



Robert L. Spencer

July 8, 1929 - December 14, 2013

Robert Spencer, 84, of Lennox, SD, died Saturday, December 14, 2013 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg, SD. Robert Lester Spencer was born at Granada, MN, July 8, 1929 to Lester M. and Blanche (Frye) Spencer. He attended school in Granada and Heron Lake, MN. He then attended Mankato State Teachers College and the University of South Dakota. After a short time in the Minnesota Army National Guard, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in Japan during the Korean War. Bob married Irene D. Ruckelshausen June 15, 1956 and they made their home in Lennox, SD. They operated the Lennox Cleaners for three years. He joined the South Dakota Air National Guard in 1958 and was a Technician with the 114th Tactical Fighter Group, Bob was one of the organizers of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and served as its very first National President. Bob has the honor of having a conference room in the National Headquarters named after him. He served as the Lennox Boy Scout Master for 12 years. He was also a member of the El Raid Shrine, where he served on the Directors Staff. Bob enjoyed being a member of the Lennox Fire Department, and was instrumental in putting on the fireworks display for many years. He was an E.M.T. with the Lennox Ambulance. He was an active member of the Lennox American Legion having served in many capacities. Bob and Irene enjoyed traveling and experienced trips to Europe and Korea. Bob is survived by his wife Irene, children: Brenda (Duane) Dexter, Williamsfield, IL, Robyn (Bob) Waterbury, Herrick, SD and Scott (Dawn)

Spencer, North East, MD; eight grandchildren: Carmelo Rodriguez, Devon (Neil) Huffman, Christel (Travis) Harbo, Chela (Nick) Bolte, Charles Goitia, Martha Waterbury, Justin Waterbury and Jacob Spencer; four great-grandchildren: Zane & Arianna Goitia, Chloe Harbo and Brenna Bolte and sister, Cecella (Marvin) Poppens, sister-in-law, Norma (Gordon) Powers, brother-in-law, Donald (Marie) Ruckelshausen Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox with burial in the Black Hills National Cemetery. Visitation will begin at Sunday, Dec. 22 from to 3 to 5 p.m. at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox. Memorial may directed to the Boys Scouts of America or Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall

AV

“ THANKS FOR SERVING

A VETERAN - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We have some wonderful memories of our times at the Enlisted Association activities. Our Sympathies are with you Irene and family.

AI & Nancy Hyatt - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My greatest condolences on the passing of Bob. I enjoyed him tremendously and had great respect for him.
Kindest regards,
Brian Lind

Brian Lind - December 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ wayne schiferl has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

wayne schiferl - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Family:
I was so sorry to read of Robert's passing. He did so much to contribute to volunteer organizations. What a giving heart. You have our sympathy and prayers as you adjust to your loss.
Drs Janell and Ron Beck

Drs Janell and Ron Beck - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Deepest sympathies to the Spencer Family. I had known Bob from the time we formed EANGUS and recently sat with him at the Past Presidents seating area at the EANGUS conference. We once again had many laughs recalling our time serving together. He will be always be remembered by Sondra and I. Our love goes out to Irene and family.

Nate Monastra - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Thank you for escorting Bob to the EANGUS National Conference in Sioux Falls.

Give Irene a hug for me, we have attend many SDNGEA Auxiliary meetings together. Edna

Dean and Edna Steinberg - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Our hearts go out to the family of Bob Spencer during their loss.
David & Ann Hart
Brandon, MS 39047

David & Ann Hart - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Thinking of you Spencer family! Spent many hours at your home and with Scott growing up! Prayers sent your way in healing!

Brad Carnes - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ May God Bless your family with peace and comfort you now and in the coming days. Bob was a sweet and kind man, he will be missed!

Bruce & Cathy Anderson - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Our Deepest sympathies to you and yours Irene, Bob will be missed.*

God Speed Bob. Laura and Larry Stoffers

Laura and Larry Stoffers - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *My deepest sympathies to Bob's family. I worked with him in his retirement years at Sanford Labs. He was a wonderful person and I truly enjoyed knowing him.*

Ann Romsdahl - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *To the Spencer family you are all in my thoughts and prayers! I will always remember your dad, and I am glad I was one of the lucky many who knew him. This world has lost a wonderful man, but Heaven has gained a GREAT ANGEL! God Bless You All!*

Deb Flitz - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *To Bob's family -*

Sadden to hear about the passing of Bob. I had the pleasure of working with him at Sanford Laboratories. Was always fond of his great stories. Will truly miss him.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Nicole Devlin

Nicole Devlin - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM