



## James Curtis Spencer

April 15, 1952 - May 30, 2026

James Curtis Spencer, 74, of Indianapolis, passed away May 30, 2026. He was born in Indianapolis April 15, 1952 to the late Frank and Arlene (Montgomery) Spencer. Jim was a graduate of Southport High School. He attended Taylor University for two years and received his bachelor's degree in History from the University of Indianapolis. Jim earned his Juris Doctor from Indiana University, Indianapolis. He played tennis for Southport High School, Taylor University and the University of Indianapolis.

Jim began his career in education, teaching at Southport High School for two years. He was then employed in the Attorney General's Office for the State of Indiana for 16 years, and the Deputy Attorney General's Office for 11 years. Jim was also the Assistant Director of Consumer Affairs under Lindley Pearson, a Public Defender in Marion County Criminal Courts and finally practiced law with Tom Datillo in Madison, Indiana.

Jim loved coaching football, basketball and soccer at the Jordan YMCA, and was awarded the Volunteer of the Year in 1994. He was an avid Indianapolis 500 race fan attending many races and keeping detailed statistics. Jim enjoyed watching the Indianapolis Colts and Cincinnati Reds Baseball. He was a member of the Jefferson County Bar Association and the Jefferson County Community Correction Board, and a former member of Garfield Park Baptist Church.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of

service at 12:00 noon at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, Indianapolis.

Jim is survived by his sons, Jack Spencer and David Spencer (Jerrica Dowling); grandchildren, Joey Dudash, Abri Spencer, Liam Spencer and Ford Spencer; sisters, Nancy Merbitz and Julie Spencer-Blume; and former wife, JoAnn Spencer. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jo Ellen Manship. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Indianapolis Legal Aid Society for legal representation online at <https://www.indylas.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Reddington Cemetery

1603 Shields Avenue  
Seymour, IN 47274

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
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Indianapolis, IN 46229  
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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Jim was a wonderful man and attorney. He always gave his best! I am blessed to have known him. My condolences to Jim's family.

Lu Bright - June 08 at 10:30 AM

LC

“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Jim's family. He was a great attorney and I'm happy to have known him. Always kind and funny.

Leanna Elston (Jefferson Circuit Court) - June 08 at 10:14 AM

JA

“ Julie, Gernot, Avi, Amienne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Curtis Spencer.



Julie, Gernot, Avi, Amienne - June 05 at 10:01 PM

JA

“ Julie, Gernot, Avi, Amienne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Curtis Spencer.

Julie, Gernot, Avi, Amienne - June 05 at 10:01 PM

AM

“ *Some of my best childhood memories revolve around my family's annual visit to see Uncle Frank, Aunt Arlene, Jo Ellen, Jamie (Jim), Nancy, and Julie. Never a dull moment. Lots of music, games, dad's taking photos, and yummy meals together. Jim was such a playful, witty kid -- that's the way I prefer to remember him always. Sending love to my beloved cousins, Annie Spencer Mocha.*



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**Annie Spencer Mocha** - June 05 at 03:02 PM

RB

“ *So sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He was always a pleasure to work with and a valued member of the Jefferson County Bar. Condolences to all.*

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**Rob Barlow** - June 05 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Curtis Spencer.*



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June 05 at 02:31 PM

CD

“ *Cousins, Tim, Barb, Todd and Debbie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Curtis Spencer.*



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**Cousins, Tim, Barb, Todd and Debbie** - June 05 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Curtis Spencer.

June 04 at 06:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Curtis Spencer.



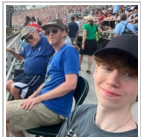
June 04 at 01:05 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Curtis Spencer.



June 04 at 01:01 PM



“ 2024 Indy 500 Jim with his son Jack and Grandson Joseph



**Jack Spencer** - June 03 at 08:47 PM

PC

“ Perkins cousins purchased the *Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum* for the family of James Curtis Spencer.



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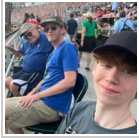
**Perkins cousins** - June 03 at 09:00 AM

PC

“ Perkins cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Curtis Spencer.

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**Perkins cousins** - June 03 at 09:00 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jack Spencer** - June 02 at 10:22 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of James Curtis Spencer.



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June 01 at 08:20 PM

DS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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David Spencer - June 01 at 04:22 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Curtis Spencer.



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June 01 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Curtis Spencer.

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