



## Rev.J. Rodgers Spencer

February 21, 1929 - December 23, 2019

The Reverend J, Rodgers Spencer, 90 of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, died December 23, 2019 surrounded by family. He was born on February 21, 1929, in Cincinnati, Ohio the son of the late Raymond and Lysle Tieman Spencer. He was the younger of 2 siblings. On June 20, 1958, he married Jeannine Fiori, who survives. They had twin sons J. Morris and C. Rodgers.

Mr. Spencer attended The University of Cincinnati and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Wooster, Ohio. He continued his education at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and earned a Master of Divinity degree.

Mr. Spencer was ordained to the ministry by the Cincinnati Presbytery in May 1954 and served churches in Fayetteville, Indiana; Washington, Pa; Warren, Ohio; El Paso, Texas, and Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He retired as full time pastor in 1994 after 40 years, but continued to serve churches as interim pastor and preacher when needed. He continued to serve the church at large by serving on committees in Presbytery and in Oklahoma.

Both during his ministry and during retirement he volunteered in the community as well. He was an active member of the Ministerial Alliance serving as president for three years; helped form Friends of the Library, was treasurer of the hospital Auxiliary, volunteered in the Creek House Museum,

served on boards of “Y”, United Fund, Rotary, and Okmulgee County Disaster. He was instrumental in selecting the historical pictures hanging in the library and putting together a book of the history of Okmulgee.

Mr. Spencer is also survived by his son and daughter-in-law, C. Rodgers and Pam Spencer of Crossville, TN, grandchildren Anthony Spencer, Carrie Spencer, Karen Fehner, Keith Spencer and Kyle Spencer, along with several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister and son J. Morris.

A service, “A Witness to the Resurrection” celebrating the life of John Rodgers Spencer will be held on Saturday at 3:00 P M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Arrangement and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC **28**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
401 South Seminole  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev.J. Rodgers Spencer*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Jeanine, thoughts and prayers from the Boyers. I still have sheet music with your name on it.*

*Tim, Betsy, Jenny and Carl*

**Timothy Boyer** - January 23, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Jeanine for her loss. It has been many years since I last saw these two lovely people but their civic pride remains bright in my Okmulgee memories*

**Jeneane Campbell** - December 29, 2019 at 12:04 AM



“ *I was so very sorry to learn of Rev. Spencer's death! Our family has a long history with both, Rodgers and Jeanine and share her grief! He is gone but will never be forgotten and we will cherish his memory in our hearts! I am so sorry we were not able to see him in March. May God continue to bless you in the years to come! My prayers always! Love to you and the family. Caryl Taylor and family.*

**Caryl Taylor** - December 27, 2019 at 07:14 PM

RT

“ Rev. Spencer meant the world to me and my family and we were sorry we didn't see him earlier this year. Sending our love and prayers to Mrs. Spencer and the family. Sincerely - Robin Taylor

Robin E. Taylor - December 27, 2019 at 06:59 PM

TC

“ I loved waiting on him at FNB he was such a nice man.I loved his humor. He will be MISSED! Rip!

Terri Cook - December 27, 2019 at 01:46 PM

 Jimmy McClendon

“ I had the opportunity to work with him on several funeral services. One time in all his funny times, he actually High Fived me after a large service. May he Rest In Peace.

Jimmy McClendon - December 26, 2019 at 12:15 PM

RK

“ We enjoyed cutting Rodgers hair for the many years he was in Okmulgee. He was always there for us when mom and dad passed. Our prayers are with Janine. -Ralph and Roger

Roger Kovarik - December 25, 2019 at 04:57 AM

CH

“ Jeanine, we are so sorry for your loss. May precious memories bring you comfort and peace in the coming days and months. Memories of you and Rogers at St. James hold special places in our hearts. Blessings and love, Don and Cathy Hamrick

Cathy Hamrick - December 23, 2019 at 11:25 PM

HS

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Jeanine. We will greatly miss seeing him at library meetings. Do let us know of any way we may help you at this time.

*Harlan & Vianne Stensaas*

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**Harlan & Vianne Stensaas** - December 23, 2019 at 06:00 PM

RC

*Mrs Spencer, My heart goes out to you in your loss. May our Father in Heaven hold you in his Grace and tender Comfort thru the days and weeks to come. And may your memories console you in peaceful resolve in knowing each day is one less day apart. God Bless you.  
Rock and Sue Chisum*

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**Rick Chisum** - December 23, 2019 at 10:06 PM