



David Alan Spence

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David Alan Spence of Decatur passed away on August 14, 2019, following a lengthy, courageous battle with cancer. David was born on September 27, 1954 son of Theodore (Ted) and Phyllis (June Jimerson) Spence

David was a graduate of the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois School of Law. He devoted most of his career to criminal prosecution and was widely respected for his legal knowledge and pursuit of justice within the criminal justice system. He loved anything involving the University of Illinois and was an avid Illini basketball & football fan. He was so proud that both of his daughters graduated from his alma mater, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

David is survived by his two beloved daughters, Rachel “Rache” Spence of Chicago, IL. and Olivia “Livi” Spence of Decatur. His girls were his pride and joy. He is also survived by his brother, best friend, and dedicated care-giver Steven (Kathy) Spence of Decatur, IL and their daughters Jacquelyn and Kaitlyn, sister Sheri Rowand of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jim Spence of Decatur, IL and his sons Tim and Teddy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jon Laverty and Richard Spence.

Special thanks to all who helped care for David, especially Steve and Stacy, and a big thank you to the McLean County State’s Attorney’s Office for their support & assistance to David throughout his illness.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 pm Saturday, August 24, 2019 in Graceland Cemetery, Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home.



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KH

Ken Halvachs posted:

David drove me to Champaign to take the LSAT. He was a good friend and was one of the reasons I became an attorney. Over the years even though we were in different areas of practice we kept in touch. You will be missed my friend.

September 4 at 12:44 PM

DM

Debbie Marquis posted:

I had the privilege and honor of working with David at Moore Susler and again at the Macon County State's Attorney's office. He was always a gentleman and a very thorough and passionate attorney. He taught me alot how to be a good legal secretary. Rest in Peace my friend.

August 26 at 4:38 AM

SP

Steve Perbix posted:

I knew David since 1989. He was transparent, opinionated, passionate, honest, and devoted to family, friends and anything else he loved and believed in. I will miss him. My deepest condolences to his daughters and everyone who will miss him too.

August 23 at 1:44 PM

EL

Eileen Lepoire posted:

Dear Rachel and family, Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dad. We're thinking of you girls and sending friendship and love. Eileen and Dave LePoire

August 21 at 4:20 PM

DE

Donna Brandis Ehler posted:

I enjoyed working with David when we were both on the Board of Directors of the SAIL (Soyland Access to Independent Living) organization about 25 years ago. I'm so sorry for your loss.

August 20 at 4:56 AM



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AN

Alan Novick posted:

David was a gentleman and an effective representative of the McLean County State's Attorney's Office. A mentsch in every way.

August 19 at 6:31 AM

SW

Stephanie Wong posted:

My sincerest condolences to Dave's family. I knew him as he was my opposing counsel on many cases. Dave fought hard but he fought fair – a zealous advocate but also a gentleman lawyer. The legal community has lost an honorable man.

August 19 at 5:29 AM

KR

Kaye (Stoner) Reed posted:

To the family may God grant you peace and comfort during this time of sorrow and beyond. I had the pleasure of working with David. God bless you all.

August 18 at 1:30 PM

CB

Curtis L Blood posted:

David was as fine a man and lawyer as any I ever knew. The world is worse for his passing. To his family, I am sorry for your loss

August 18 at 6:25 AM

SH

Sue Hale posted:

I am sending my condolences to you all at this difficult time, I'm sure. Dave was a smart and very unique individual; I knew him when he worked at the Courthouse in Macon County; before the girls were born! (Just a few years ago, right??) Keep your many memories close to heart and at least we now know is at peace. God Bless All. Sue Hale, Decatur, IL

August 18 at 4:46 AM



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Keith Smith posted:

on behalf of jerry bristow and myself our sincere condolences. we enjoyed working with dave when he worked in dewitt county. we worked for clinton pd. he will be missed

August 17 at 9:19 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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