda Gerringer lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Mike & Joda Gerringer - July 27, 2015 at 09:52 PM

SC

“ Sue Curtis lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Sue Curtis - July 27, 2015 at 09:30 PM

MS

“ Mike And Nancy Schacht lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Mike and Nancy Schacht - July 27, 2015 at 09:21 PM

GL

“ *Glenna Long lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Glenna Long - July 27, 2015 at 08:49 PM

RT

“ *Ribert & Denise Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*




Ribert & Denise Taylor - July 27, 2015 at 08:43 PM

 Sam Schaadt

“ *Amazing and inspiring man of God. Prayers of peace and condolences to the entire family.*

Sam Schaadt - July 27, 2015 at 08:42 PM

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Sam Schaadt - July 27, 2015 at 08:41 PM

BC

“ *Bud And Rita Cross lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



bud and rita cross - July 27, 2015 at 08:34 PM

TW

“ Tammy Welch lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Tammy Welch - July 27, 2015 at 08:34 PM

BH

“ Billie Harris lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Billie Harris - July 27, 2015 at 08:33 PM

TH

“ Tammy And Dave Hysong lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Tammy and Dave Hysong - July 27, 2015 at 08:29 PM

RJ

“ Rod And Mari Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Rod and Mari Jackson - July 27, 2015 at 08:28 PM

KT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for the family... He will be missed by many*

Kenny and Karen Thacker - July 27, 2015 at 08:20 PM

 Carla Penn

“ *Carla Penn lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Carla Penn - July 27, 2015 at 08:07 PM

DC

“ My husband and I were blessed to meet this man and his daughter one day at Johnnys. We were getting breakfast and going over our agenda that day for the Honor Flight Benefit we were hosting with The Freedom Riders Chapter 5 here in Huntington. There was no where to sit and they let us share a table with them. While going over our agenda they over heard us and began telling us about their trip with the Honor Flight mission. He told us about the things he saw and what they did for the Vets on the plane and off the plane. You could see in his eyes how he enjoyed himself on his journey. It made our day knowing how special it was for him to have the honor to go on that flight. He was in the back of my mind with every person I then talked to after that day to make as many Vets possible for our benefit to be on the next plane. We paid for their breakfast that morning and Thanked him for his service. We raised enough money from our benefit to send 7 more vets on the next flight. And all my husband and I could think about was our breakfast that one day at Johnnys and to make more Vets feel the same as he did. We are so truly blessed that we got to meet him and here his story. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. He was an amazing man in the 30 minutes and left a impression on us that we will never forget!



Destiny Coon - July 27, 2015 at 08:03 PM

JB

“ James & Alberta Bolding lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



James & Alberta Bolding - July 27, 2015 at 07:55 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Paynter lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Brenda Paynter - July 27, 2015 at 07:54 PM

DG

“ *Dave & Rhonda Garner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Dave & Rhonda Garner - July 27, 2015 at 07:51 PM

TH

“ *Tina & William Hockenberry lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Tina & William Hockenberry - July 27, 2015 at 07:45 PM

SS

“ *Stacey Stetzrl lit a candle in memory of Rev. Elzie "Boodge" Spencer*



Stacey Stetzrl - July 27, 2015 at 07:39 PM

Julie
Mckinzie

“ Julie Mckinzie lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Julie Mckinzie - July 27, 2015 at 07:38 PM

MW

“ Mary Waters lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Elzie "Boodge" Spencer



Mary Waters - July 27, 2015 at 07:19 PM

MW

My Heart and prayers go out to all of you. I Loved talking to Elzie. He was a great man and will be sadly missed.

Mary Waters - July 27, 2015 at 07:22 PM

RN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family for Rev.Spencer has gone home ! We will miss him as will many others. Roger Sr.and Helen Newsome.*

RogerHelen Newsome - July 27, 2015 at 07:12 PM

EB

“ *Robert Stamper -
So sorry for your loss, you and your family are
in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Eddie Beagles and all the staff at Flanner and
Buchanan*



Eddie Beagles - July 27, 2015 at 05:00 PM