



Paul Grant Spencer

February 9, 1938 - May 2, 2018

On the morning of May 2, 2018, Paul Grant Spencer left his mortal body behind to continue his journey with those that passed before him. He is preceded in death by his parents, and sisters. Paul was born in Evanston, Wyoming on February 9, 1938 to Adrian Grant Spencer and Lila Mae Cook. He was the second of four children, Marilyn, Lorna, and Lee. He loved racing and building model cars, planes, and boats, and playing football with his friends. He even broke his leg once while skiing, which may explain why he never let the kids go skiing. Paul graduated from Evanston High School in 1956 where he grew to love the arts, playing the alto saxophone and was even in a play. He met Doris Karen Stonebraker and they began to date before he left Evanston for the Navy that same year. While in the Navy, Paul would become an electronics technician and worked on aviation supply and became an electronics instructor. He completed his service in 1960 then returned home to Evanston and married Doris and was later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. Together, they raised six children, Dave, Brenda (Jackson Schultz), John (Shawna), Steve (Carla), Cindy (Jody Maestas), and Debbie (Tom Atkins) and have eighteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Paul pursued a career in the emerging electronics field, working small jobs for a time before securing his career job with the FAA, as one of the first computer engineers in the state of Utah. Paul and Doris moved around a few times before purchasing their first home in Rose Park in 1964. They later moved into their final home next door in 1988. Paul would serve the LDS Church in several capacities over the years, including an Area Seventy, and a stake missionary. The gospel was very important to Paul and he maintained a strong testimony of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Paul continued his love of racing, building a slot car race track in his basement. The kids loved racing with him, even going to slot car races with him around the county. You could always find him eating peanut butter toast and a banana with milk while watching NASCAR. When he taught the kids to drive, it was NASCAR style. He always pushed us to go fast. Paul was also an amazing mechanic! He loved to build, repair, and work on things. He could resurrect anything and make it last much longer than it ever should have! If he wasn't with his neighborhood boys working on a project, he was in his workshop. He and his friends would still meet after 30+ years every week for Monk Wednesday dinner at Coachman's. He felt pride in his neighborhood working several

years at night with the neighborhood watch. Paul was a wonderful teacher, strict but caring. He loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We will all miss our wonderful husband, brother, father, and grandfather, and best-friend!

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 760 North 1200 West, Salt Lake City, UT. Viewing will be one hour prior to the services. Graveside services with military honors will be at 2:30 p.m. following the services at the Evanston City, Cemetery in Evanston WY.

Comments



“ Paul and I Mickey Wallwork were friends, along with 6 other in the gang. We played basketball and football along with self generated games. I use to play down in the basement and the back and front yards for years. Then we discovered bicycles, cars and electric trains. The local stores were ours to find new and different toys. We both had employment with the FAA. I was at the Generating Radar information, Paul was at the processing and displaying part of the Radar world. I got in my head about a tiny book of things we did together or as part of the Gang.

Thanks for telling me about Paul going to the other side, Jan and I were workers in the Los Angles temple for 7 1/2 years. There where 28 veils to keep running and sessions that had over 400 who attended at one time. I would suggest remember the details of the vale, it can make a big difference. I call it the Graduation time, knowing there been family before us, will meet again.

Find comfort and good memories, then Love and Hug each other.

Your Friends
Mickey & Janice

Mickey Wallwork - May 12, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ Paul was a great friend at work. His thrifty ways were well known and I sometimes teased him about it. He reminded me of a joke I heard about a guy who was a confirmed miser. He had worked so long and so hard for his fortune that when he finally had the financial independence that he wanted, he couldn't bring himself to spend any of it. As he neared the end of life, he told his wife that he couldn't rest easy leaving his money behind and badgered her to put it all in his casket until finally she said , " Alright, alright, I'll do it!". After he died, her friend saw the wife putting a box in the casket and asked her about it. His wife told her friend about what he had made her agree to and the friend said, 'Joyce, you didn't do that did you?' "Well, I made him a promise. I sold all his stocks and cashed all his bonds and went to the bank and put all the money in the checking account. Then I wrote him a check and if he can cash it, he can have it." I think Paul would have enjoyed this. I'll miss getting emails from him.

James McNeill - May 10, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ Love you dad will always miss you!!

Cindy Spencer - May 08, 2018 at 03:55 PM



“ One summer vacation as a youngster we visited Temple Square with Uncle Paul. He told me all about how if you stand in front of the Christus you can hear even the smallest whisper as if it were loud. Unfortunately, they closed the exhibit right in front of us. Paul begged to let me in, but to no avail. Well, three decades later, I found myself visiting Temple Square with Uncle Paul and sure enough, he insisted we go to that very spot.

It felt like reliving that moment the way it should have been. Ah, closure. I'm sure going to miss Uncle Funny-man.

Daniel Spencer

Daniel Spencer - May 07, 2018 at 11:16 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Paul. He was lots of fun and I loved to listening to his stories. I will never forget his brown beater car! He would pack items in it like you would a truck bed. I was amazed he could get the stuff in and out of that car. I will miss seeing him around.

Margia Flaa

Margia Flaa - May 07, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ I met your mom and dad at a after school class for adults at Northwest Middle School a long, long time ago. He was so much fun. I am sorry for your loss... Colleen Reber Baird

COLLEEN R BAIRD - May 07, 2018 at 07:37 PM



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Brian Schultz - May 07, 2018 at 06:22 PM



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Brian Schultz - May 07, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Love you dad you'll be greatly missed by many!!
Jody and the kids Dakota and Cheyenne

love your daughter Cindy,
♥

Cindy Lee Spencer Trujillo - May 07, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ To all of the Spencer family. Kim and I just want you to know how sorry we are for your loss. It is not an easy thing to go through but you will have all your memories of your Dad with you always. Paul was a wonderful man. Kim and Lucy



Kim and Lucy - May 07, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Shirlene lit a candle in memory of Paul Grant Spencer



Shirlene - May 07, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ I will miss my conversations with Paul when I'd visit John and Shawna's house. Paul would always make me laugh with something in his stories!

Shirlene - May 07, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ I am so sorry for the sudden loss of your father and husband. Paul was always so fun to talk to and could make me laugh with his jokes. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this very hard time.

LaRea Herron

LaRea Herron - May 07, 2018 at 12:57 PM



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LaRea Herron - May 07, 2018 at 12:46 PM



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LaRea Herron - May 07, 2018 at 12:45 PM