



Merle D. Spence

June 26, 2013 - June 26, 2013

Merle D. "Lew" Spence was born in Ashland, OH on January 17, 1928. On June 24, 2013 he joined his lovely wife, Jackie and his two daughters, Janny Lou, and Robin, and sister Gloria, along with his dog Tracker. After high school he enlisted in the army during the Korean War. He served in the 82nd Airborne for six and a half years with one year in Korea. He continued his service by being a lifelong member and supporter of the V.F.W and the American Legion. He started his 19 year construction career by working for Lockman Drywall, Manley Sheetmetal, and Graham Heating and AC. His last job was working for the City of Fort Collins at the waste water plant. He retired in 1993. After retirement he spent his time on his small farm raising animals and collecting. What did he collect? The better question is: what didn't he collect? Those that knew Lew understood that there was not a deal too good to pass up. He might have invented the phrase "One man's junk is another man's treasure". If he knew you needed something he would often show up a little later with exactly what it was you were looking for. His other love was animals and much like his collecting he raised a Noah's Ark variety of animals, for which he just had them to raise and enjoy for himself. He is survived by his daughters, Mickey and Tina; sons, Russell and Doug; ten grandkids and 5 great grandkids; and his two sisters, Pat and Judy. All of whom he loved very much and would do anything for. Heaven had better have a lot of room because knowing Lew he will resume his love of collecting for all eternity. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends that have had the

pleasure of knowing Lew Spence. A Funeral Service will be held Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Grandview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I was so sorry to read of your father's passing. It has been years and years since we were kids living in the log house up the lane from you. What happy fun we had playing with the animals and the "stuff"! We lost Mom last year at age 96. What a blessing to have many, many fond memories to get through the sad days ahead. Hugs to you all!

Milre Goodrich Henry - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Sending our condolences, we have great memories with your family. Gary and Carol

Carol - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Russ and family - sorry to hear about your dad. It's always a shock when someone we love who was "always" there suddenly isn't... except in your heart. Our prayers are with you all.

Mark Lee & Ivan Loy - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Russell and family, Losing your loved ones is the hardest thing, my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. God bless, Jeff I.

Jeff - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Mickey, Russel, Doug and Tina, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a wonderful man and I have fond memories of him, from playing with you as kids. We loved his "collection's" they were awesome. I'll never forget when Mickey ran him over with the panel wagon and broke his leg. He didn't get mad, just laughed. He was a special man. May God keep you in his comfort during this painful time. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Barb Dauel Pursley - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Mickey, Russ, Tina & Doug, I was very sorry to hear about Uncle Lew and my thoughts are with you. I wish I could have been at the service today - it would be nice to see you all. I have a lot of fond memories playing at your house as kids. Keep each other close, and I hope you find comfort in the memories you have of your dad. You are all a part of him, so he is always with you. Love,
Monica

Monica Deines-Evans - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, Mickey. Sending you our love...

Harlan & Ruth Holste - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Tina & Family....so very sorry for your loss. Bob & Brenda

Bob Kavanaugh - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Thinking of you all,as you face the difficut times ahead without your incredible dad,grandpa,great grandpa,uncle and friend. He was the best brother in the world, always kind and loving to all. I only wish I were well enough to be there to honor him and the life he lived. I am sure he will be collecting all sorts of treasures to show us when we join him in heaven. May the good Lord give you strength to move on, as Lew would want you to do. Love and Hugs, Aunt Pat

Pat Spence Matteson - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Mickey, Russell, Doug and Tina; We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Mom and I were just talking of all the memories our families have shared. Playing on the old cars as kids, bottle feeding the animals, Mattie yelling at us to get off the cars. How your Dad always called Pam "Pamela Sue" and her middle name isn't even "Sue" : Many, many more good memories. Both our Dads and your Mom are in heaven now I'm sure, probably shooting the bull! We are thinking of you all during this time. Please accept our deepest sympathy, The Batty FamilyLou and girls

Shelley Batty Hanna - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ What a sweet man that will be greatly missed. Loved his family! A great supporter of 4H and many kids in the county. Our deepest sympathies and prayers of comfort are with the family.

Shari, Ron and Tommy - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM