



## Jerry Cameron Spence

June 30, 1944 - July 16, 2023

Jerry Cameron Spence passed away on July 16, 2023, at his home of more than fifty years in Rock Hall, MD, surrounded by his family. He was 79.

Born in Woodstock, VA, on June 30, 1944, he was the son of the late Samuel Ray Spence and Peggy Jo Hite Spence Aleshire. Jerry was raised by his mother and his stepfather, Isaac "Pete" Aleshire. He graduated from Central High School in 1962 and, after serving six years in the United States Army and the Army National Guard, he was honorably discharged.

While stationed at the Nike Base, in Tolchester, MD, Jerry met and fell in love with Jean Powhida. They were married on May 7, 1965, and decided to make Rock Hall their home. For several years, Jerry enjoyed working as a truck driver for Linder's Pile Drivers and Hubbard's Seafood. Driving a truck was something he truly loved and talked about all through his life. Jerry provided a wonderful life for his family while employed as a Chemical Operator for Tenneco Chemical Company for almost twenty-five years. Later in life, Jerry continued his love of driving, while working for the town of Rock Hall, driving the trolley. He made a lot of friends on the trolley, and he made many dogs happy, handing out treats.

Jerry was very involved in the community and was an active member of the American Legion, Sgt. Preston Ashley, Post #228 in Rock Hall, for 54 years.

He was also a member of the Rock Hall Lions Club, the Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, and was a life member of the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department, serving his town by fighting fires and as a part of the ambulance crew. He truly loved his family, his friends, and his community.

In addition to his wife, Jean, Jerry is survived by daughter, Debbie Spence; four grandchildren, Megan Esper (Taylor), Jamie Short (Morgan), Cameron Spence, and Jordan Short; three great-grandchildren, Caleb, Levi, and Saylor Esper; two sisters, Candy Hausenfluck (Kenny) of Virginia and Peggy Sue Stickley (Larry) of Virginia; a cousin, Jackie Lambert and his special daughters, Stephanie Balderrama and Mary Lou Christian, as well as their families. Jerry is also survived by Jean's incredibly supportive family, and nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Jerry was predeceased in death by his daughter, Holly Spence Short, in 2019; his sister, Loretta Davis; and his brother, Donald Spence.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call two hours prior (12-2 p.m.).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Rock Hall Vol. Fire Company, P.O. Box 577, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
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# Tribute Wall



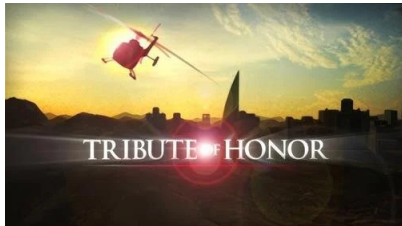
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 23, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 21, 2023 at 12:49 PM

SD

*Lovely tribute* ❤️

Susan Drumheller - July 22, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Jerry Cameron Spence*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

EL

“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



Ellen - July 28, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Rosie Gagalski and Family*



Rosie Gagalski - July 28, 2023 at 04:44 PM

FE

“ *I met Jerry through the Elks. He always had a smile and a funny story. It was a pleasure to see him come in there or the Legion. He will be missed.*



Faye Evans - July 23, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JC

“ *Joe&elaine Copsey lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



jo&elaine copsey - July 22, 2023 at 07:41 PM

JC

*jean, debbie, cameron & family & friends Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of jerry. keep his memories alive!!!!!!!!!! from joe&elaine copsey.....*

joe&elaine copsey - July 22, 2023 at 07:50 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



Denny and Judy Hickman - July 22, 2023 at 10:44 AM

CH

“ *Carole Hickman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



Carole Hickman - July 21, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Cameron Spence.*



July 20, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Jerry Cameron Spence*.



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July 20, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *303 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 20, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Sending you our sympathy and love.*  
*Todd and Diane Smith*

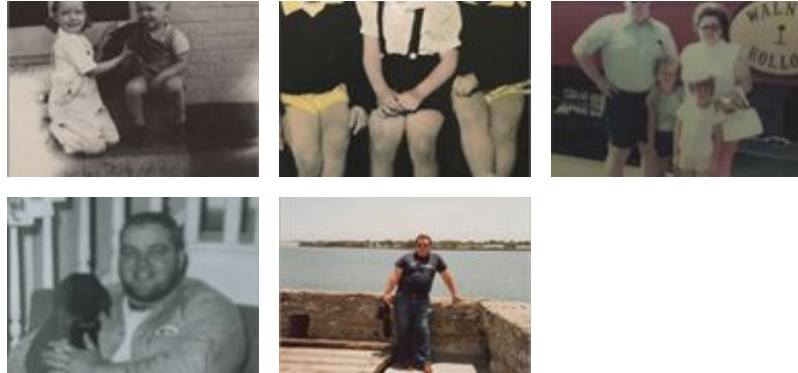


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**Todd and Diane Smith** - July 20, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 20, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Sandy McClary lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence



Sandy McClary - July 20, 2023 at 01:25 AM



“ Good man! Will be missed!



Louie Nicholson - July 19, 2023 at 10:12 PM

MS

“ *Mary Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Mary Shepherd** - July 19, 2023 at 07:05 PM

GK

“ *Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Glenda Kelly** - July 19, 2023 at 01:59 PM

TE

“ *For his selfless service for God, his country and his fellow man!*



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**Timmy and Andrea Edwards** - July 19, 2023 at 01:46 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Biddle sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Brenda Biddle** - July 18, 2023 at 10:12 PM

CW

“ *Cliff Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Cliff Wilson** - July 18, 2023 at 09:49 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Walls lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Nancy Walls** - July 18, 2023 at 07:30 PM

SS

“ *Mrs. Jean and family;  
So sorry for your loss. I did not know Mr. Jerry except from your stories at work. Sounds like he was a great man to his family and community. Praying for you during this time.*

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**Susan Schauber** - July 18, 2023 at 06:36 PM

RJ

“ *Robin Joiner lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**robin joiner** - July 18, 2023 at 04:56 PM

JL

“ Jerry always treated me like I was one of his own.



John Larrimore - July 18, 2023 at 04:38 PM

BG

“ Jean and family,  
I am so sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. I am praying for peace and comfort for all of you. Jerry served his community well. With love, BettyAnn Glenn



Bettyann Glenn - July 18, 2023 at 02:21 PM

B)

“ JEAN AND FAMILY, I AM SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF Jerry's passing. My prayers are with you. He was a friend of everyone who knew him. Jean you also were there for anyone who needed help. As you were with my brother Billy. I can't thank you enough all the help you gave him God Bless you.  
Betty Ainsworth



BETTY AINSWORTH. ( WALBERT ) - July 18, 2023 at 12:44 PM

RE

“ *Ron & Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Ron & Bonnie Edwards** - July 18, 2023 at 12:30 PM

VN

“ *So sorry to hear about Jerry, ours thoughts and prayers are with you and Debbie.*  
*Chris & Vivian Nordhoff*

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**Vivian Nordhoff** - July 18, 2023 at 11:30 AM

RM

“ *Prayers the the family. I've had the pleasure of knowing Jerry since he worked with my father at the chemical plant. He was a kind and very caring man.*



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**Robin Merchant** - July 18, 2023 at 10:23 AM

LB

“ *Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Larry Beck** - July 18, 2023 at 10:16 AM

BB

“ *Buck And Christine Barb lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Buck and Christine Barb** - July 18, 2023 at 09:51 AM

EL

“ *Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Edgar & Nancy Legg** - July 18, 2023 at 08:57 AM

RO

“ *RJ And Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**RJ and Kristi Osborn** - July 18, 2023 at 08:33 AM

KK

“ *Kevin & Ella Kerr lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Kevin & Ella Kerr** - July 18, 2023 at 07:40 AM

SJ

“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



Sherrie jacobs - July 18, 2023 at 02:07 AM

NH

“ *Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



Nancy Hubbard - July 17, 2023 at 10:44 PM

NH

*Jean and family my heart hurts for you. Jerry was a great man. Love to you all.*

Nancy Hubbard - July 17, 2023 at 10:45 PM

GS

“ *My condolences to the family, Mr. Jerry was a very good person. I had the opportunity of working with Jerry at Bay Resins(Clariant), he was always happy go lucky*



George Short - July 17, 2023 at 09:13 PM

KO

“ *Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Kari Oulahyane** - July 17, 2023 at 08:49 PM

RG

“ *Rick & Jeanne Geibel lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Rick & Jeanne Geibel** - July 17, 2023 at 08:41 PM

RJ

*Jean, Debbie, and Cameron — Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rick & Jeanne** - July 17, 2023 at 08:41 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Joan Hatcherson** - July 17, 2023 at 07:09 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Marie Usilton** - July 17, 2023 at 06:48 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Connie Fithian** - July 17, 2023 at 04:45 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Debbie and Bob Nickerson** - July 17, 2023 at 04:39 PM

DN

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and family. We will treasure the memories.*

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**Debbie and Bob Nickerson** - July 17, 2023 at 04:42 PM

EL

“ Eric & Donna Legg lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence



Eric & Donna Legg - July 17, 2023 at 04:33 PM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence



Frankie and Jane Dill - July 17, 2023 at 04:25 PM

BR

“ Bob And Sandra Rust lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence



Bob and Sandra Rust - July 17, 2023 at 03:22 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence



Jo Ann Edwards - July 17, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JF

*Rest in peace Jerry - until we see you again.*

**John D. Edwards Family** - July 17, 2023 at 03:21 PM

SD

“ So sorry, we shall miss Jerry. He always had such good stories to tell and made us laugh often. Jerry was kind, thoughtful and a bit awnry. Peace be with you Jean and family. I don't think anyone could say Jerry's name without smiling and recalling good memories. Good thing we can't tell Jerry he forgot something is his shed before leaving us. He may have thought to turn around and ask Jesus to give him a minute !! 😊

**Susan Drumheller** - July 17, 2023 at 03:17 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence



**Jeanette Stubbs** - July 17, 2023 at 02:35 PM

SD

“ Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence



**Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski** - July 17, 2023 at 02:26 PM

KO

“ *I miss you already, Mr. Jerry!  
Ms. Jean, Debbie, Cameron and the whole Spence family...While I  
know Mr. Jerry's reunion with Holly was probably something to  
behold, that doesn't help everyone left behind. Sending your family  
ALL my love today and every day.*

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**Kari Oulahyane** - July 17, 2023 at 02:26 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a  
virtual gift in memory of Jerry Cameron Spence*



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**Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards** - July 17, 2023 at 02:03 PM