



Bill Vernon Spivey

July 25, 1930 - January 25, 2018

Mr. Bill Vernon Spivey, age 87 of Conyers, died Thursday, January 25, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Talmage and Carrie Belle Spivey and brother, Luther Spivey. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Cheek Spivey; sons and daughter-in-law, David and Tracie Spivey, Edwin 'Tag' Spivey; daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Archer Pippin, Bonnie and Ron Hadden; brother, Benjamin Grice Spivey; numerous nieces and nephews. He was blessed by eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who loved their BumBum. A graduate of the Southern College of Pharmacy, he also served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-55 before moving to Conyers in 1959 to work for Beasley Drug Company and purchasing the business in 1972. In addition, Mr. Spivey was active in the Jaycees, Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge and served on the boards of the Rockdale Hospital Authority, GA Intl Horsepark, Rockdale Housing Authority and the Rockdale Houses. While serving as an elected member of the Conyers City Council for almost two decades, he, along with Mayor Charles Walker, started and helped lead, since the inception, the 'World's fastest growing' St. Patrick's Day parade along with councilman and friend Bill Rogers. Mr. Spivey's legacy of service is also forever engraved in the community by a community park dedicated to him in 2008 by the Conyers/Rockdale Housing Authority, where he served on the board of directors for 35 years. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, February 4 at Conyers First United Methodist Church with Dr. Dave Benson and Dr. Alice Rogers officiating. Family will receive friends on Saturday,

February 3 from 4 until 6 p.m. at Scot Ward's Funeral Services. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Rockdale Houses (rockdalehouses.org). Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Conyers First United Methodist Church
921 N. Main St.
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall

JB

“ My first memories of Old Town Conyers were Otasco where we got our banana seated bicycles for Christmas one year, Oneals Shoes where Church group volunteers would take us to get new school shoes, and Beasleys Drug Store - where Doc Spivey - That's what my Daddy called Mr Spivey - Always had a smile and helpful hand. We were Dirt Floor Poor and never went to the Doctor - only for broken bones and stitches. Daddy would go see Doc Spivey and he would always with a smile help pick out something to help out - whether an antibiotic salve, top of the line cough medicine, or an old fashioned home remedy. When I got older and would needed things - Doc knew we had no insurance and no money - He never let a dollar stand in the way of helping us. My Daddy thought the world of Doc Spivey as do I. Recently - I found out how instrumental Doc Spivey was in the progress of The Rockdale House - My Daddy was a recovering alcoholic - he said he owed a debt of gratitude to the Rockdale House he could never repay - He said the program saved his life along wth Gods Grace. I feel The town of Conyers and so many of us who grew up there owe Mr. Bill "Doc" Spivey a debt of Gratitude and Appreciation that probably could never be repaid for all the kindness, helpfulness, and unselfish tireless hours spent building a special community. You were Always, And will Forever Be Loved And Missed Mr Bill "Doc" Spivey.

Jimmy Bearden - February 04, 2018 at 12:06 PM

MR

“ Bill was such a good friend and wonderful person. We always enjoyed our visits with him, and he will be missed terribly. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Millard and Marty Ross

Millard Ross - February 04, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Vernon Spivey.*



February 03, 2018 at 01:20 AM



“ *Not only has Bill always been nice to my daughter and me, but his whole family has. Our condolences go to each of The Spiveys.*

Chris and Melissa Hoffman

Chris Hoffman - February 03, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ *Bill Spivey impacted thousands of lives from one small storefront. As a kid I learned many valuable lessons from him as I spent my grass-cutting money at his lunch counter. Mr. Spivey was different than the other adults. He didn't talk "at" you; he talked "with" you. He asked about your mom and dad, your grades, and your ambitions. And then he listened. Intently. He would offer advice and encouragement, and in those moments he made you feel important. Rich or poor, black or white, old or young, he treated all with the same respect. They were his customers, his friends, and his community. He shook every hand firmly and looked you in the eye, guaranteed to include that trademark twinkle! He will be missed, and always fondly remembered.*

Michael Cooke - February 02, 2018 at 12:34 PM

BH

“ We kindly request that in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Bill Spivey’s memory to [Rockdale Houses.org](http://RockdaleHouses.org)

bonnie hadden - February 02, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - February 02, 2018 at 12:08 PM

ML

“ I just loved Doc Spivey! My mom & dad loved him also. I believe they are all in heaven now talking about the good old days of Conyers. I remember when I was 14 years old in 1977 I had a bad back injury and was sent by ambulance to Dekalb Hospital - when I was released and sent home my Daddy (Fay Stephenson) called Doc Spivey at 10Pm that night with my prescription of pain medication and Doc Spivey went to the pharmacy and filled my prescription so I would not be in pain. What a loving man!!

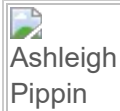
Melody Stephenson LeCount - January 31, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bill Vernon Spivey.*



January 31, 2018 at 03:06 PM



Ashleigh Pippin

“ *I used to spend the summers living with BumBum and my cat Sugar while I was still in college. I was working at the neighborhood dry cleaners and it was pretty close to McCalla street. One day, BumBum brought home a watermelon he got on sale (he was always great at finding bargains) and we sat together on the back deck trying to spit the seeds as far as we could. It was such a fun and carefree time, just the two of us. At one point, BumBum ended up with a seed stuck to his forehead. How it got there I can't remember, but I do remember us laughing together until we almost had tears in our eyes when we noticed. It's one of those perfect summer memories. I'll treasure it forever.*

Ashleigh Pippin - January 31, 2018 at 09:24 AM



Beautiful story! Thanks for sharing.

Archer Pippin - January 31, 2018 at 03:04 PM

BL

I am sorry for your lose. I met Doc inthe 70's when I first came to Conyers. He was so nice to me then and though the years. I really appericated his friendship. I never went to the drug store without him sharing so good times. May God bless you all. Bill Lavigno

bill lavigno - February 01, 2018 at 09:02 AM

JE

“ I am sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort help the family and friends through this difficult time.

Jess - January 30, 2018 at 02:34 PM

PA

“ Dearest Betty and your wonderful family,
I was so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. All of you and the City of Conyers itself seems dimmer some how. Bill was a friendly, giving, accomplished man who gave so much to his family, friends, and his community. I thank God he crossed my path in this life. I am sending prayers that God will give you all strength in the days, weeks, and months ahead to cope with the grief of losing someone you loved so much. Keep him alive with your sweet memories until you meet again. Warm regards , Pam Askew

Pam Askew - January 30, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Bill Vernon Spivey.



January 29, 2018 at 08:40 PM

BM

“ Too many memories to share. Condolences to the family!

Beverly McVet - January 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Bill Vernon Spivey.



January 29, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album St. Patrick's Day Parade



Tag Spivey - January 29, 2018 at 04:04 PM



I will never forget meeting some newcomers to Conyers from "some big city up North" and their incredulous-ness at the size(small) and scope (around the block) of the Conyers St Pattys Day parade! Needless to say they were unimpressed, but I got a huge kick out of it. Thank you to these great citizens for the memories. Love you and miss you already Mr. Bil

Molly Kicklighter Canfield - January 29, 2018 at 05:41 PM

AM

Thanks for this great gift of posting this video of your precious Daddy with two of his dear friends, Tag! Love hearing that great laugh of Cousin Vernon's again & his terrific sense of humor! He was such an original, nobody else like him in his ability to see humor in so many situations! I love his saying on this video—which I bet he made up himself—"I'm not as good as I once was, but once I was as good as I ever was." What a wonderful look back @ the joy this great—& very good—man found in life!! How I loved him & will miss him! But thank God for having him in our family & getting to know & love your dear Daddy, our adored Cousin Vernon!! Keeping you & all of your precious family in our hearts & prayers, Tag!

Anne Cheek Meyer - January 29, 2018 at 09:07 PM

RB

What a great picture of Bill Spivey. This is the Spivey that I knew. What a spark plug. I began working with Bill at Beasley's in the eleventh grade. He gave me my start in pharmacy. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. In all the time that I worked for him, I can only remember 1 time that I saw him sit down in one of the chairs in front of the prescription department not feeling well. Not to worry. He only had double pneumonia. I have never met a better people person. Sanford Stadium could not hold all the people that he has impacted. (NOT THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN SANFORD STADIUM) I did not say he was perfect. He was a Georgia Tech fan.

Bill Spivey we love you.

We miss you.

Ronnie Brown

Retired pharmacist

Conyers Pharmacy

Ronnie Brown - January 30, 2018 at 09:25 AM

JB

Sending Love and Prayers to the Spivey Family !! Betty was my BEST Friend for over 50 years.

Much Love

Claude and Jane Bellefeuille

Jane R Bellefeuille - January 30, 2018 at 09:26 PM

AH

Prayers for Tag, and Spivey family. I will always remember stopping by Beasley's and how much fun it was cutting up with your Dad. Doc Spivey was an instant solution to someone having a not so good day. Rest in Peace.

Al Holmes

Al holmes - February 02, 2018 at 02:04 PM