



## Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD

June 9, 1967 - October 12, 2016

Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD, age 49, of Atlanta, GA and formerly of Higdon, AL passed away Wednesday October 12, 2016 at Fulton County Medical Center. Mr. Spurgin was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his parents Deborah Spurgin Clayton and Donald Lee (Mildred) Spurgin, Sr.; brother Steven (Becky) Spurgin; brother Jason (Sheri) Spurgin; brother Daniel (Lesley) Spurgin; stepsister Kim (John) Clayton Peck; stepbrother Michael (Jeannine) Ferguson; aunt Sandy Paz; cousin Deanne (Delbert) Wallin and Lexi Wallin; also several nieces and nephews; dear friend Tony Prevo and a host of many others.

Graveside funeral service will be held Monday October 17, 2016 at 10:30 AM at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Rev. Reese Fauscett officiating and full military honors by the American Legion Post 106. Family will receive friends on Sunday October 16, 2016 from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Ryan Funeral Home in Trenton, GA.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory  
11415 S Main St  
PO Box 506  
Trenton, GA 30752  
(706) 657-7525  
steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.ryanfuneralhome.net/>

## Graveside Service

OCT **17**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery  
1200 Bailey Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Andrei B. lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



**Andrei B.** - June 11, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *I just found out what happend and I'm devastated and broken hearted...I am not able to say more right now.*

*I wish his family all the best and Lee, may your beautiful soul rest in peace!*

**Andrei B.** - June 11, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Andrei B.** - June 11, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Lee's passing; my prayers and condolence to Lee's family and friends! I met Lee years ago, when my daughter Chandra Garry, worked at Clinimetrics; he was always kind to me, as well as my daughter and the other employees! He will truly be missed 😞😞!!



Drdeh Psyd - November 02, 2016 at 12:48 AM



“ Nick Piccoli lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Nick Piccoli - November 01, 2016 at 01:00 PM



“ Lee was my mentor at my first CRO job at Clinimetrics 12 yrs ago. His kindness, knowledge and love for his job will never be forgotten

Elina Kishinevsky (Stern) - October 27, 2016 at 10:38 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



October 27, 2016 at 11:38 AM

SD

“ Lee was such an intelligent, energetic soul. His old team at Clinimetrics held him in such high esteem, as I'm sure everyone else who was blessed to know him did as well. He will be missed by all.

Stephen DiLeo - October 26, 2016 at 09:12 PM



“ He was my hero.....He was life and he will forever be with me in my heart.....



Alison Taber - October 25, 2016 at 05:35 PM

XD

“ Xiaoyu Deng lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Xiaoyu Deng - October 23, 2016 at 10:41 AM

AD

“ Lee was a wonderful human being, full of kindness and so willing to share his knowledge and help you in any way he could. It was my pleasure to have gotten to know him and work with him to achieve many things. My heart is very sad today hearing this news and my thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.



**Amy Daniels** - October 22, 2016 at 10:54 AM

MV

“ Michele Visser lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



**Michele Visser** - October 20, 2016 at 10:44 AM

TJ

“ Tracy Jia lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



**Tracy jia** - October 20, 2016 at 07:45 AM

LC

“ What an amazing person Lee was to many, such a kind person who has supported and guided many people personally and professionally. He will be greatly missed and my thoughts go to his family and loved ones.

**Lisa Campbell** - October 20, 2016 at 07:25 AM

CP

“ Carolyn Prevo lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Carolyn Prevo - October 20, 2016 at 06:13 AM

BG

“ I'm sure Lee is busy dancing in heaven. We met in 2000 at a company meeting and danced up a storm. He was a wonderful human being. I treasure the time we spent together and enjoyed staying in contact with him over the years. Lee, you are and will be missed. Barbara von der Groeben

Barbara von der Groeben - October 19, 2016 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ I just found out about Lee's passing. I cannot believe it. I met him through friends in the mid nineties in Atlanta. We had so many good times. I haven't seen him in years but remember what great guy he was.



James Simmons - October 19, 2016 at 08:54 AM

DM

“ Although I only shared brief times with Lee it was clear he was a kind, caring and gentle man. To those closest to Lee, I am truly sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed. The world needs more people like Lee not the loss of such a kind soul. Rest In Peace Lee!



Doug Moore - October 19, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ *Aidan Ancill lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Aidan Ancill** - October 19, 2016 at 02:48 AM



“ *Thomas Wilson lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Thomas Wilson** - October 18, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ *Heidi Deets lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Heidi Deets** - October 17, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ *Jose Trevino lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Jose Trevino** - October 17, 2016 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ I did not know Donald Lee, but know many of his family members.....Sending prayers for family and friends in their time of need.....

Jan Couch - October 17, 2016 at 01:48 PM

JK

“ There are no words that can say how sad I am that Lee is no more with us. This is a very big loss for all of us. He was my best friend, mentor and my boss and I am so happy that I had the luck to getting him to know, spending time with him - I am really thankful for that. I am heartbroken and he will be always in my heart. He will always be remembered as having a huge heart and being a great leader. I owe him for supporting me and teaching me so much. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Today during services I will be in the Cologne cathedral - that he loved so much - and will light a candle for him. I know he would love that. I miss him.

Judith Koehnen - October 17, 2016 at 03:19 AM

CV

“ My sincerest sympathy and condolences to Lee's family. I spoke to him just last week and he was upbeat and as usual warm and friendly. He always stayed in touch and he will be sorely missed.

Carol Vergara - October 16, 2016 at 06:40 PM

KW

“ Katja Will lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Katja Will - October 16, 2016 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Katja Will lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Katja Will** - October 16, 2016 at 04:45 PM

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**Katja Will** - October 16, 2016 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Katja Will lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Katja Will** - October 16, 2016 at 04:40 PM

CV

“ *My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to Lee's family. I spoke to Lee just last week and as always he was a pleasure to talk with and upbeat. We worked together at Clinimetrics for 10 years and he made a point to keep in touch for the following 6 years. He always had a funny story to tell and had an infectious smile. Will be greatly missed by so many. Carol Vergara*

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**Carol Vergara** - October 16, 2016 at 03:44 PM

JN

“ Judy N. purchased the California Healthy for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



Judy N. - October 16, 2016 at 03:16 PM

SK

“ Sunny Kurzeder lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Sunny Kurzeder - October 16, 2016 at 03:05 PM

KN

“ Kirk @ Judy Norton lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Kirk @ Judy Norton - October 16, 2016 at 01:56 PM

VM

“ Veda (Jeff's Mom) lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Veda (Jeff's Mom) - October 16, 2016 at 12:52 PM

VM

*I wrote "Jeff's Mom. Just to clarify this. Blessings,,,,,*

**Veda (Jeff's Mom)** - October 16, 2016 at 12:54 PM

OC

“ *On behalf of all of Lee's friends at Chiltern purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



**On behalf of all of Lee's friends at Chiltern** - October 16, 2016 at 12:19 PM

NT

“ *Nick Thornton lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



**Nick Thornton** - October 16, 2016 at 10:09 AM

NT

*Lee was a true gentleman; thoughtful, knowledgeable, enthusiastic, caring. It was my privilege to work with him for a short time at Chiltern. Gone much too soon with so much more to give. Sincere condolences to family, friends and colleagues. Nick*

**Nick Thornton** - October 16, 2016 at 10:15 AM

MB

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Marianne Bauch** - October 16, 2016 at 07:48 AM

MB

“ *Marianne Bauch lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Marianne Bauch** - October 16, 2016 at 07:18 AM

MY

“ *I could not have ask for a better step-son. He was always very sweet to me.*

*Marie Yancy*

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**Marie Yancy** - October 15, 2016 at 04:55 PM

TC

“ *Tura Crawford lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Tura Crawford** - October 15, 2016 at 04:36 PM

TC

*Such a nice and kind person. Will always remember you especially from when we were in school and you hang out at our house.*

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**Tura Crawford** - October 15, 2016 at 04:40 PM

HF

“ *Happy Howe and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



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**Happy Howe and Family** - October 15, 2016 at 04:22 PM

JE

“ *OMG Lee Spurgin in the 28 years (prob closer to 30yrs) that I've known you I've hoped to know you much longer. I'm so saddened to hear this. I love you always and forever, you were a part of me and left your mark on my life.*

*My thoughts and most sincere sympathy is with Lee's family and his vast number of friends. Lee touched each of us in his special way.*

*Lee is amazing. He will not be forgotten.*

*Lee ... I love u SOOOO MUCH, I just can't believe ur gone. Do me a favor and keep watch over me, cause I need all the help I can get.*

*Until we meet again my friend.*

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**Jeff Eck-London** - October 15, 2016 at 04:18 PM

RN

“ *Rosa Nava lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



Rosa Nava - October 15, 2016 at 02:52 PM

LE

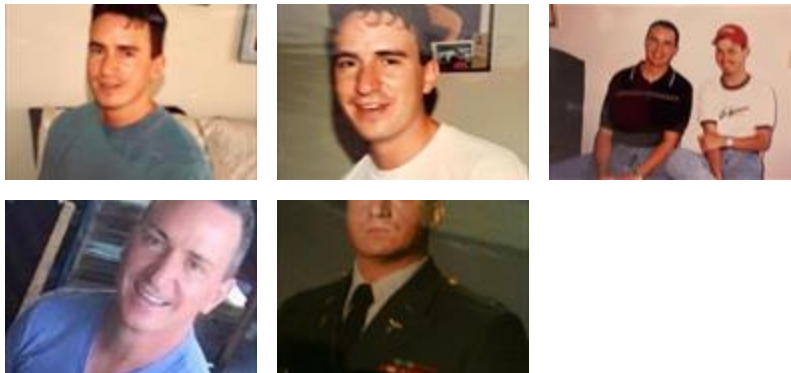
“ *Liz & Ken, Angie & Eric purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



Liz & Ken, Angie & Eric - October 15, 2016 at 12:23 PM

JE

“ *11 files added to the album New Album Name*



Jeff Eck-London - October 15, 2016 at 08:17 AM



Rhonda  
B. Clark

“ Lee

*I remember us in OBC and then we met up again in Atlanta, Ga, oddly in the same neighborhood. Will miss your love for life and your PM when you went out of country. Laughing with you*

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**Rhonda B. Clark** - October 14, 2016 at 08:05 PM

YB

“ Your friends Pheadra and Kristina Bright purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



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**Your friends Pheadra and Kristina Bright** - October 14, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



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October 14, 2016 at 05:44 PM

TB

“ Tera Ladner and Sierra Bazemore purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



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**Tera Ladner and Sierra Bazemore** - October 14, 2016 at 04:22 PM

JC


“ I was privileged enough to count Lee as both a friend and a colleague. His boundless energy and enthusiasm for life was contagious and I will miss him profoundly. He was one of the most principled and ethical people with whom I have worked, and I will always hold him in the highest regard.

*His love for his family and his friends, his adventurous spirit and his grace were an inspiration.*

*May his light continue to shine down upon us all, and may his memory never fade from our hearts.*

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**Jennifer Cutone** - October 14, 2016 at 04:02 PM

 Tricia Bland

“ Tricia Bland purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



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**Tricia Bland** - October 14, 2016 at 03:43 PM

TQ

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Lee and I were colleagues for 16 years. I always admired his passion for and dedication to his work. He was also an all around great person. He will be missed by many.



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**Tracy Quiambao** - October 14, 2016 at 03:36 PM

DS

“ I worked with Lee for over a decade at Clinimetrics. Lee helped me grow my career and his advice still serves me well to this day. I will always remember him with a smile on his face, and a wink to go with it. I send me deepest condolences to Lee's family and friends. He will always be a major part of the Clinimetrics tribe!

David Selkirk - October 14, 2016 at 03:20 PM

MJ

“ Michael and Jeannine purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



Michael and Jeannine - October 14, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



October 14, 2016 at 02:53 PM

JB

“ Jackie Bodmer lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Jackie Bodmer - October 14, 2016 at 02:35 PM

AS

“ *Andrea S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



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**Andrea S.** - October 14, 2016 at 02:06 PM

TQ

“ *Tracy Quiambao lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Tracy Quiambao** - October 14, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



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October 14, 2016 at 01:35 PM

JP

“ *John Potthoff purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



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**John Potthoff** - October 14, 2016 at 01:24 PM

AS

“ *Alix Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Alix Stephenson** - October 14, 2016 at 01:14 PM

FN

“ *Factory CRO, Bilthoven, the Netherlands purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



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**Factory CRO, Bilthoven, the Netherlands** - October 14, 2016 at 01:00 PM

CD

“ *One of my pleasures in life, knowing the ever graceful gentleman, Lee Spurgin. "Go rest high on that mountain Lee, your work on earth is done" What a legacy of work and human being excellence you have given to all of us. XOXO!*

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**Carrie Durant** - October 14, 2016 at 12:56 PM

JP

“ I had the honor of working with Lee and counting him as a friend for the past 5 years. Lee was a highly accomplished executive who helped develop life-changing medical products, and, through his business acumen, created numerous jobs and career opportunities. His leadership at Theorem created a world-renowned medical device development business which endures to this day. Lee was an extraordinary man and highly regarded throughout the medical device industry. I will personally miss him greatly, and also, he will be missed by our industry as well. My deepest condolences to Lee's family, friends, and coworkers.



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John Potthoff - October 14, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



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October 14, 2016 at 11:48 AM

JT

“ Lee had a very loving beautiful energy about him . All he had to do was to walk in a room and you could feel it ! My condolences to all of his friends and family . You will see him again one day. John Tyson

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john tyson - October 14, 2016 at 11:39 AM

PC

“ *Portersville Homemakers' Club purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.*



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**Portersville Homemakers' Club** - October 14, 2016 at 11:09 AM


ST

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Lee and I lived in Boulder Walk and served on the HOA together. He was gem and will be missed. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Stacey Mattison Jenkins*

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**Stacey** - October 14, 2016 at 10:45 AM

 Tricia Bland

“ *Tricia Bland*

*A light has been extinguished with Lee's passing. To Lee's family, I don't think that those of us who worked with Lee and shared in his passion for life could express to you how wonderful of a man he was and how much we will truly miss him. We are just so thankful of how much he recently got to enjoy traveling and spending time with old friends without work interference. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!!*



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**Tricia Bland** - October 14, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



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October 14, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ *Christine Wigert lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Christine Wigert** - October 14, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ *Kate Covalt lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Kate Covalt** - October 14, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *Rüdiger Weber lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Rüdiger Weber** - October 14, 2016 at 09:26 AM

JX

“ *Jeremy Xie lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Jeremy Xie** - October 14, 2016 at 09:06 AM

BB

“ *Beth Brooks lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Beth Brooks** - October 14, 2016 at 08:40 AM

AD

“ *Lee, we will miss you dearly. You were not just a colleague of many years, but also a friend. The world lost a great guy.*



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**Annelies Van Damme** - October 14, 2016 at 08:35 AM

TH

“ *Lee was such a gentle soul. This is so sad that he was taken so young. I have great memories of him growing up.*  
*Twana Barrontine Harris*

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**Twana Barrontine Harris** - October 14, 2016 at 08:27 AM

RC

“ Rosewani Crowther purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD.



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**Rosewani Crowther** - October 14, 2016 at 08:25 AM

SC

“ Shawn Clary lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



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**Shawn Clary** - October 14, 2016 at 08:19 AM

SS

“ Sue Snyder lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



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**Sue Snyder** - October 14, 2016 at 07:53 AM

SS

*So sad to hear the passing of Lee, such a beautiful soul.*

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**Sue Snyder** - October 14, 2016 at 07:54 AM

AB

“ Ashley Bowlan lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



Ashley Bowlan - October 14, 2016 at 07:51 AM

RW

“ Randy Williams lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD



randy williams - October 14, 2016 at 07:16 AM

RW

*I went to school with Lee, even marched in the band with him, always kind. Lee you had that great smile, and personality, you will be missed by many, loved by a lot. my heart is sad.*

randy williams - October 14, 2016 at 07:19 AM



“ Share a memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD or send condolences to the family.



Angela York - October 14, 2016 at 05:51 AM

ES

“ *Elaine Slater lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Elaine Slater** - October 13, 2016 at 10:15 PM

OY

“ *Olivia Yates lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Spurgin, Jr., PHD*



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**Olivia Yates** - October 13, 2016 at 08:32 PM

OY

*The green candle stands for evergreen wnd life everlasting!*

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**Olivia Yates** - October 13, 2016 at 08:35 PM



*Very sad to hear of the sudden passing of Lee. RIP*

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**Darren Taylor** - November 28, 2016 at 07:14 AM