



## Rodney C. Spence

November 10, 1932 - June 20, 2025

Rodney Clarence Spence, 92, was born November 10th, 1932, in the Forest Grove Community, south of Rockdale, to Henry and Carrie Kyle Spence. He passed from this life on June 20, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving wife Lu of almost 70 years, his children and their families. He graduated from Rockdale High School in 1950. He served in the United States Army from 1953-1955. On November 6, 1955, he married Luella (Lu) Sager. This union produced three children, Gary Spence, Glen Spence, and Shari Rahm. Rodney joined Alcoa in 1952 beginning a 40-year career ending with his retirement in 1992. Rod enjoyed many years of service to Forest Grove Christian Church and the Rockdale community. He served his community in many ways, including 40 plus years in the Rockdale Fair Association, member of the Rockdale Roping and Cutting Club, coach/manager of multiple Rockdale Little League teams and served as President of

the Rockdale Little League. He was also a referee of area basketball games for over 25

years as a Southwest Basketball Officials Association member. He also served on the

Rockdale ISD School Board and as a deacon and elder of the Forest Grove Christian

Church.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Carrie Spence, sister Rubye

Ellen Brown and husband Elbert, sister Roxy Ann Bingham and husband Si Lee, brother

Kyle Spence and wife Marilyn, niece Marie Spence Wheaton and nephew Bert Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Luella (Lu) Sager Spence; sons Gary Spence and wife

Marcie of College Station and Glen Spence of Rockdale; and daughter Shari Rahm of

Spring, Texas. He is also survived by grandchildren Lauren Bruchez of McKinney,

Zachary Spence and wife Michelle of Fort Worth, Heather Rahm and friend Taylor

Weinhold of Magnolia, Spence Rahm of Round Rock, and great grandchildren Bella and

Barrett Bruchez and Macie and Hallie Davis. Also surviving is brother Claude Spence

and wife LaNell Spence of Forest Grove, along with many loving cousins, nieces and

nephews, as well as a host of cherished friends.

Rod's family will receive visitors on June 22, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Phillips and

Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Funeral and graveside services will be

held at

Forest Grove Christian Church on June 23, 2025 at 10:00 am, with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Forest Grove Christian Church, 8092 US

77, Rockdale, TX 76567, or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Grove Cemetery

8902 South Highway 77  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home  
1041 US-79  
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513  
(512) 446-5454

## Church Service

JUN 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Forest Grove Christian Church  
8902 South Highway 77  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lu,  
Thank you and your family for sharing Mr. Rod with the Hall family.  
Great memories of my Dad, Mr. Claude and Mr. Rod calling  
basketball games together. Of course there were many loved  
moments showing animals and FFA. We love you and he will be  
missed but never forgotten.  
Love, Martha Hall Vance & Linda Hall Crane & the whole Hall family.*

Martha Vance - June 24, 2025 at 01:20 AM

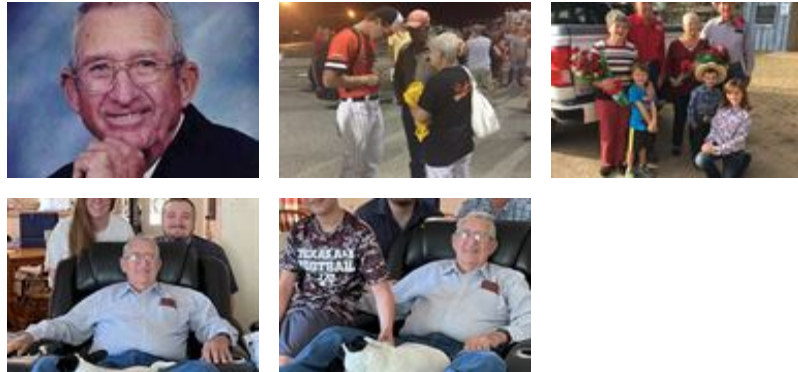


“ *Mr. Spence (Rod) was a great, great man. He coached me in little  
league baseball. I am also good friends with his boys.*

Mike Walker - June 22, 2025 at 11:53 PM



“ *99 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 22, 2025 at 12:18 PM

DJ

“ Dickey Johnson purchased the Basket Full of Wis  
hes for the family of Rodney C. Spence.



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**Dickey Johnson** - June 21, 2025 at 08:50 PM

DJ

“ Dickey Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney C.  
Spence.

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**Dickey Johnson** - June 21, 2025 at 08:50 PM

JN

“ John, Cheryl, & Noble purchased the Emerald Ga  
rden Basket for the family of Rodney C. Spence.



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**John, Cheryl, & Noble** - June 21, 2025 at 02:40 PM

MW

“ Marshall and Rachel White purchased the Full Of  
Love Bouquet for the family of Rodney C.  
Spence.



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**Marshall and Rachel White** - June 21, 2025 at 02:35 PM

MW

“ Marshall and Rachel White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney C. Spence.

Marshall and Rachel White - June 21, 2025 at 02:35 PM

CF

“ John & I loved Rod, and always felt his warm friendship when we got to be with him. He always sought John out, making him feel appreciated. He and Lu were a wonderful example of a Christlike marriage. We look forward to seeing him again in Heaven!☐

Cheryl Free - June 21, 2025 at 02:29 PM

HF

“ Havard family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rodney C. Spence.



Havard family - June 21, 2025 at 11:17 AM

HF

“ Havard family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney C. Spence.

Havard family - June 21, 2025 at 11:17 AM

ST

“ Rod was one of the nicest people I've ever met. I remember him most calling basketball games. He was always friendly and kind. He will be missed.

Samye Turner - June 21, 2025 at 10:27 AM

DF

“ Dan and Jeanie and all Abney family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rodney C. Spence.



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**Dan and Jeanie and all Abney family** - June 20, 2025 at 08:50 PM

DF

“ Dan and Jeanie and all Abney family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney C. Spence.

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**Dan and Jeanie and all Abney family** - June 20, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Rodney C. Spence.



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June 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney C. Spence.

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June 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Rodney C. Spence.



June 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney C. Spence.

June 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ I'm sorry Ms Lu...and your families. Loved him like a father.

**Londa Owens** - June 20, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Mr. Rod was a Godly man. He and Lu have mentored so many young Christian's and their families. He was always there to greet you at the door on Sunday mornings. He had the best hugs. Lu and family thank you for sharing him with all of us. I pray you all will find the peace and comfort that only God can give you ❤️

**Cathy Smith Richter** - June 20, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ Bethany Wallis lit a candle in memory of Rodney C. Spence



**Bethany Wallis** - June 20, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MB

“ I’m so sorry to hear about cousin Rodney... when I think of a good Christian man, I think of him.... I will always remember him walking to my car, after daddy’s service ( Jim Currey) ...he said the most wonderful things about daddy, that will last me a lifetime.... I have been battling long haul covid, and wasn’t aware Rodney was sick.... For that, I apologize.... I love this family, and my prayers go out to them, for this very difficult time , and the difficult days that lie ahead....May God bless you all, and wrap you in his loving arms 🙏  
❤️🙏  
Jack and Marcia

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**Marcia Bastow** - June 20, 2025 at 04:45 PM

GT

“ Gina, Jennifer, Dianne & Tracey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney C. Spence.



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**Gina, Jennifer, Dianne & Tracey** - June 20, 2025 at 01:30 PM