

# Charles Parker Spencer, Jr.



Charles Parker Spencer, Jr., age 83, of Lincoln, NE, died of complications of kidney disease on January 6, 2019, in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lincoln, NE. Charles Spencer, Jr. is survived by his wife, Floretta Shumake Spencer, of Macon, GA; her daughter, Amber, two grandsons, Kai Hall and Taron Williams, also of Macon, GA.

He is preceded in death by his parents, The Reverend Charles Parker Spencer, Sr., and his mother, Elma Brown Spencer, as well as his brothers, William Spencer and Theodore David Spencer of New Orleans, LA.

Charles was born on February 10, 1935 in Salem, NJ. He attended Woodbury High School in Woodbury, NJ. Afterward, he joined the United States Navy in 1952 and entered submarine training school in Bainbridge, CT. After completing his tour in the navy, he went to New York and graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Apex School of Beauty and was co-owner of a fashionable beauty shop on St. Nicholas Avenue in Harlem. All the while, in the evenings, he would take his harmonica and sit in on sets with some of the great jazz artists of the time, such as Thelonius Monk.

Charles then met and married Consuella Thompson, and had three children, Charles Spencer, III, Jatton Spencer and Diana Washington, all of whom he was extremely proud.

While establishing a Jazz and Blues career in Atlanta, GA, Charles met and married Floretta Shumake. Charles was always fascinated with different sounds and rhythms and played over 20 instruments, including the xylophone, and a self-designed 4 string guitar. He then retired for a short time in Central Florida, re-establishing ties with his siblings. Finally, Charles moved to Lincoln, NE, where he built a tight network of devoted friends and musicians.

Charles was a bright light in any dull place, always kind and loving, just a touch quirky, with a very sweet soul, and an incredible sense of humor-definitely marching to his own drumbeat. He loved the stage and all of its 'bling'!

He leaves to mourn him a host of friends and family-brother, sisters, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, aunts, nieces and nephews.

The family is honoring his request for cremation and would like to thank the staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Dialysis Center of Lincoln, NW Location, Crestview Care Center, and all who loved and treated Charles with kindness.

Sincerely,

The Family

---

*Funeral Home assisting is Aspen Mortuary, 4822 Cleveland Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68504. To view an on-line obituary or email condolences please visit Aspen Mortuary's website at [www.aspenaftercare.com](http://www.aspenaftercare.com).*

---

Submit your condolence

# Condolences for Charles Parker Spencer, Jr.

*Henry and Jeannette says:*

[January 9, 2019 at 5:27 pm](#)

Sorry for your loss God bless you and family . Thank you for sending us this obituary

---

*Kimsung Hawks says:*

[January 9, 2019 at 6:24 pm](#)

The Hawks family extends our deepest condolences, as we elevate the family with our prayers.

---

*Kirsten Hughes says:*

[January 9, 2019 at 7:52 pm](#)

I am truly saddened to hear of Sir Charles Spencer's passing. He was a dear friend of many years, beginning in the early 90's in Atlanta. Charles was a remarkable musician and friend. He

blessed us by playing our wedding. He will be missed but not forgotten. Cheers, my friend.

---

*Sherrie Smith-Miller* says:

[January 10, 2019 at 7:33 am](#)

We love you Papa Spencer love you Always Anjell, Avell, Allel, and Rie-Rie.

---

*Vivian Williams* says:

[January 10, 2019 at 9:44 am](#)

Sorry to hear of the loss of your dear brother. May it comfort you to know that I and others are thinking of you with deepest sympathy and heartfelt understanding.

---

*Cindy Tapee* says:

[January 10, 2019 at 12:13 pm](#)

Thank you to Blue for allowing us the wonderful opportunity to care for him. He was truly enjoyed by the residents and staff at Crestview Care Center. He will be missed.

---

*Dorothy Williams and family.* says:

[January 11, 2019 at 12:11 am](#)

I pray for grace, comfort and peace to all family and friends. I will miss my beloved nephew and friend. May he RIP.

---

*Donna Akiba Harper* says:

[January 12, 2019 at 11:58 am](#)

I heard many beautiful songs rendered by Charles. My husband, Jerome Harper, played with Charles in several Atlanta venues. We are very sad to learn of his passing. We offer our prayers for consolation for the family. We join the many friends, fans, and fellow musicians who will remember Charles with deep affection and appreciation.

---