



Clarence F. "Bud" Spence Jr.

September 11, 1934 - August 16, 2017

GREENFIELD – Clarence F. “Bud” Spence, Jr., age 82, of Greenfield, passed away on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at Hancock Regional Hospital Hospice. He was born on September 11, 1934 in Springfield, IL as the son of Clarence F. Spence and Pauline (Lockhart) Cadagin. He graduated from Feitshans High School in Springfield, IL and received his Bachelors from Southern Illinois University. Bud served in the Army. He married Phyllis R. (Nuckols) on March 22, 1959 in Auburn, IL.

He worked for many years as an Independent Insurance Agent and Owner. Bud was a member of the Greenfield American Legion and enjoyed watching sports; especially the Cubs and Bears, gardening and was a long-time football coach. He liked keeping up with Politics and was an avid History buff. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Bud is survived by his wife, Phyllis R. Spence of Greenfield; children, Cindy (Tim) Wardlow of Carmel and Chris (Tina) Spence of Rushville; and granddaughter, Molly Wardlow. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence F. Spence and Pauline Cadagin; brother, Melvin Spence; and sister, Linda Manes.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will take place immediately following the visitation at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Troy Doubman will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Hancock County Humane Society, 214 E. Main Street, Greenfield, IN 46140 or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

AUG **Funeral Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ We had the pleasure of meeting Bud at Molly's graduation in 2015. We lift our prayers up for his wife as she has been his long time companion and care giver!
Jennifer and Rich Cavanaugh

Jennifer Cavanaugh - August 17, 2017 at 08:34 PM



“ Theresa And TJ Nance lit a candle in memory of Clarence F. "Bud" Spence Jr.



Theresa and TJ Nance - August 16, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ Although we never had the pleasure of meeting Bud, his daughter, Cindy, and I shared many warm stories of our Midwest Dads' since we both lived away from home in Arizona...would have loved to have met him...Rest in Peace Bud.....

Theresa and TJ Nance - August 16, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ In my eyes Mr. Bud Spence will always be "Coach". I played football for him in the 7th & 8th grade before playing at Chatard and believe me I learned about toughness on the field playing for him. I remember a game against a Greenfield team where I stepped up (weighing probably 110) and tackled their 200 pound fullback (felt like I got ran over by a train) for a loss and when I came to the sidelines he was so "pumped up" and excited. I think that was the biggest smile I had ever seen. That was his brand of football and that exemplified him as a person, tough as nails and highly enthusiastic. During practice he loved showing lineman technique while they were in full pads going full speed and he without tackling dummy padding protection. His "Popeye" forearms never had a match and he loved those drills. Toughness was his creed.

My heart goes out to all of you, and the emotions you are feeling are all to raw. I pray that you will remember the times he would want you to remember and not his latest struggles. We love you all and appreciate the friendship of your entire family to our entire family over the last 45 years.

God Bless you all,
Roger Rodich

Roger Rodich - August 18, 2017 at 08:56 AM