



## William Gerald "Bill" Spooner

July 14, 1939 - April 17, 2024

Spartanburg, SC – William Gerald “Bill” Spooner passed away on April 17, 2024, three months shy of his 85th birthday. Born in Flint, Michigan, Bill was the beloved husband of Mary Jo for 54 years.

Bill graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor’s Degree in Deaf Education in 1968. He went on to receive his Master’s Degree from Converse College in Special Education and also Family Therapy in 1990. He worked at Michigan School for the Deaf, SC School for the Deaf and Blind, and later at Chapman High School. Bill loved working with children and took pride in his profession.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Mary Joanne (Downer). He was the proud father of two daughters: Stephanie Ownes (Daren) and Juliette Stone (Robert). One of his biggest thrills in life was becoming a Poppy. He is survived by 7 grandchildren: Robert W. Stone, Dillon P. Stone, William R. Tavernetti, Madeline E. Tavernetti, Marielle M. Tavernetti, Tyler Owens, and Kaylee White; and one great grandchild, Grace Owens.

Bill is reunited in Heaven with his parents, Herschel and Falice. He will also be reunited with his brothers, Herschel and Fred. He will also have a joyous reunion with his beloved nephew, Eric Bell.

Bill enjoyed working outside, doing yard work and fixing anything that needed to be fixed. He had many hobbies (that would change often) including karate, archery and bowling.

His fierce faith and love of his Savior was evident to all who knew him in his

adult life. He, along with his wife, raised his daughters to serve the Lord.

Psalm 34:18 The Lord is near the broken hearted; He spares those crushed in spirit.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM at Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory. A service will begin at 2:00 PM with Rev. Michael Smith officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Shiloh Memorial Cemetery.

While the family will gratefully accept any flowers sent, if you feel led, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association; [https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/other\\_ways\\_to\\_give](https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/other_ways_to_give)

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

APR **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory  
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.  
P.O. Box 758  
Lyman, SC 29365  
(864) 439-7141  
info@livingwatersfh.com

## Celebration of Life

APR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory  
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.  
P.O. Box 758  
Lyman, SC 29365  
(864) 439-7141  
info@livingwatersfh.com

## Interment

APR **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Memorial Cemetery  
4040 New Cut Road  
Inman, SC 29349

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Gerald "Bill" Spooner.*



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April 22, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *Faye and Flynn Baucom and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of William Gerald "Bill" Spooner.*



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**Faye and Flynn Baucom and family** - April 21, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ *Faye and Flynn Baucom and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gerald "Bill" Spooner.*

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**Faye and Flynn Baucom and family** - April 21, 2024 at 08:05 PM

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“ *Mary Jo and Family,*

*It is our heartfelt prayer that God flood your hearts with His peace and guide your paths in the days ahead.*

*Cindi Israel,  
Whitney Minutolo,  
Ansley Harrell,  
Malorie Bersaglia,  
Kailee McClintock*

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**Cindi Israel** - April 20, 2024 at 08:26 AM

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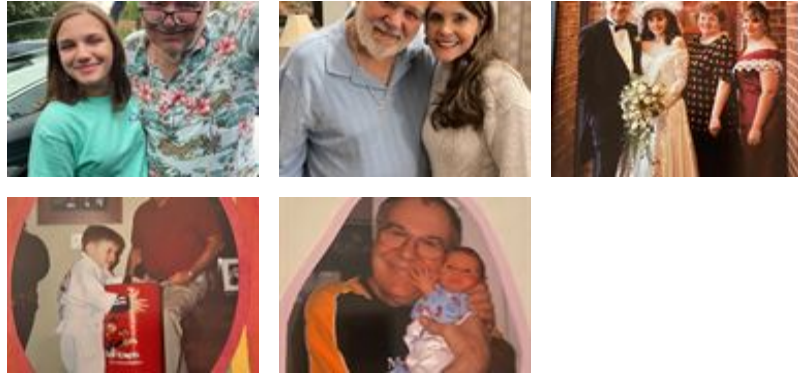
“ *Rest in Peace 🕊️ My very loving, handsome Uncle Bill. As young girl I was captured by watching your ever loving way, and your patience for all never went unnoticed. When I became a teenager and needed guidance you were there. I remember each time you took time to come visit family in Michigan. As your niece I couldn't be more blessed that God chose you to be in my life. Thank you Uncle Bill for the time you took me to dinner with Virgil and family. You didn't have to invite me but you did. I think you knew how much it meant to me. I am sending love to my beautiful Aunt Mary Jo, cousin's Stephanie & Juliette & family may you be surrounded with God's love and peace.*

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**Paula Spooner Coleman** - April 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 19, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ I am friends of Juliette and anytime she talked about her daddy she beamed with love and pride for him, and through her I could tell he was an amazing man that will sorely be missed. I pray that your memories and in knowing you will see him again (though it's not the same right now), will bring you comfort. Know that he is ALWAYS with you, as he is a part of you. Carry him in your hearts and memories!! Many prayers and hugs to you all.

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**Courtney Crookshanks** - April 19, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ Thanks for all the fun times in the Spooner Pool!!! one of my favorite summer spots! Prayers for you all!

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**Carmen Ram** - April 19, 2024 at 12:36 PM