



Spencer Black

June 14, 1943 - June 22, 2010

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Spencer Black 1943-2010 Spencer Black of Athens was laid to rest Friday, June 25, 2010, at Ripley Cemetery. He died at Noland Acute Care Hospital in Birmingham of complications from a head injury he sustained April 15, 2010, when a tree limb fell and hit his head. He had just turned 67. Spencer was born in the Ripley Community of Limestone County on June 14, 1943, to Emmett and Leona Rogers Black and was the youngest of six children. He resided most of his life on his family's farm and within sight of his childhood home. Spencer was a 1961 graduate of Clements High School and attended Calhoun Community College. He worked for a while at Redstone Arsenal and later ran a laundry route and cleaning supply business. He also was a barber at Bobs Barber Shop for several years. In 1971, Spencer was fortunate enough to find his ideal career in civil defense, which later became the Emergency Management Agency. Spencer was part of the organization in 1974 when North Alabama was hit by some of the worst tornadoes in history. Spencer's admirable handling of the disaster has been the subject of many publications. In fact, Spencer had, for 40 years, been ahead of the curve in preparedness for Limestone County. At his retirement, Limestone County Commissioners announced that the EMA building would be named in his honor. He had been retired 46 days when the accident occurred. Spencer was an outdoorsman and he loved to hunt. He was an avid Auburn fan and

supporter of Clements High School athletics, where he served as football announcer. He acquired a grant that tornado-proofed the halls of the new Blue Springs Elementary School and participated in a Pepsi video requesting money for its new playground. He had a caring heart. He loved people of all ages and colors and treated people the same, regardless of social status. His greatest enjoyment came from spending time with his children and especially his grandchildren. He often said he would have been a better parent if he could have had grandchildren first. He had plans to take his grandchildren on a 15-day trip out West in June. He is survived by three sisters: Thula Batts and husband Norman, Lois Bridges and Sarah Mitchell, all of Athens; and two brothers: Roger Black and wife Mary Dell of Athens and Johnny Black of Birmingham. He is also survived by his wife of 44 years, Marcia Edmonds Black, and children Jason and Velvet Black, and Samantha and Eric Fleming; and grandchildren Jasey and Allie Ruth Black and Miles and Jake Fleming. Spencer was a member of Mount Carmel Church of Christ. His service was handled by Limestone Chapel Funeral Home and his funeral was at Central Church of Christ. It was conducted by Odis Duncan, Jeff Bridges, John Wayne King, Dr. Charles Edmonds Sr., and Jasey Black. Pallbearers were nephews Jack and Jerry Batts, Ricky and Jeff Bridges, Brody Black and Chaz Estes.

Tribute Wall

FD

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Spencer's wife, children, grand children and all his family. Spencer and I met in the late fifties through church. I grew up at Ardmore and played basketball against Spencer during our high school days. I always enjoyed seeing him when I was fortunate to run into him somewhere when I was visiting back home. He will always be missed by everyone who knew him.*
Frank Davis, Georgia, Ardmore class of 1961

Frank Davis - November 07, 2010 at 01:04 PM

BT

“ *Sam, Jason, and Marcia ~*

I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you since we heard of the accident.

We pray God's blessings on each of you and your families as you remember the many great memories you have of Spencer.

He will be missed by all.

Love and prayers ~

Brenda (Kirk) Tuck

Brenda Tuck - June 29, 2010 at 10:09 AM

WR

“ Dear Family of Spencer Black,

We are so sorry to hear of Spencer's death. He was truly a great public servant as well as a fine individual. He was always willing to help us out in any situation and will be greatly missed!

WKAC Radio - June 27, 2010 at 09:01 AM

WA

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Spencer and to all of Limestone County. Spencer was an ASSET to the community and he will be greatly missed. I will miss his smile but most of all I will miss hearing him "HEY CUZ".

MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT ALL OF YOU DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW

Sincerely,

Carolyn

Waymon & Carolyn Griffin - Huntsville, AL - June 26, 2010 at 07:35 PM

JM

“ Our prayers are with all the family that Spencer has left behind, A special prayer to you Larry Young for I know you have not only lost a family member but a very good buddy and friend. Just always remember the good times yall shared together, be thankful for the time you did have with Spencer. He will be missed by all.

Jamie & Gayla Mealer - June 25, 2010 at 11:17 PM

MD

“ Spencer will be missed. May God bless each and every one of you.

Martha (Mot) Dishongh - June 25, 2010 at 03:43 PM

FM

“ *God Bless You All...*

Cousin Floydine

Floydine McCormick - June 25, 2010 at 01:54 PM

MS

“ *Our Prayers are with all of you.*

Marian Gallien Smith (Mrs. Edward Smith) - June 25, 2010 at 11:17 AM

JF

“ *In memory of a loving cousin and great friend whom we will truly miss. Marcia and Family, our prayers are with you all. Love Jim and Barb*

Jimmie & Barbara Fisk - June 25, 2010 at 09:38 AM

PG

“ *My sincere condolences to Spencer's family. So many are saddened by this loss to our community. The pictures shown on WHNT last night were the Spencer I knew and will remember. I saw him shortly before the accident...vibrant and bubbly as always! Thoughts and prayers to each of you; may your hearts be filled with the wonderful memories he gave you. God's Speed, Spencer!*

Paula Davis George - June 24, 2010 at 10:08 PM

CM

“ To the family of Spencer Black. We are deeply saddened by your loss, but we know that Spencer is now in a better place. Spencer will truly be missed by his community. We love you and are still praying for you.

Chequawnia Malone, Linda Moore, and Miranda Moore - June 24, 2010 at 09:55 PM

BS

“ We are very sorry to hear about Spencer. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Brandon & Wanda Smith - June 24, 2010 at 09:22 PM

RN

“ We have all lost a good friend .7b35

Ruth Nave - June 24, 2010 at 07:48 PM

BK

“ To the family of Spencer Black: A great man has departed from this world. The time, consideration and love Spencer gave to his family, friends and all people he came in contact with him will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Barry, Pam, Jonathan, Summer and Ryland Kirk.

Barry Kirk - June 24, 2010 at 04:47 PM

DL

“ I have known Spencer for many years and he will be deeply missed.

David Lauderdale - June 24, 2010 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ Spencer will be missed by Limestone County!! He has touched so many hearts over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Mark, Jennifer & Hanson McBay*

Jennifer Kyle McBay - June 24, 2010 at 11:29 AM

LL

“ Spencer was a kind and gentle man. He always made me feel at home. Just know that your Husband, Father, GrandFather, Brother, and Friend has gone home to be with the Lord and you will see him again one day. May God's grace cover and comfort you in this hour.

Lorenzo Lewis - June 24, 2010 at 10:52 AM

JD

“ We thought a lot of Spencer. When we were out and about we always saw him. He would stop and talk. He will be missed. There is a place left empty that no one can fill. John & Ella

John & Ella Dunn - June 24, 2010 at 10:44 AM

HW

“ I and my family offer our deepest sympathy for Spencer's family. He was a good man who pushed on those things he felt were important to the citizens of Limestone County. On a personal note Spencer always made me smile with his big grin and humor.

Sincerely, Helen Wilgus

Helen Wilgus - June 24, 2010 at 10:39 AM

LK

“ I will miss you my classmate and dear friend.

Linda Hampton Kinney - June 24, 2010 at 10:15 AM

CC

“ I pray that God will give each of you the strength to get through this, Spencer's loving wife, kids and the grandkids...and all of his extended family. We all love you

Charlene Garner Carver - June 24, 2010 at 10:09 AM

PF

“ To the Spencer Black Family, Your husband and father will be greatly missed. He was a very special man and will be remembered for all the good things that he did. We love you very much! Praying for comfort and for guidance through this time of sorry.

Will miss hearing him say, "Luv you cuz!!"

Paula Black Fialk - June 24, 2010 at 09:08 AM

TT

“ My family knew Spencer for about 17 yrs. He always walked through our door with a smile on his face and was full of laughter. It was a privilege to have him as a friend and he will be truly missed here in Elmore County too. Words can't describe him because he was bigger than life. God Bless and his family is in our prayers.

Trey & Holley Taylor - June 24, 2010 at 12:33 AM

TC

“ we were so sad to hear of Spencer's passing. may you find comfort in your memories. he done so much for limestone county and will be greatly missed.

Tim & Donica Crouch - June 23, 2010 at 11:02 PM

DB

“ Spencer was a great friend of my family. I will always remember his wonderful attention he had for my deceased son Bryan. He spent one entire day taking him to several radio stations and had lunch with him. Spencer loved his family and grandchildren. He will be missed by so many. Patsy and I are so saddened by the passing of Spencer.

Sincerely,
David & Patsy Burroughs

David & Patsy Burroughs - June 23, 2010 at 09:10 PM

WR

“ With Spencer passes an era.

Wayne Rose - June 23, 2010 at 08:59 PM

JE

“ I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT SPENCERS DEATH HE WAS A GOOD MAN IF THERES ANYTHING I CAN DO PLEASE LET ME KNOW MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

jim eastep - June 23, 2010 at 07:16 PM

CM

“ We are praying for you all! We love you! Justin, Candi and children

Candi Mayfield - June 23, 2010 at 04:19 PM

DR

“ In Memory of a caring man, and a cousin whom I will always remember not only as a relative but best of all, a true friend. To the family you have my love and I will have you all in my prayers.

Donnie Rogers - June 23, 2010 at 02:38 PM

MC

“ *Spencer will be missed by all of Limestone county. We've enjoyed the times together here in Athens and Auburn.*

Mike & Cindy Conlon - June 23, 2010 at 02:36 PM

HS

“ *God Bless all of you today and in the sad days to follow.*

Hal and Sandra Swartz - June 23, 2010 at 09:59 AM

FO

“ *Spencer Black*

Funeral Home Owner - May 13, 2010 at 02:28 PM