



## Melvin Dale Spencer

April 9, 1946 - April 28, 2021

Melvin Dale Spencer was born April 9, 1946, in Gans, Oklahoma, to Boyd M. and Edith Mae Henry Spencer. He went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 75 years. Melvin moved with his parents to Owasso, Oklahoma, in 1953, at which time his longtime legacy began. He completed his secondary education at Owasso High School graduating with the class of 1964. During his school years he was a three-year starter in baseball and basketball, and the first sophomore to start for legendary coach J.V. Haney. He continued his education at Oklahoma Military Academy in Claremore, Oklahoma. He then attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he continued playing college baseball. Melvin married the love of his life, Patsy Jost, on August 26, 1966, in Owasso, where they have made their home together since that time. He was a teacher with Owasso Public Schools for over 40 years. He resurrected a baseball program that dominated in the 1970's, coaching the Owasso Rams Baseball team for 13 years. He compiled a career win-loss record of 303-116. His teams won 20 or more games each year he coached, making nine state tournament appearances. His 1973 and 1975 teams won the Oklahoma Class 3A State Championships, and the 1978 squad finished as the 3A State Runner-up. He was the Oklahoma Coaches Association "Coach Of The Year" in 1975, and was honored as District "Coach Of The Year" four times. He was selected as the North All-State Coach in 1979. During his career he produced seven All-State players and two

professional players. He also coached Owasso football, basketball, and ladies softball. He, together with Ted Vancuren, was instrumental in starting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Owasso.

Melvin was a successful businessman, and for many years owned and operated Spencer's Shortstop. He and Patsy were honored as Owasso Mr. and Mrs. Trail Days in 2012. Melvin was nominated and inducted to the Owasso Athletic Hall of Fame in the inaugural Class of 2010. He was inducted to the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service in 2018. Melvin was a man of strong Christian faith and had been an active member of Discovery Church, formerly Westport Mennonite Brethren Church, in Owasso, and in recent years with First Baptist Church in Owasso. Anyone who knew or played ball for Melvin, knew of his unwavering character and his belief in Biblical principles.

He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, most of which involved being outdoors, including spending time on the golf course. He was always an Owasso Ram Fan and could often be seen at ball games, especially for Ram baseball. He dearly loved his family and was especially fond of his role as "Papa". Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of over 54 years; Patsy, of the home

Daughter and son-in-law; Kim and Steve Parker, of Owasso, Oklahoma  
Granddaughter; Ella Kate Parker

Brother; Jerry Spencer and wife Lana, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Sister; Sandra McClain and husband Terry, of Port Lavaca, Texas

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth Spencer.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2nd, and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 3rd, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at First Baptist Church in Owasso with Pastor Chris Wall and Pastor Mike Frantz officiating.

Serving as casket bearers will be Lynn Becker, Mike Hazelip, Tom Linginfelter, Barry Allen, Larry Turner, and Steve Holleman. Honorary casket bearers will be D.M. Sokolosky, Jim Gray, and J.V. Haney. Committal service and

interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made to First Baptist Church Owasso, on memo line write Melvin Spencer/The Mission, P.O. Box 1020, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Service

MAY 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Owasso  
13307 East 96th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

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MAY 4 (CT)

The Mission - FBCO  
P.O. Box 1020  
Owasso, OK 74055  
<http://www.themission.net>

# Tribute Wall



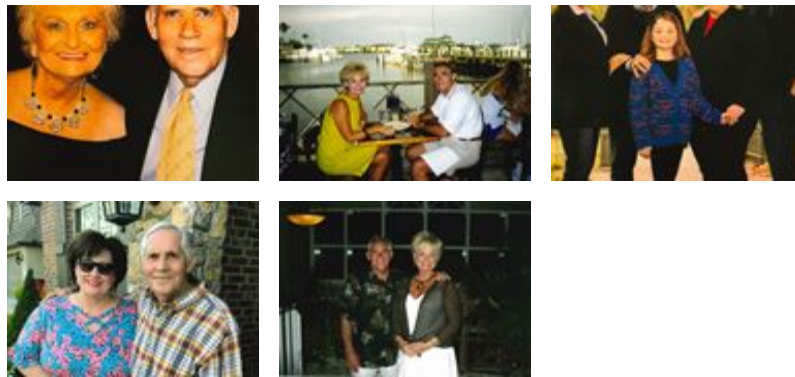
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Dale Spencer.*



May 03, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *74 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Mowery Funeral Service** - May 03, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ *Roger and Kathy, Aaron and Adam Prickett purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melvin Dale Spencer.*



**Roger and Kathy, Aaron and Adam Prickett** - May 01, 2021 at 05:40 PM

BJ

“ Melvin and Patsy were so kind to us as we were raising our kids in Owasso. We attended church with them at two different churches in Owasso....I think we must have followed them! Such a great guy, and who he was will resonate in Owasso for years to come. Praying for his family.

Brad & Becky Johnson - May 01, 2021 at 04:13 PM

BJ

“ Brad & Becky Johnson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melvin Dale Spencer.



Brad & Becky Johnson - May 01, 2021 at 04:10 PM

KG

“ He will fly once again. he  
Will soar with his wings unfolded.  
Hear the angels applaud as he  
Rides on the wind to the arms of  
God. and he will fly. he will fly  
Again.“  
A wonderful song sung by David Phelps. I dedicate this to Couch  
Spencer's family.  
Coach Spencer lived a Christian life by his words in class, his  
actions on the baseball field, his actions out in the public. What a  
wonderful man to have known.  
My prayers for comfort to the Spencer family.  
Kelley Lamb Gerhardt

Kelley Gerhardt - May 01, 2021 at 11:37 AM

EY

“ A man of God. A man of family. A man of honor. A true friend and mentor. Yes he was a great coach, but a even better man. He loved patsy deeply and wholly. Always there to support you and to share the gospel. I love you coach, see you soon ❤️ Coach Eddie Yock

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**eddie yock** - April 30, 2021 at 06:09 PM

LH

*Patsy so so sorry for the loss of Melvin, teammate and friend Lonnie hale*

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**lonnie hale** - May 01, 2021 at 11:27 AM

LH

*A great guy and teammate sorry for your loss patsy*

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**lonnie hale** - May 01, 2021 at 11:41 AM

TJ

“ I can't think of anyone I admire any more than Coach Spencer. He was a man who exemplified integrity, discipline, and faith. I knew him first as my gym teacher. When I was less than compliant with one of his rules for class, he paddled my butt. I can attest that it no fun getting swats from Coach in thin gym shorts. I had more exposure to Coach when I played a little JV baseball. He was the same model of integrity, discipline & faith. Later he taught me to drive in Driver's Ed. I still remember how much I enjoyed just getting to talk with him during our "long driving test" to Tahlequah. When he operated his convenience store on 86th street, one of my favorite things to do was to stop by and talk with him. He was always quick with a smile and an encouraging word. There is no telling how many thousands of lives Coach impacted. I am blessed to have been one of them. Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord!

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**Toby Joplin** - April 30, 2021 at 10:30 AM

RW

“ Married a great lady , good athlete, good coach , great person , you will be missed . Ron & Paula Wiseley

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**Ron & Paula Wiseley** - April 29, 2021 at 11:27 AM

WJ

“ Patsy I am so sorry to learn of Melvin passing away When I got the job at Owasso Bill Garner ask me to hire one person and that was Melvin He was not only a great coach but a great. Teacher and a great Christian family man Our prayers are with you and your family

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**wesley Jarman** - April 29, 2021 at 11:07 AM

EJ

“ Our sincerest condolences to Patsy and Kim. We have know the family for years and Melvin was a great Christian man who will be sorely missed by a multitude of friends and acquaintances. Ed and Fleeta Sunday

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**Ed Sunday Jr** - April 29, 2021 at 10:56 AM