



George Leslie Spindler

October 27, 1925 - October 12, 2016

George L. Buddy Spindler, 90, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, surrounded by the love of his family. Born October 27, 1925 in Portsmouth, Virginia, he was the son of the late Jacob H.G. Spindler and Loddie Story Spindler.

Buddy lived a full and vibrant life. He served his country proudly as a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II as a member of the Medical Detachment 685 Replacement Company; was an avid drummer; played professional baseball, having been drafted by the Milwaukee franchise, but his career was cut short, returning home to care for his ailing mother; worked as a Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service; worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a Pipefitter Supervisor, Shop 56 retiring in 1986 after 30 years of service; was the owner and proprietor of Collinwood Bowling Lanes and Restaurant for over 20 years; traveled throughout the State of Virginia advocating for the sport of duckpin bowling when he formed the Virginia Mens and Virginia Ladies All Stars Pro Tours and as a result of his contributions to the game, in 1997 was inducted to the National Duckpin Bowling Congress Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service; he owned and raced numerous thoroughbred race horses in Charles Town, WV during the 60s and 70s; and was a courier for Guardian Federal Credit Union for 26 years, working until the age of 89. He worked hard his entire life and enjoyed every minute of it!

Buddy was a member of the Freemasonry and Scottish Rite, having been conferred in 1956, he was a Mason for 60 years and was a 32nd degree. He was originally a member of Washington-Lafayette Lodge 176, which later merged with Seaboard Lodge 56. In addition, he was a member of the VFW Post 993. He also loved people, never met a stranger, and would offer help to anyone in need! He was privileged to have been blessed with wonderful neighbors whom he enjoyed spending time with, having long conversations and shared laughter. He also enjoyed his weekly Veterans breakfasts at the Coast Guard Base and morning gatherings at Hardees with his buddies and friends. He loved and enjoyed working in his yard and garden as well as sitting on his front porch with his beloved wife.

Above all, Buddy loved and cherished his family. He was the wonderful and loving husband of over 65 years to Thelma R. Spindler, an amazing dad of two daughters, Kathy Lischio and husband Tom of North Kingstown, RI and Christy Mattern of Newark, DE; the beloved granddaddy to four grandchildren, Lisa Brown and her husband Kevin, Todd Spindler and his wife Emmie, Kristin Mattern, and Cody Mattern; and an amazing great-granddaddy to eight beautiful great-grandchildren, Connor, Riley, Jaxson, Khloe, Domenico, Hunter, McKayla, and Kodi. He is also survived by a sister: Lorraine Johnson of Suffolk, and was predeceased by his sisters Charlotte Whitehurst and Juanita Gendron.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at Jolliff United Methodist Church, 1900 Jolliff Road, Chesapeake. Rev. Dr. Waverly C. Smith III will officiate and Masonic Rites will follow.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Jolliff United Methodist Church Building Fund, American Heart Association, or Friends of Helen F. Graham Cancer Center and Research Institute at www.cristianacare.org/friendsshowwehelp.

Tribute Wall

C

Cheryl Davis

My heart goes out to you during this difficult time. May your memories give you peace and comfort

D

Dawn Bennington

Love you Buddy! So glad I was fortunate enough to know you! You will be missed!

K

kevin white

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

P

Preston "Buddy" Sawyer

Such a nice and caring man, we truly need more like him. He will be greatly missed.

J

Jeryl Howell

Lorraine Sorry about the loss of your brother, I didn't know him personally , but it seems as if he was a loving and hard working business man. Jeryl & Joe Howell

E

Ed Westnedge

What a great guy Always enjoyed seeing and talking with Buddy whether bowling or on the golf course

B

Bobby Wilkerson

His paratrooper stories were always as good as my Dad's. RIP Buddy

H

Heather Hynes

Seeing Mr. Buddy every two weeks was always a treat. He always spoke highly of his loving wife and his grandkids. Prayers are with his family.

P

Phil & Marsha Braswell

We were truly blessed to have know Buddy. He had a heart full of love for his friends, his country, his savior, and family. We were honored to be counted among those friends that he loved. We enjoyed so much spending time with him having long talks on his porch or in his yard. We will miss him deeply. We pray that God will give his comfort and peace to all of the Spindler's. You were all blessed to have had such a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. We love you.

J

Jane Atwood

Christy and Kathy, I met Buddy in 1977 when I joined the Virginia Ladies All Stars and started bowling at Collinwood Lanes. He was always nice to me and helped me many times when I was struggling with my bowling. He was the Tour Director and in our meetings, he would tell us how it was in no uncertain terms, I and many others respected him for that. My deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Jane Atwood Chesapeake, Va.

B

Brad Hasty

So sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. I was fortunate to have had him as a baseball coach for several years when I was in my teens. Those Churchland Reds teams and All-Star teams he managed were always hard nosed and competitive, and that was a true reflection of his personality. I think of him often and the lessons and wisdom he passed on as I am now coaching my own children. He was a real character and an outstanding coach, and an even better friend. He will truly be missed.

D

David French

I am going to miss him and his look on life

D

Doug Parker

Buddy will be missed by us but never forgotten. Him and his family is our blessing to know. With Love The Parker Family.

J

Jerry Smith

Just read this great mans obituary. What a man. The family should be proud. I wish I had met him that's why his era will go down as the greatest in history. God bless this great man
