



Richard P. Spencer M.D.

June 7, 1929 - March 14, 2011

Richard P. Spencer, age 81, of Bloomfield, passed away on March 14, 2011. He was the son of the late David and Frances Fried Spencer and beloved husband of Gwendolyn W. Spencer. He is survived by his daughter Carolyn R. Spencer of Ann Arbor, MI as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughters Jennifer H. and Priscilla J. Spencer and sister Linda A. Spencer.

Born in New York City on June 7, 1929, Dr. Spencer graduated from the Bronx High School of Science in 1947 and Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 1951. He began his medical studies at Dartmouth Medical School and finished them in 1954 at the University of Southern California. Dr. Spencer did his medical residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, followed by 26 months of active duty in the U.S.

Navy Medical Corps. On April 7, 1956 he married Gwendolyn Williams and she survives him.

Dr. Spencer's love of learning continued as he earned his Ph.D in Biochemistry from Harvard University in 1961. He then served on the faculty of the University of Buffalo and Yale University Medical Schools. Beginning in 1974 Dr. Spencer served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Connecticut Medical School, starting the Nuclear Medicine Residency Program there and sustaining it for 32 years. He

was known for his service, dedication and devotion to teaching, research and clinical practice in the field of Nuclear Medicine. During his lifetime he had more than 900 scientific publications and 9 books. He was a frequent speaker concerning his work and research.

There are no calling hours. A funeral service will take place on April 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to McLean Hospice, 75 Great Pond Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070 or the Duncaster Foundation for the Caleb Hitchcock Entertainment Fund, 40 Loeffler Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002. The family wishes to thank the staff at Caleb Hitchcock and McLean Hospice for their wonderful care of Dr. Spencer. Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Dr. Spencer. Thank you for everything. You were a kind and brilliant man. Jim*###imported-begin###*Jim Crotty*###imported-end##

January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sharing a quonset hut, off campus, facility with Dick and taking the same classes I came to realize just how smart a guy he was. We figured a way to enter one of the graduate school buildings and before an examination would play ping pong, and shout out an expected examination question with each paddle stroke. He was able to anticipate most of the exam questions. What a grand learning experience this was for me. During the "blue book" exam time in the gym, lasting 2 hours, Dick would get up after 45 minutes and head to the front of the room. Initially everyone thought it was for a restroom break, but he did not return and the room was shocked in realizing that he had completed the exam. Later, realizing what was going on, sometimes there would be a low hiss as he left, really an expression of envy.*

The other day I thought about my memorable association with Dick and thought that I needed to contact him after all these years and found this notice on Google. Apologies, Dick###imported-begin###*Dr. Herbert J. Sorensen*###imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sad to learn of Richards passing.
I loved his humor and in particular his humorous advise about
"administration in academia"! I feel some comfort knowing he was
extremely well taken care of by you of course and the staff at
Duncaster. I also feel comfort that he is reunited with Priscilla and
Jennifer.

Love,

Linda Reddy##imported-begin##Linda Reddy##imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Mrs. Spencer and Carolyn: I was greatly saddened to read that
my dear friend Dr. Spencer had passed away. I had worked for him
for about 5 yrs and had been the one to type Pricilla's thesis for her.
He was a great man and the world is a sadder place without him!
My heart goes out to both of you.##imported-begin##Kathy
Borthwick##imported-end##

March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM