



## Joseph Myrian Spear

March 15, 1936 - October 15, 2016

Joseph (Joe) Spear March 15, 1936 to October 15, 2016 and long-time resident of Pleasant Hope, Missouri. After a courageous battle with lung cancer, Joe passed away peacefully surrounded by the ones he laughed with, lived for and loved at his home in Pleasant Hope.

Joe was born and raised in Louisburg, Missouri. He was the youngest of six children born to the late J.E. and Nora Spear and was the beloved husband of Judith (Judy) Spear for 57 years. Joe is survived by his son Joseph (Joey) and his wife Karen of Poulsbo, Washington; his daughter Jeanne' Losurdo and her husband John of Pleasant Hope, Missouri; his four grandchildren, Paul Ackels, Joseph Spear and his wife Holly, Stephanie Doutt and her husband Aaron and Tyler Spear; and his five great grandchildren, Clarissa, Oliver, Olivia, Kaitlynn and Elijah.

After graduating from Halfway High School, in 1954, Joe joined the United States Navy and served in ships, submarines and shore stations in exotic places around the world. Joe would serve over 30 years in the United States Navy before settling with his family Judy, Jeanne' and Joey in Pleasant Hope, Missouri.

In 1991, Joe joined the Providence Missionary Baptist Church. This would be a turning point in his life. Joe's faith in God was always strong and he would continue to strengthen his beliefs leading to an ordained ministry. Joe would share the word of God throughout the region and his last congregation would be with the members of the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church.

Joe touched the lives of many people through his devotion, faith and generosity. He maintained his sense of humor all the way to the end. Services will be held Thursday, October 20, 2016 10:00 am in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel . Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 5-7 pm at the Funeral Home. Burial will take place in the Pleasant Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's. Services under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
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## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Myrian Spear*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Joseph Myrian Spear*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Can't put into words what Bro. Joe meant to my family. Known him for a long time but became very dear to our hearts as pastor at Freedom Missionary Baptist Church. He helped me through my loss and I only hope I helped him through his loss. He loved his family so very much! So sorry for your loss of your Dad and Grandpa and Great Great-Grandpa. Will continue praying for the family.*

**Penny Viles** - October 17, 2016 at 03:38 PM



*AMEN SISTER...*

**EVELYN PAINTER** - October 18, 2016 at 07:59 AM

EP

“ JUST A WORD TO SAY THAT, AS ALL KNOW, JOE WAS A SPECIAL GUY...

HE WILL ALWAYS HOLD A GREAT MEMORY IN MY FAMILIE'S THOUGHTS...

HE IS NOW WITH GOD , JUDY, AND SO MANY MORE... AND FREE OF PAIN.

MAY GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AND GIVE THEM COMFORT AS ONLY HE CAN..WE LOVE YOU.

EVELYN PAINTER AND FAMILY <3 <3



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**EVELYN PAINTER** - October 16, 2016 at 05:13 PM

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“ *Jeanne' and family, we are so sorry to hear about your loss, but know that now he is at rest. We've been with him in church many times. I played the piano for a wedding he conducted. It was a nice experience. I am glad to be able to call him kinfolk even though it is distant.*

*Jack and Linda Crawford*

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**Linda Crawford** - October 16, 2016 at 04:12 PM

TJ

“ Joseph, Jeannè and your families;  
Saying that I am sorry for your unbearable loss seems empty. Your Dad meant so much to so many people who knew him. His service career in the Navy is one that I am thankful for. It's what brought our Dads together and made them good friends. I am thankful for Joe helping me at school, representing me as my lawyer, over Mr. Andrews. For Joe and Judy having the baby shower for Jeff, and the love they showed me and my kids throughout the years. Our town shares in your loss. May God wrap each of you in his loving arms and give you strength and inner peace as you endure the days, weeks and months ahead. Let God give you comfort, guidance and remember that he alone can heal the emptiness you feel. Heaven is such a grand place now with Joe and Judy together again. And our Dad's are once again together, watching over us. Hugs and prayers for all of you, Love Tammy 🙏



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Tammy Johnston - October 16, 2016 at 02:24 PM

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Tammy Johnston - October 16, 2016 at 02:22 PM