



Richard L. Spalding

October 11, 1940 - September 25, 2018

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Valrico, FL – Richard L. Spalding, 77, passed away Sept. 25, 2018 at his home.

Richard was born in Lansing, MI on Oct. 11, 1940, the son of Marshall C. and Norma E. Spalding of Perry, MI.

Richard grew up in Perry, MI, played sports and was the Senior Class President of Perry High School (Class of 1958). He attended Alma College and Western Michigan University, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. His career was spent as an executive in the banking industry in California, Michigan and Florida.

Richard was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather. He never met a stranger and we will all cherish our many memories of him. We will forever carry them in our hearts!

Richard is survived by his wife, Janis Spalding; children, Jeff (Sara) Spalding, Lesli (Glenn) Frank, Megan (Philip) Levin and Tyler Spalding; brother, Robert (Arleen) Spalding; sisters, Janet (Bud) Kuppler and Jeanne Ann (Larry) Fountain; former wife, Sharon Spalding (Laux); 10 grandchildren and 2 great

grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Marshall and Norma Spalding and a sister, Marilyn. At his request, no services will be held.

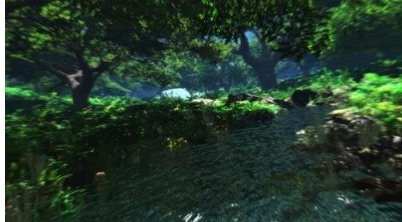
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gentry-morrison.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. Spalding*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - September 30, 2018 at 06:42 PM



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November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



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Jeff - October 20, 2018 at 12:53 PM

JS

“Happy Birthday Dad! I wanted to pick up the phone to call you today but realize I no longer can do that. We would have talked about the recent storms, golf, USF football, family and how the grandkids are doing. You always asked me how I was doing, how Sara and the kids were doing. What college was Jenna thinking of currently. How Eric, Steven and Johnathan were doing in their jobs. How were there girlfriends doing. Plans for marriage soon. We would talk about my business opportunities and get your thoughts, etc...

It hasn't hit me yet that you are truly gone. The good lord has taken you to heaven to soon! I'm assuming he has put you to work greeting folks coming in though! You were always good with people. Always saw the good in folks and never met a stranger.

I wanted to thank you. You did a great job as a father. You were my mentor, helping me as a kid grow into a man, helping me with my business career and helping me with my family. You helped instill the right values in me and in particular with how to treat people. You always wanted to help people, listen to them and treat them as you wanted to be treated.

As I mention to friends that you knew you about your passing, I always here great stories and comments. I even have learned some new things about you, which I truly appreciate. :)

Dad, you did a great job and left a great legacy. It was my honor to be your son and I will truly miss you. May you rest in peace. I will see you someday, hopefully not too soon though! :)

I love you Dad!

Jeff

Jeff Spalding - October 11, 2018 at 07:57 AM

LY

“ 2 Corinthians 1:3 Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God.



Lisa Y. - October 09, 2018 at 06:31 PM

ED

“ My Condolences to the family of Richard. I remember Richard as our 2nd Baseman on our Perry High School Championship Baseball team in 1956.

Eldon Dysinger

Eldon Dysinger - October 08, 2018 at 12:14 AM

HH

“ My sincere condolences to all of Rich's family. I will always be grateful for his generous support and valued advice as I began my employment with American Bank of Perry. Rich instilled a sense of confidence. By his actions, he helped me understand the mutual respect between his family, bank customers and indeed, the entire community. He was extremely proud of his family and their positive involvement in the Perry area. I am privileged to have known Rich and benefited from his council.

Prayers,

Henry Hess

Henry Hess - October 05, 2018 at 09:06 AM

JC

“ To Jan, Jeff, Lesli, Meghan, Tyler,

It is with feelings of loss and grief that I write this message to you all. Each of you and your families will be incomplete from this day forward. The hurt will ease but the lack of his presence will be carried forward with you. He was very fortunate to be loved by so many. Each of his grandchildren will remember that he liked to "mess" with them. He would look at anyone around with a little wink and big smile. I am glad I knew him. My prayers, thoughts and love will be with you as you move through this time of your life. Always remember when you cut a Spalding man a piece of cake -- you cut a chuck! He taught me that, for sure.

Prayers

Jackie Cameron - October 03, 2018 at 10:27 PM

JV

“ To Janis and the entire Spalding family, I just read on this morning paper of the passing of Richard.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. I am very appreciative of the many years of service he gave to our banking institution. He was always professional, committed and willing to help others, both customers and fellow workers.

May He Rest In Peace,

Jose Vivero

Jose Vivero - September 30, 2018 at 09:28 AM

JS

Thank you so much Jose! He had great respect for you. It was a shock to all of us and it will be hard to move forward without him!

Jan Brooks Soalding - October 03, 2018 at 10:49 PM

RS

“ Richard, words cannot begin to express the tremendous loss Arleen and I felt upon being told of your passing. Our worlds have always been miles apart physically but we talked regularly thru the passing of time.

Our father used to console people who came to the bank in Perry after the lose of a loved one by saying; "You weep for your loss; you savor the wonderful memories; you bury your dead; and life goes on." In a short 4 part phrase he summed up life that we all must go through. And now I must recall those words, heard so many times while employed with Dad.

But as I sit here weeping, while trying to write this, I know what a deep sense of loss and despair I am feeling with you no longer here. Did we say enough? Did we love each other enough? And did we tell each other that? I don't know, but I do know right now, I am lost! Not since the loss of our parents have I had this hurt within me. In time I know the hurt will recede but my thoughts of you will never fade from my memory.

Brother, thankfully they tell us you never suffered, like Dad and Mom, so for that I am eternally grateful. And I know that God has said your work here on earth is done and has called you home into his arms. May you rest in peace brother until we meet again.

With all my love, your brother, Bob

Robert Spalding - September 28, 2018 at 03:10 PM

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