



## Holly Spence Short

February 12, 1969 - July 13, 2019

Holly Ann Spence Short of Newark, DE died on Saturday, July 13, 2019. She was 50.

Holly was born on February 12, 1969 in Chestertown, MD. She was the daughter of Jerry and Jean Powhida Spence and sister to Debbie Spence all of Rock Hall, MD.

Holly grew up in Rock Hall and always considered Rock Hall her home. She graduated from Kent County High School in 1987 and Washington College in 1992.

Holly married Donnie Short on March 31, 1990, they were married for 28 years.

She worked for the State of Delaware as a Para Educator with the Christina School District's Autism Program.

Holly had been a member of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary and an EMT with the Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad. She was also a member of Rock Hall United Methodist Church.

Her hobbies were listening to country music, playing Yahtzee with Nettie, watching HGTV, doing crafts, and shopping at yard sales and all the goodwill's she could find.

In addition to her parents and sister she is survived by her three children; Megan Esper (Taylor), Jamie Short (Morgan), and Amy Jordan Short. Holly's heart belonged to her three beautiful grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as "Bertha": Caleb Wyatt, Levi Cameron, and Saylor Grace Esper. She is

also survived by her niece, Cameron Spence, a devoted aunt, Nettie Clough and Nettie's son Josh Russum. Also surviving her are her beloved aunts and uncles: John Powhida, Becky and Bobby Glenn, Karen and Joe May, Pat Hastings, Candy and Kenny Hausenfluck, Peggy Sue and Larry Stickley, Charlotte and Elwood Merchant, and her Godmother: Bootsie Bell and Bootsie's daughter Stephanie Balderrama. Holly also leaves behind a legacy of many cousins, friends, and co-workers.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 20th at 1:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home 130 Speer Road Chestertown, MD 21620 where relatives and friends may call two hours prior to the service (11am-1pm). Interment will be in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Delaware Autism Program (DAP) a statewide, public school program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Holly spent her lifetime devoted to children with Autism. In her memory contributions may be sent to: Delaware Autism Program (DAP), Brennen School, 144 Brennen Drive, Newark DE 19713. [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road  
Rock Hall, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

JUL 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holly Spence Short*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



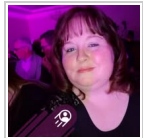
“ *Holly Spence Short*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Holly Spence Short*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Girlscout troop #482 lights a green candle in Holly's memory and for her daughter our sister girlscout, Jordan- we love you.  
>Miss Corinne.*



**Corinne Smith** - September 04, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Jeanie, Jerry and family.....so sorry to hear of Holly's passing. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers are with you and hope loving memories will comfort you, and that you find peace knowing those who held her close in their hearts are thinking of you.*



**Janet Coleman** - August 10, 2019 at 07:07 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Cheryl Anderson - August 07, 2019 at 10:29 AM

DE

“ Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Donna Edwards - July 21, 2019 at 11:39 AM

ME

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megan esper - July 19, 2019 at 06:46 PM

FE

“ So very sorry for the family. Jerry and Miss Jean you are in my thoughts.  
Faye Evans



Faye Evans - July 19, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Holly Spence Short.



July 19, 2019 at 12:43 PM



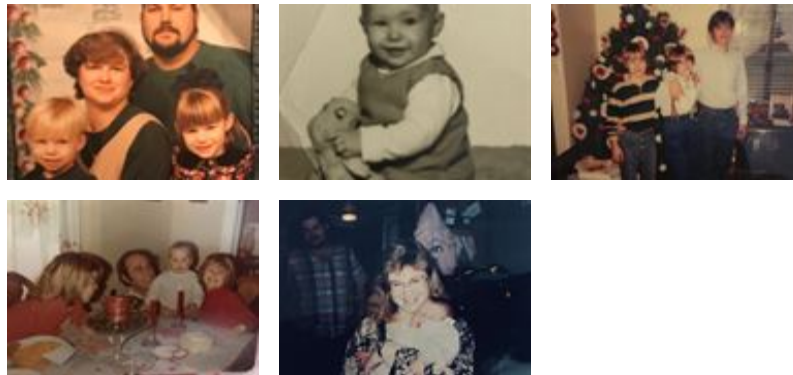
“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Holly Spence Short.



July 19, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 19, 2019 at 08:02 AM

FD

“ Frank Davis purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Holly Spence Short.



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Frank Davis - July 19, 2019 at 07:56 AM

RP

“ Rose Perry lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



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Rose Perry - July 18, 2019 at 09:38 PM

DW

“ Diane And Basil Wadkovsky lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



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Diane and Basil Wadkovsky - July 18, 2019 at 07:48 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album Holly



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Debbie Spence - July 18, 2019 at 04:52 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Debbie Spence** - July 18, 2019 at 04:50 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda Souder lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Rhonda Souder** - July 18, 2019 at 10:20 AM

BN

“ *Bob And Debbie Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Bob and Debbie Nickerson** - July 18, 2019 at 09:33 AM

SM

“ Jerry, Jean and Debbie, I was so sorry to hear about your daughter's passing while I was at Johnny Thompsons funeral. Rock Hall has lost so many good young people. I know your hearts are breaking, I didn't know Holly but I know she was a special lady. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers and may you find comfort in the memories you have of her.



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**Sandy McClary** - July 17, 2019 at 07:18 PM

NB

“ Nancy Baker lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



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**Nancy Baker** - July 17, 2019 at 07:13 PM

RO

“ RJ Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



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**RJ Kristi Osborn** - July 17, 2019 at 04:22 PM

MC

“ As I looked through Holly's pictures, I feel so blessed to be a part of the Spence family. I will always be the only childhood friend of Debbie Spence's that Holly liked ! Holly was always kind to me! We love you all, God Bless. You are always in our prayers and hearts. Love, Mary Lou, Autumn and Baby Girl XO

Mary Lou Christian - July 17, 2019 at 12:22 PM

MC

“ Mary Lou Christian lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Mary Lou Christian - July 17, 2019 at 12:20 PM

RH

“ Robin Merchant Hawthorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Holly Spence Short



Robin Merchant Hawthorne - July 17, 2019 at 12:13 PM

DO

“ Jerry, Jean, Debbie and family, I was so sorry to hear of Holly's passing. May Jesus hold you close and comfort you in this terrible time.

Dorothy O'Melia

Dorothy O'Melia - July 17, 2019 at 04:10 AM

DO

“ Dorothy O’Melia lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Dorothy O’Melia - July 17, 2019 at 04:04 AM



“ Pam Teat lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Pam Teat - July 16, 2019 at 11:39 PM

JS

“ Im soo trully sorry to hear of this. I met Holly when we were young and in the hospital with phenomia together in the same room. My condolence to her family and friends. Julie Strong.

Julie Strong - July 16, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



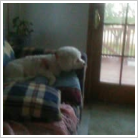
Sherry Williams - July 16, 2019 at 10:17 PM

RK

“ *Ruth Kerr lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Ruth Kerr - July 16, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



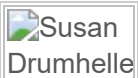
Jeanette Stubbs - July 16, 2019 at 09:20 PM

GK

“ *Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Glenda Kelly - July 16, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ *Susan Drumheller lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Susan Drumheller - July 16, 2019 at 05:07 PM

KM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Kevin and Tracey*



Kevin and Tracey Middleton - July 16, 2019 at 03:28 PM

PJ

“ *Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory  
of Holly Spence Short*



Pres & Sherrie Jacobs - July 16, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *Amber Fisher lit a candle in memory of Holly  
Spence Short*



Amber Fisher - July 16, 2019 at 02:23 PM

CA

“ *Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of  
Holly Spence Short*



Cheryl Anderson - July 16, 2019 at 02:13 PM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



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**Nancy Toy** - July 16, 2019 at 12:37 PM

MT

“ Mara Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



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**Mara Tolliver** - July 16, 2019 at 12:11 PM

TM

“ Holly was such a wonderful person. My sincere condolences to her children and family. I am certain she will be missed terribly. I have such fond memories of her from High School.



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**Tina Marvel** - July 16, 2019 at 12:06 PM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



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**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - July 16, 2019 at 12:05 PM

ES

“ I remember Holly at age 7 as the little mother hen to her sister Debbie and all of our toddlers whenever we visited the Spences - which was daily. I cherish those memories of the good ol' days. Live on those beautiful memories that your loving family has created over the years. Rest in peace sweet Holly. El Strickland

El Strickland - July 16, 2019 at 11:49 AM

DD

“ Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Debbie Dalrymple - July 16, 2019 at 11:49 AM

LB

“ Laura Brilz lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Laura Brilz - July 16, 2019 at 11:36 AM

SD

“ Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - July 16, 2019 at 11:24 AM

RT

“ *Mr Jerry and Mrs Jean and Family , I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter , Sending thoughts and prayers to you !*



*Roni Lynn Thomas and Family*

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**Roni Thomas** - July 16, 2019 at 10:43 AM

DB

“ *David & Stefanie Blyman lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**David & Stefanie Blyman** - July 16, 2019 at 10:39 AM

TW

“ *Troy & Dawn White lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Troy & Dawn White** - July 16, 2019 at 10:19 AM

SP

“ *Scott J Phillips lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Scott J Phillips** - July 16, 2019 at 10:11 AM

GW

“ Dear Jean, Jerry, Debbie & Family...our hearts go out to you at this most difficult time. Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.  
With Love & Sincere Sympathy,  
Gloria & Gene

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**Gloria and Gene Wiest** - July 16, 2019 at 10:06 AM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of  
Holly Spence Short



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**Frankie & Jane Dill** - July 16, 2019 at 10:06 AM

GW

“ Gloria And Gene Wiest lit a candle in memory  
of Holly Spence Short



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**Gloria and Gene Wiest** - July 16, 2019 at 10:04 AM

SS

“ Samantha Stopyra lit a candle in memory of  
Holly Spence Short



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**Samantha Stopyra** - July 16, 2019 at 09:29 AM

SC

“ *Suzie Christie lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Suzie Christie** - July 16, 2019 at 07:43 AM

JG

“ *Holly you will be missed by all your friends and co-workers here at dap. may you rest in peace.*

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**james goldsboro** - July 16, 2019 at 07:39 AM

KC

“ *Kathy "Watson" Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Kathy "Watson" Cornelius** - July 16, 2019 at 07:36 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Holly Spence Short.*



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July 16, 2019 at 07:28 AM

CH

“ Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Cheryl - July 16, 2019 at 07:05 AM

DC

“ Dave Cummerford lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Dave Cummerford - July 16, 2019 at 12:57 AM

KU

“ Kelley Usilton lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Kelley Usilton - July 15, 2019 at 10:32 PM

BP

“ So sorry for your loss. My sincerest condolences. Hugs Debbie.



Beth Pinder - July 15, 2019 at 10:25 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Connie Fithian** - July 15, 2019 at 09:29 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Nancy Hubbard** - July 15, 2019 at 09:13 PM

JT

“ *Judy & Jeff Thompson lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Judy & Jeff Thompson** - July 15, 2019 at 09:10 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Joan Hatcherson** - July 15, 2019 at 08:06 PM

KA

“ *Megan and Jordon we are thinking about you  
. Please let me know if you girls need  
anything.*  
*Karla Coleman*



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**Karla** - July 15, 2019 at 07:22 PM

DL

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*  
*Love, Eric and Donna Legg*



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**Donna Legg** - July 15, 2019 at 07:18 PM

CW

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

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**Clifford Wilson** - July 15, 2019 at 07:05 PM

LO

“ *Leslie Short Owens lit a candle in memory of  
Holly Spence Short*



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**Leslie Short Owens** - July 15, 2019 at 06:38 PM

TS

“ Teresa M Smithson lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Teresa M Smithson - July 15, 2019 at 06:26 PM

MU

“ Jerry, Jean and Debbie, I am so very sorry for your loss. RIP Holly, forever in our memories and forever in our hearts.



Marie Usilton - July 15, 2019 at 06:20 PM

RG

“ Rick & Jeanne Geibel lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Rick & Jeanne Geibel - July 15, 2019 at 06:06 PM

DH

“ Dianne Hill lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short



Dianne Hill - July 15, 2019 at 05:17 PM

RE

“ *Ron & Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Ron & Bonnie Edwards** - July 15, 2019 at 05:16 PM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Todd and Diane Smith** - July 15, 2019 at 05:09 PM

MT

“ *Mitzi Thompson lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Mitzi Thompson** - July 15, 2019 at 04:36 PM

MU

“ *Jerry, Jean, Debbie and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. RIP Holly, forever in our hearts and forever in our memories.*



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**Marie Usilton** - July 15, 2019 at 04:13 PM

SR

“ *Sandra Rust lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Sandra Rust - July 15, 2019 at 04:04 PM

PG

“ *Pat & George Grussing lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Pat & George Grussing - July 15, 2019 at 04:00 PM

MF

“ *Myron Freeman lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Myron Freeman - July 15, 2019 at 03:47 PM

SN

“ *Sue & Joe Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Sue & Joe Nickerson - July 15, 2019 at 03:01 PM

DD

“ *Doria F Douglas lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Doria F Douglas** - July 15, 2019 at 02:58 PM

RJ

“ *ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**ROBIN JOINER** - July 15, 2019 at 02:56 PM

HM

“ *Herman & Martha lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Herman & Martha** - July 15, 2019 at 02:20 PM

HS

“ *Hidden Treasures Staff lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



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**Hidden Treasures Staff** - July 15, 2019 at 01:52 PM

HS

“ *Hidden Treasures Staff lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Hidden Treasures Staff - July 15, 2019 at 01:51 PM

RG

“ *Rosemary Gagalski lit a candle in memory of Holly Spence Short*



Rosemary Gagalski - July 15, 2019 at 01:13 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 15, 2019 at 12:55 PM