



Dr. Ray Spence

January 25, 1922 - October 12, 2009

Dr. Ray Spence was born in Garvin County outside of Paoli on January 25, 1922. He was the eighth of eight children. He passed away on October 12, 2009. He attended college at East Central in Ada and medical school at Oklahoma University. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he moved to Maysville then on to Pauls Valley where he practiced medicine for 40 years. He estimated delivering over 1,500 Garvin County children, and at one point claimed to know everyone in Pauls Valley and how they were related. Dr. Spence was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pauls Valley where he served as a Sunday School teacher. The most important things he taught others about life were to work hard and to help others and treat them all like friends.

Those of you who know him, remember him in many ways: some as family, some as doctor, some as domino and card player, and some as golfing buddy. He was always a country boy who grew up to be an unassuming country gentleman. Pauls Valley missed him on his retirement, and now he will be missed by all of us he leaves behind.

Dr. Spence is preceded in death by his wife Gladys and one son Daryl; three brothers: Horace (Buster), Kennard Maxie and Jack Deward Spence; four sisters: Alma Dennis, Alva Sallie Shirley, Audie Pruitt and Eula Belle (Tiny) Beams.

Dr. Spence is survived by:

Son – Dean Spence and his wife Cheryl of Oklahoma City

Daughter – Mary Elkins and her husband Gordon of Tucson, Arizona

Daughter-in-Law – Daryl's wife Melinda

5 Grandchildren 7 Great-Grandchildren

Funeral services for Dr. Ray Spence of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma are scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel in Pauls Valley with Dr. Joe Elam officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13.** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Service

OCT **14.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, Ok

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Ray Spence*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Spence Family,*

*Dr. Spence will be missed alot. He was my Doctor years ago.
Thoughts n Prayers to you all!##imported-begin##David
Stalcup##imported-end##*

October 14, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ *I would like to say he was a great doctor and
will be missed by all who knew him##imported-begin##Susan
Polczynski ##imported-end##*

October 13, 2009 at 10:36 PM



“ *Gordon & Mary, I am so sad to hear about Dr. Spence. I am with
you guys in thoughts and prayers. I have so many wonderful
memories of so many great times as a child with all of you playing at
his house and spending the summers catching fireflies in the front
yard. Perfect spot.*

*I wish I could come for the service, Bob is in Canada right now. I will
be with you in my heart and will be praying for strength for you
during this difficult time. I love you guys! ~Rena##imported-
begin##Rena & Bob Wierdsma##imported-end##*

October 13, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ To the family, loveones, and friends, I offer my sympathy on the passing of Dr. Ray Spense. Dr. Spense was Fields' family doctor, until his retirement. He was very effective as a physician, but more than that, he was our friend. His was a life well lived. May he rest in peace##imported-begin##Eugene Fields##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 06:37 PM



“ Dean, Mary Jane and the rest of the Spence family,

I can't possibly begin to tell you of all the wonderful memories I have of Dr. Spence. He was with me when my children came into this world and he was with me when my parents left it. My memories of Dr. Spence are wonderful and strong. I'm sure your memories will provide you with comfort in the future. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy##imported-begin##Judy Irwin Weaver##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 04:16 PM



“ It is with great sadness to hear of Dr. Ray passing. He had a smile and a way of making families feel at ease at the time of a lost loved one. He will be greatly missed. I will keep the family in my thoughts and Prayers during this time of grief. Imagine, if you can, a place where mountains meet the sky, where fragrant flowers fill the air and winding streams flow by. Imagine if you can, a world where joy replaces grief, for thinking of this wondrous place will bring your heart relief.

Thinking of you today, and wishing you comfort and peace of mind##imported-begin##Harold Bradley##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 01:53 PM



“ Jane and Dean and families, I am so sorry. Many days and nights have I spent with your family and I have great love for all of you. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Debbie Wadley##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 01:37 PM



“ Dean and Mary, I was saddened to read of your Dad's passing. I have so many fond memories of him and your Mom. My folks always loved your folks so much and enjoyed many fun times with them. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Let me know if I can do anything. Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon (Cook) Brown##imported-end##

October 12, 2009 at 06:43 PM