



## James W. "Jay" Spence

November 26, 1923 - October 16, 2012

James W. Spence "Jay", 88, of Searcy went home to be with Jesus October 16, 2012. He was born November 26, 1923 in Russell, Arkansas to the late James "Bill" and Susan Bell Spence. Jay was a member and deacon of 1st Baptist Church of Floyd. He has said the happiest moment in his life was when he married his wife of 70 years and the next happiest was when they had their two children; God and family were very important to him.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerne Spence; a daughter, Peggy Jean Jones (Jerry) of Thompsonville, Illinois; his son, Jerry Wayne Spence (Glenna) of Searcy; 6 grandchildren, Kent Marshall Jones, Kerry Anne Arview, Christopher Todd Spence, Andrea Annette McKane, Amy Kristin Littleton and Emily Robyn Shaffer; 9 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Bell Betts and Louise Edom and one brother, Robert Spence; as well as a host of family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Fannie Evelyn Scarbrough and two sisters that died at an early age.

Visitation will be prior to services beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday at 1st Baptist Church of Floyd. Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. with Bro. Rodney Rains officiating. Interment will follow in Providence Cemetery. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ *LaVerne & Jerry We are so sorry about Jay and the sadness you must feel. Now he can receive God's grace and many blessings. There will be no illness, so limits to what he can do in the sight of our heavenly Father. And with His love and mercy you will be comforted and will have a happy reunion with Jay when time is right. Our Love Portia*

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**Ricky & Portia Cline** - May 04, 2016 at 06:10 PM

JV

“ *I do remember going over to JW's as a young child He always had a hug and a smile for me I also had the chance to visit with him at Bryd Haven a few times*

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**JP & Stacy (Spence) Vierra** - February 10, 2016 at 04:01 PM

JV

“ *I am so sorry to hear about JW. He was a wonderful man I can remember going over to his house with my dad Huie Spence and Grandpa Robert Spence JW always had a hug and a smile for me RIP JW God has a wonderful angel  
xoxoxoxoxoxo  
your great niece Stacy (Spence) Vierra*

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**Ricky & Portia Cline** - February 10, 2016 at 04:01 PM

BT

“ *Jay was a good friend and a wonderful deacon. He stood by me many times and I will be forever gratefully for that.*

*LaVerne and Jay were God fearing and worked hard together for a long time. This world is a better place because of him. I know that I am.*

*You can look at their children and see what kind of parents they were.*

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**Bert Thomas** - February 10, 2016 at 04:01 PM

RS

“ *May GOD bless you with all the loving memories Jay has left with all the family. You will be in our Prayers.*

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**Robert Allen Spence** - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM