



James Grafton Spencer III

July 26, 1947 - April 23, 2025

James (Jim) Grafton Spencer III, 77, was born in Ormond Beach, Florida on July 26, 1947 and died in Tallahassee, Florida on April 23, 2025.

Jim graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor's degree in English and subsequently earned a Masters in Social Work from Florida State University. Jim dedicated his 34 year professional career to helping abused and neglected children. He worked every role from frontline contact with families to statewide management and leadership.

When not serving the state of Florida, Jim enjoyed spending time with family, reading and traveling. He enjoyed spending time in nature and for many years supported the monarch butterfly population through their northern migration route.

Jim is predeceased by his parents, James Grafton Spencer, Jr. and Bernice Legge Spencer.

Jim is survived by his wife, Rae Hendlin; four children Gregory Spencer (Megan Berger), Christopher Spencer, Adrian Hendlin (Alex Kenan) and Marshall Hendlin; and two brothers, David Spencer and Peter Wesley Spencer.

Mr. Spencer is under the care of Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young

Fulford Funeral Home, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444

Tribute Wall

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“ *It's been one year since Jim died and I've thought of him a thousand times--and his family members. I'm so sorry he's not here. I'm so glad he was my cousin and in my life. He died on the anniversary date of my Father's funeral, which he came a long way for, thankfully. He was truly a remarkable man who thought his way through life with excellence. I remember watching him read--so engrossed--very strong powers of concentration. One time he got stung by a Portuguese Man-o-War at Crescent Beach and the lifeguard kept him close for a while until he knew that he was okay. That may seem random but it's just a memory of something that happened to him that I still recall. I sincerely hope his family is doing all right. I miss you, Jimmy. Love, Cousin Terri Spencer xo*



Terri Spencer - May 01 at 08:39 AM

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“ *Terri Spencer lit a candle in memory of James Grafton Spencer III*



Terri Spencer - April 27, 2025 at 08:58 PM