



## Mr. Decellar Spencer

April 18, 1922 - January 27, 2019

SPENCER, Mr. Decellar - Age 96, passed away Sunday, January 27, 2019 at his residence. Family hour 10AM Monday, February 4, 2019 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 424 Kennelworth Ave. with funeral service commencing at 11AM. Pastor Jevon Catlett, Host Pastor, Rev. Ronald Wilson, officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Monday. Mr. Spencer will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed 10AM-6PM Sunday. Mr. Spencer was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army.

Mr. Decellar Spencer was born April 18, 1922 in Albany, GA the youngest of six children born to Merrill and Rosa (Jones) Spencer. Mr. Spencer enlisted in the United States Army, October 29, 1940. This tour of duty was in the Southwest Pacific where he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Decellar Spencer was a member of the prestigious and now famous 555th Paratrooper Infantry Battalion, nicknamed the "Triple Nickels". He returned to Flint and began working for the United States Postal Services. He worked from 1945 to 1947 and is believed to have been among the first black male postal clerks in Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Spencer re-enlisted in the Army in 1949. This tour of duty lasted from November 1947 to February 1952. Sergeant Decellar Spencer's military

service totaled 8 years, 9 months and 11 days. He was awarded the Bronze Star along with many other military honors. He was extremely proud to tell family and friends about his military service and his honor to be chosen to be a "Triple Nickel". He was a member of the VFW Post 3291 located in Flint, MI. After the military, Mr. Spencer worked and retired from General Motors. In retirement he continued his strong work ethic and enjoyed landscaping and for a while driving a school bus. His great enjoyment came from helping those he loved. He mentored young men encouraging them to be loving fathers, and to take care of their families. He was an excellent cook as well as a skilled auto body Repair Man.

In 1948 he married the love of his life, Bobbie Wilson. They were the parents of two sons, Rene' (deceased) and Kevin, granddaughter Trina and great-grandson, Blake.

In 1979 he married Connie Elzy, who preceded him in death. Mr. Spencer became the loving step-father to Connie's children, Denise (Michael) white of Shady Spring, West VA; 3 grandchildren, Dirk Turhan Elzy (deceased) grandson, Willie (Celeste) Elzy of Flint, 3 grandchildren including Sgt. Josiah Elzy, Lisa Elzy Watson(1 granddaughter) and Tanya Elzy, both of Bakersfield, CA. Other surviving loved ones include: daughter-in-law, Priscilla "Pat" Spencer; sister-in-law, Edith Prunty Spencer; niece, Gwendolyn Watkins all of Flint; nieces, Robbie Grier of Dallas, TX, Gail (Dr. Leroy) Johnson, Rose Richardson, Margreat (Leon) Handley, all of Flint; nephews, Merrill Richardson of Flint, Terrell Richardson of Tennessee; goddaughter, Nisha Ross, close friend Julius Ross and Michael Mason,; and numerous great nephew and nieces.

Mr. Decellar Spencer was preceded in death by his parents, Merrill and Rosa Spencer, sisters, Rosa Richardson and Lucille Blassingame; brothers, Bud, Dr. J. Merrill and John Spencer.



# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
424 Kennelworth Ave.  
Flint, MI 48503

## Service

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FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
424 Kennelworth Ave.  
Flint, MI 48503

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Decellar Spencer*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. Mr. Spencer was an amazing man! I used to love having him come into our repair shop because I knew he was a great conversationalist. We never ran out of conversation topics. He would always have a smile on his face and seeing him walk through the door made me smile. My husband Jim'and I will miss him*

**Juli Gatica** - September 15, 2019 at 01:17 AM



“ *Best Godfather ever! Love and prayers to the family.*

**Ta-Nisha R.** - March 03, 2019 at 02:08 AM



“ *Ruthi Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer*



**Ruthi Hill** - February 23, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ *Kevin, my sincere and heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Love, peace and hugs to you my friend.*

**Cerese Pennington** - February 06, 2019 at 09:38 PM

DM

“ I loved the stories your father shared with me twice a year, for many, many years. My prayers are with you and your family Kevin.

Dawn McDaniel - February 05, 2019 at 10:19 PM

LR

“ To Kevin ,

*Our Sincerest Sympathy to you and family. A job well done  
God bless.*

*Lorene Randall & Family*



lorene randall - February 04, 2019 at 06:29 PM

CF

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.

Connie Vaughn & Family - February 03, 2019 at 09:47 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Peggy Stribling - February 03, 2019 at 04:42 PM

RE

“ Rhonda Etherly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Rhonda Etherly - February 03, 2019 at 04:18 PM

LP

“ La Phyllis Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



La Phyllis Peterson - February 03, 2019 at 09:35 AM

LF

“ Leola Wallace And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Leola Wallace and Family - February 02, 2019 at 06:47 PM

DF

“ Dawson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mr. Decellar Spencer.



Dawson Family - February 02, 2019 at 06:40 PM

BD

“ Kevin, Our prayers are for you and the family. We love you. Mona Dawson & Family

Bridgette Dawson - February 02, 2019 at 06:30 PM

LB

“ Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Lynn Barbee - February 02, 2019 at 05:30 PM

SM

“ To the family, May God Bless you during this time of great loss. Rest well D. Spencer.



Sheryl L McBrayer - February 02, 2019 at 04:08 PM

 Katie Stewart

“ Katie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Katie Stewart - February 02, 2019 at 02:25 PM

JB

“ Jeff, Sharon, Austin Foust/ Mavrick&Kaylor Bristol purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Mr. Decellar Spencer.



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**Jeff, Sharon, Austin Foust/ Mavrick&Kaylor Bristol** - February 01, 2019 at 12:42 PM

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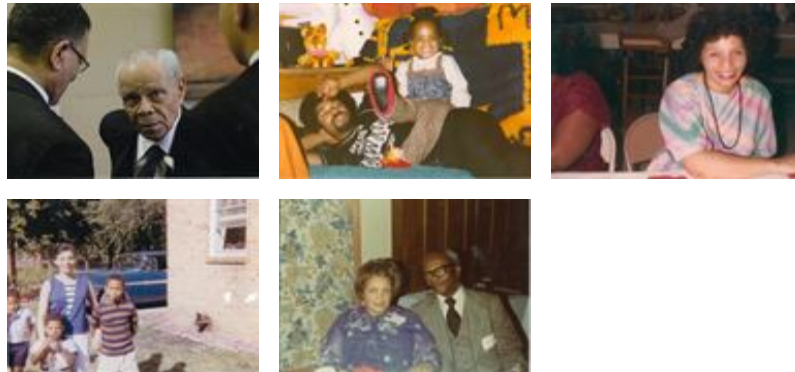
“ Please accept our heartfelt prayers,It not the end, the Bible promises life eternal at Rev 21:3,4 May you have peace.

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**narvella brown** - February 01, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - February 01, 2019 at 08:24 AM

CW

“ My condolences to the Spencer family.

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**Craig Williams** - February 01, 2019 at 07:38 AM

CW

“ *Craig Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer*



Craig Williams - February 01, 2019 at 07:38 AM

JU

“ *I am sorry for your loss. At such times words that truly comfort are hard to think of, the bible has comforting words found at Philippians 4:6&7. The bible can be a source of comfort. May the family keep in mind that God the hearer of prayers (Palms 65:2) promise to help through these difficult times, if you turn to him in prayer.*

Junior - January 31, 2019 at 06:59 PM

CM

“ *Kevin & Pat and entire Family you have my heartfelt condolences and prayers! Dad was such a bright light in all our lives and he loved everyone! He always had a smile and a joke he was such a sweetheart! He always told me "my you're a tall lady, not a shorty like me" then he'd chuckle 😊 I have nothing but fond loving memories of Dad and I know you do also! He will be missed but always kept alive in our hearts 💕 Kevin God Bless you for being such a awesome son and caregiver, and Pat also. God said for us to honor our parents and Kevin you and Pat did that! Love you so much!*



Celeste MillerElzy - January 31, 2019 at 02:56 PM

DF

“ To Kevin and your entire family, our sincere condolences. May the peace of God comfort you all!



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**Driskell Family** - January 31, 2019 at 10:20 AM

VS

“ Valerie C Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



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**Valerie C Southall** - January 31, 2019 at 08:59 AM

VA

“ My Deepest Condolences to the Spencer family. You will forever be missed, and your smile will missed. God Bless you and your family always.



*Mrs. Valarie Adams, Mr. Roger Neely amd Miss. Valencia Walker*

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**Valerie Adams** - January 30, 2019 at 09:18 PM

LD

“ La Jean Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



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**La Jean Duncan** - January 30, 2019 at 06:24 PM

RM

“ *Rev Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer*



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**Rev Phyllis McCree** - January 30, 2019 at 05:37 PM

BB

“ *Betty Buggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer*



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**Betty Buggs** - January 30, 2019 at 12:06 PM

JA

“ *Condolences to the family, we are praying that your pain be bearable, and that you receive the comfort you need*

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**jacklyn** - January 30, 2019 at 08:53 AM

YT

“ *Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer*



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**Yvonne Tidwell** - January 29, 2019 at 09:03 PM

CK

“ Claudette Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Claudette Kennedy - January 29, 2019 at 07:06 PM

RK

“ Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Russell & Diane Kirksey - January 29, 2019 at 02:52 PM

DQ

“ Deacon Bil R. Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Deacon Bil R. Quarles - January 29, 2019 at 01:32 PM

BS

“ Bernard Jackson Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



Bernard Jackson Sr - January 29, 2019 at 06:32 AM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer*



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**Jimmye Maxwell** - January 28, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ *To Kevin, Priscilla, Aunt Edith and the entire Spencer family, my thoughts and prayers are with you that God will give you all strength and peace during this difficult time!!!! You have my sincere condolences in the passing of your Dad, Brother, Uncle ect. Rest on Uncle D, in Jesus Arms. Love Curtis and Valerie Williams*



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**Valerie Williams** - January 28, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer*



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**Betty Tipper** - January 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM

MH

“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Spencer ( Dee) as he was affectionately known. He was my neighbor on Flowerday for years. He was such a nice person and a delight to be around . I remember him baking cakes and giving them to some of the neighbors including myself. He will truly be missed. Through the family have my deepest sympathies and condolences. Praying that God give you strength , comfort and understanding.  
A Flowerday neighbor .

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**Maria Hopkins-Brown** - January 28, 2019 at 11:17 AM

NB

“ Sorry for the loss of your love one, with all the memories you have they can last forever, cherish them.

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**narvella brown** - January 28, 2019 at 10:25 AM

MK

“ Ms. Pamela J. Koutouzos lit a candle in memory of Mr. Decellar Spencer



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**Ms. Pamela J. Koutouzos** - January 28, 2019 at 08:28 AM