



## Steven Ray Spencer

July 25, 1961 - September 4, 2021

Steven Ray Spencer, Age 60 of Ozark Arkansas, died Saturday, September 4th, 2021 in Fort Smith Arkansas. Steve was born on July 25th, 1961 in Philadelphia, PA to Ralph and Minnie Lou Harrison Spencer. He was raised in Coal Hill, Arkansas and graduated from Coal Hill high school in 1979. He started his career with Arkansas Western Gas in 1987 and retired after 34 years from what is now, Black Hills Energy in 2020.

Steve was a man of many talents. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending his time hunting and fishing with a specific passion for turkey hunting each Spring. If he wasn't hunting or fishing, you could find him in the garden or the kitchen cooking or canning the products of his harvest. He was proud of his kitchen creations and would often gladly share the goodies he made with his family and friends. He was musically gifted and could play anyone a song on the banjo, guitar, fiddle, piano, mouth-harp, or any other instrument he could pick up. Growing up, he toured with his family playing folk-music shows and festivals including shows at Silver Dollar City.

Anyone that knew Steve, would agree that he never met a stranger. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He was ready to lift anyone up with a smile, a prank, or a made-up joke or two. His greatest love was his family and he enjoyed spending time with them.

He met and married his wife and partner in everything, Penny Spencer, in 2003. They enjoyed any time spent together flea-marketing, playing a game of Yahtzee, cooking, or fishing. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Ozark, Arkansas and was a living example of the love of Jesus.

He is survived in death by his wife, Penny Spencer of Ozark Arkansas; his parents, Ralph and Minnie Spencer of Clarksville, Arkansas; his Sister Kathy Stewart and husband Tim Stewart of Palmer, Alaska; his brother John Spencer and his wife Kendra Spencer of Salesville, Arkansas; his children Hannah and Shane Niblett of Lincoln, Arkansas; Craig and Carah Spencer of Greenwood, Arkansas; Breann and Jake Cromwell of Springdale, Arkansas; Cole and Mary Spencer of Fort Smith, Arkansas; Dwan and William Powers, Adrian Myers, Leslie and Cody Harty all of Ozark, Arkansas. He was very proud to be a gramps to his grandchildren, Clayton, Paisley, Elijah, Ezra, and Molly Cromwell, Tinley, Taylor, and Weston Spencer, Kirstyn, Kaytlyn, and Zoey Myers, Soraya, Tristen, and Ashlyn Powers.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Archie and Henrietta Harrison, John Allen Spencer, and Jim and Dollie Holt.

Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 7th at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8th at Hickory Grove Cemetery 9136 Mountain Top Road Ozark Brother Gib Allen officiating under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Steve's honor to National Wild Turkey Federation.

Pallbearers will be Nick Childers, Charlie Reames, Jeff Hurst, Bruce Haney, Craig Spencer and Cole Spencer.

Honorary pallbearers: Everyone who ever had the privilege of Steve touching

their life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Graveside Service

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery  
Hwy 219 North to Mountain Top Road  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Ray Spencer*



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**Shaffer Funeral Home** - September 08, 2021 at 01:37 PM



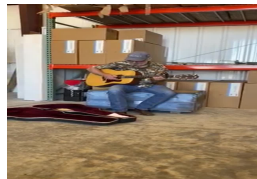
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January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



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**Dave Whiteis** - September 08, 2021 at 01:00 PM

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“ Sending prayers to Kathy and all the Spencer Family. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you and give your hearts peace through this very difficult time. Steve truly was one in a million. He was so friendly and kind to everyone. I'll never forget in High School watching Steve whittle this little long bearded, round nosed, short hillbilly out of a stick of wood. i was so amazed. And in our High School play he had the leading role and knocked it out of the park. And seeing Steve and the whole Spencer family playing music at Silver Dollar City one summer when we were there on vacation. While my heart is sad, there is no doubt in my mind that he is with the Lord and we will see him again one day. Love, Ronda Weathers Tarver



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**Ronda Weathers Tarver** - September 08, 2021 at 05:28 AM

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“ I am going to miss Steve texting to pick at me and to just see how me and my family were doing. Steve was one of the good guys. Praying for you Penny and the rest of the family!

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**Gary Howe** - September 07, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Spencer.



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September 07, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Spencer.*



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September 07, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Spencer.*



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September 07, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ *Becky Penland lit a candle in memory of Steven Ray Spencer*



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**Becky Penland** - September 06, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Ralph and Minnie I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your son. Knowing both of you, I know that he is in heaven and you will surely see him again. Prayers from all your friends at Hartman Baptist Church.*

*Carol Blackard*

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**Carol Blackard** - September 06, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Spencer.



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September 06, 2021 at 04:06 PM