



Robert Lee Spear, Jr.

January 1, 1935 - July 13, 2005

Robert Lee Spear Jr. passed away on 12 July 2005. The first baby born in Portsmouth, VA in 1935. He was the widower of Delores J. Spear of Huntingdon, PA.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Debbie Gaffos and her husband James; a son, Robert Lee Spear III, a sister, Joan Spear Spunzo and two grandchildren Christina and Eian Gaffos.

A veteran of the USAF and retired from the US Army National Guard as a Staff Sergeant with the 29th Infantry Division, 3/111 Artillery, Headquarters Battery, Portsmouth, VA.

Bob was a 1953 graduate of Cradock High School. Attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and was in the class of 1957. A member of the Corps of Cadets and an old Hokie. He was a member of the Cradock Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth Naval Lodge and a 32nd Degree Mason Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Bob belonged to the Norfolk Boat Club and was a member of the Catholic Club. He was a Deputy Sheriff for the city of Portsmouth and worked in Court Security.

He liked a good cigar and good bourbon along with a quote from Rudyard Kipling's Gunga Din: "standing on hot coals giving drinks to poor damned souls, An I'll get a swig in hell from Gunga Din!"

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by Rev. John Ashenfelder. Burial will be in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens with Military Honors. The family will receive friends in the

funeral home Sunday from 2-3p.m.

Tribute Wall



“ My sympathy and condolences to the family of our fellow Catholic club member. He will be missed by all. Friends and family are gifts from god that we sometimes take for granted until we lose them. A gift of friendship has been taken from our club. ##imported-begin## Chuck Shepheard ##imported-end##

July 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ As friends of Joan and Ray Spunzo we share the families' grief at the loss of a dear one. We pray that each of you receive the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ today and every day. ##imported-begin## Glenda and Bob Helms ##imported-end##

July 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob worked hard throughout his whole life and truly was an inspiration to me. I met him when he was at Geico and then at Pete's office and The Boat Club and then again at the Sheriff's Office in Portsmouth.
So ambitious and never gave up - my hat is off to you Bob and Cliff and I will miss you dearly.

With ALL Our love and respect,
Laurie & Cliff Forrest ##imported-begin## Laurie Schumann-Forrest ##imported-end##

July 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I WAS IN BOBBY'S CLASS OF 53 I HAVE SO LOVED SEEING HIM AGAIN HE WAS A GREAT PERSON AND A GOOD FRIEND MY PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO ALL HIS FAMILY HE WILL SURELY BE MISSED.##imported-begin##JOYCE HAWKINS##imported-end##

July 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your passing. You will always be remembered by me as a perfect gentleman and a friend to all who knew you. Fondly, Pat Tipton##imported-begin##Pat Tipton##imported-end##

July 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to Bob's family. He will no doubt be missed by all.

Ralph & Nancy Spunzo##imported-begin##Ralph Spunzo##imported-end##

July 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My brother loved all of you. You were all a part of his family of friends. We appreciate your love and prayers of concern and are blessed to have had you in my brother's life. God's many blessings to all of you, Joan<><##imported-begin##Joan Spear Spunzo##imported-end##

July 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts, memories and Prayers to the family. We remember Bobby from Cradock Presbyterian Church and being with him, his sister Joan and his mother.##imported-begin##Steve & Nancy Ward##imported-end##

July 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking about the family during this time of loss. Bob's friendly attitude will always bring a smile to me and other members of the boat club.
Bob Baydush##imported-begin##Robert Baydush##imported-end##

July 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob Spear was truly one of the nicest guys I have ever known. I did not see Bob much in recent years but I'll never forget the way he treated people with respect. He was great like that and a wonderful friend. I will miss him. I would like to express my sorrow of his passing to his family. He's now up there looking over us.##imported-begin##Jack Armistead##imported-end##

July 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM