



## Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.

January 2, 1955 - February 24, 2020

"His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord".

Matthew 25:21

Elder Rev. Willie Cornell Spencer Sr., son of the late Edna Spencer Chavis and William "Bill" Chavis, was born January 2, 1955 in Dunn NC. He closed his eyes to meet his Lord and Savior Monday, February 24, 2020 in the comfort of his home in Lumberton, NC.

Rev. Spencer graduated from North Carolina Central University. The majority of his professional career was spent working as a Wastewater Chemist for the City of Lumberton. Later, he became an educator in the Scotland County School System, where he retired.

Rev. Spencer was a very active member of Pentecostal United Holy Church. An ordained Elder in the United Holy Church of America and the Carolina District. He pastored over fourteen years serving at Holy Trinity UH Church Wilmington NC, and Gospel Temple Church, Richland NC. He served faithfully as secretary of the Lumberton Ministerial Alliance and helped coordinate the City-Wide Revivals for many years. He served on many committees and held various positions in his life.

Rev. Spencer was passionate about developing people and building strong lasting relationships. He never met a stranger. Rev. Spencer enjoyed preaching the Gospel, playing and singing Gospel music, while serving God and his family.

Rev. Spencer was preceded in death by his parent and brother James "Maxcell" Spencer.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife Eileen Spencer, two sons: Wille Jr. (Carmel) Spencer, David (Tiffan) Spencer, one daughter: Tamika (Margorico) Brixton, six grandchildren: Adrianna Spencer, Antonio Brixton, Daveah Spencer, Markel Brixton, David Spencer Jr. and Amiyah Spencer, one aunt, Deloris Clegg, one sister: Sylvia Jean LaRue, two brothers: Fred Chavis, and Milton Chavis, mother in law Dorothy McDuffie, four brothers in-laws: James (Cynthia) McDuffie, Darrell McDuffie, Marshall McDuffie, and Roy McDuffie, a host of nieces, nephews other family members, church family and a host of friend.

Services entrusted to Colvin Funeral Home, Lumberton, North Carolina.

# Cemetery Details

## Pentecostal Church Cemetery

2300 Gavintown Road  
Lumberton, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
1904 Elizabethtown Road  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## Service

FEB 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pentecostal United Holy Church  
2300 Gavintown Road  
Lumberton, NC 28358

# Tribute Wall

BM

“*Cornell and I go back to the third grade. We were always at each other houses almost everyday. We had a great time growing up together. We played pick-up football, basketball, box, did almost everything together except worked in the tobacco fields. Willie was the president of our senior class in high school; very popular for his speaking abilities and his athletic abilities. I admired his mild manner yet his confidence was always high. He never backed down from a fight or a challenge.*

*We would talk often on the phone for the past ten years. Both of us came from humble beginnings but we managed to get an education and enjoy our lives to the fullest. His favorite stories he would tell me about his old life and some of the fights he had before he bacame a christian. He never embellish like some guys. He told it like it was; if he got his butt beat that was how he told it. I always had the most respect for Willie. Our friendship had endured for over fifty five years. Our group consisted of Willie, Wilbert (Bubble), Clarence (Leewood), Johnny (Lee), and myself. We had a great time as kids.*

*I was not able to make the funeral because I had th e flu.*

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**Bobby McQueen** - March 10, 2020 at 06:23 PM

JG

“*My condolences to the Spencer and Chavis Family*



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**Jean Gainey** - February 29, 2020 at 01:29 PM

B&

“ *Barbara Brewington &family lit a candle in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



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**Barbara Brewington &family** - February 29, 2020 at 12:12 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Dixon Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



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**Patricia Dixon Shaw** - February 29, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ *Vonetta McDonald sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



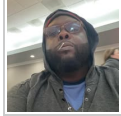
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**Vonetta McDonald** - February 29, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Chelle Freeman lit a candle in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



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**Chelle Freeman** - February 28, 2020 at 04:42 PM



*...Thanks Michelle for this. Love ya*

**Willie Spencer Jr.** - September 20, 2020 at 04:30 PM

AM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Anne Blalock Marsh** - February 27, 2020 at 07:31 PM

KB

“ *Katrina Blue sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



**Katrina Blue** - February 27, 2020 at 07:25 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hicks sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



**Barbara Hicks** - February 27, 2020 at 03:38 PM

RM

“ *Ricky And Mary Mcneil lit a candle in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



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**ricky and mary mcneil** - February 26, 2020 at 07:29 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hicks lit a candle in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



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**Barbara Hicks** - February 26, 2020 at 02:57 PM

PS

“ *Phyllis Lee Sneed sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



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**Phyllis Lee Sneed** - February 26, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ *Condolences to the Spencer and Chavis Family. We grew up together and attended Dunn High School. We went on after high school and became classmates at North Carolina Central University. Praying that the Lord will give the Spencer Family comfort during this time..*

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**Jeannette Matthews Butler** - February 26, 2020 at 01:45 PM

AN

“ *Angelia Nivens lit a candle in memory of Elder Willie Cornell Spencer Sr.*



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**Angelia Nivens** - February 26, 2020 at 01:02 PM

SW

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the family of Mr. Elder Willie Spencer Sr. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

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**Sheriff Burnis Wilkins** - February 26, 2020 at 09:01 AM