



Ted Spreiter

October 26, 1934 - June 3, 2021

Theodore Fremont Spreiter, (Ted) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on Friday, October 26, 1934 to Leslie Loren and Florence Marian (Mourer) Spreiter. He passed from this life into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma surrounded by his loving family. He was 86 years old.

Ted grew up in Hector, Minnesota alongside of his two brothers, David and Steve. Their father was a banker and their mother a homemaker. All three boys attended school in the Hector school system. Ted graduated from Hector High School in 1952. He was very active in sports. He received his bachelor's degree in 1956 from St. Olaf College in social work and economics and went on to earn a Master's in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962.

Ted also attended Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois for two years. He completed one semester each at Moody Bible College and Oral Roberts University.

Ted met Mary Payne while attending a class together at ORU in January 1967 and they were married three months later on April 14, 1967 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They became parents to six children, four girls and two boys. Family activities they enjoyed together were church, Bible studies, fishing, and

trips to Minnesota.

The words Ted's family use to describe him are a great dad, grandpa and friend. Ted professed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior when he was a child. He loved the Lord and served Him faithfully for many years. One of his passions was sharing his faith with anyone he met. He purchased Bibles by the case and kept them in the trunk of his car to give away to anyone who did not have one of their own.

Ted worked as a social worker in Olivia, Minnesota for 4 years and 30 years as a social worker for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Tulsa. Countless children and their families were cared for by Ted during his career.

Ted is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary, of the home in Broken Arrow
Daughter Chery Bruce (Mike) of Inola
Son Terry Spreiter (Valerie) of Verdigris
Daughter Elizabeth Jackson (David) of Tulsa
Son Seth Spreiter (Natalie) of Tulsa
Daughter Angie Boatmen (Jeff) of Tulsa
Daughter Gwen Porter (Jeff) of Broken Arrow

12 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, David and Steve

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Visitation

JUN 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ TO THE FAMILY OF TED SPREITER:

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

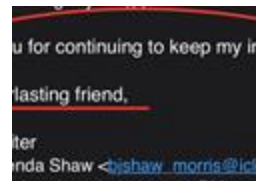
First my deepest apology for this late condolence message. Today would've been Ted's birthday and I'm sorry that I didn't know about his passing. I was wondering why I didn't get a reply from my last email on his birthday last year and now I know. I just happened to google his name and saw his obituary. 😞😞

I met Ted Spreiter 35 years ago when we both worked at OKDHS. I was his Unit Clerk and because of his hearing situation, I was able to spend a lot of one-on-one with him to communicate to his clients for him over the phone. Ted was always caring for others and would go into his own pocket to help his clients. I was amazed at Ted's lip reading skills. I even watched him read lips from people sideways. When technology started changing at DHS, Ted was ready to retire. We kept in touch all these years. Ted loved his family.

I just watched his service and noticed a picture of Ted and I at work and also the picture of Ted that I snapped while he was napping. I have many fond memories of Ted. ❤️

To Mary and the rest of the family, may the fond memories you hold dear bring a smile to your face and lighten your heart in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. 🙏

*Much love,
Ted's Everlasting Friend,
Brenda Shaw-Morris*



Brenda Shaw-Morris - October 26, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ *Ted Spreiter*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Mary, I was so sad to learn of Ted's passing. So many memories of the good ole days working at 4th and Houston. He was an abundantly kind and compassionate man with his clients and coworkers as well. May your memories offer a measure of comfort to you at this difficult time.*
Kathy Naifeh Heinz

Kathy Heinz - June 10, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ted Spreiter.*



June 05, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Marjorie, Sue, Nancy, Dan and families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ted Spreiter.*



Marjorie, Sue, Nancy, Dan and families - June 05, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ted Spreiter.*



June 05, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Brian & Janet Spreiter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ted Spreiter.*



Brian & Janet Spreiter - June 05, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *The Skouby family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ted Spreiter.*



The Skouby family - June 04, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ted Spreiter.*



June 04, 2021 at 02:43 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Spreiter family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Ted.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 03, 2021 at 08:46 AM

RM

I've known Ted since 1982 when we were both social workers. Being we were both from Minnesota we had that connection. Over all these last years we got together quite often and had and had wonderful conversations, especially after her got the cochlear transplant. In early years he read my lips, or would sign to wife Mary and shed' interpret for me.

High lights were once we played golf, when I live in Hominy he and Fred would visit and we:fish, eating at the family restaurant for breakfast in Prattville, I had moved back to Minn. and would visit he and his family at the rented cabin on Clitherall Lake in M'n.////He wore his faith on his shirt sleeve. We'd have long discussions about Tod and our families. He had a great memory to recall the names of my children and even grand children. Ted was a wonderful Godly man who loved his family dearly, and desired that they all "be saved". He was a friend, whom I loved.

Richard Mueller - June 05, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RM

Typos, were social workers together in Tulsa: "he got cochler implant" - --we'd have long dicussions about God

Richard Mueller - June 05, 2021 at 11:07 AM

DM

Sorry for your loss. Ted was always a very nice person as I remember. He, Dave, and Curt (Sampson) would always take a couple of us younger guys to Fort Ridgely with them to "caddy" whilst they golfed.. Fort Ridgely was the only reasonably close course back in the day and a tough one it was, trees all over the place.. Actually, more the reason they drug us along was to scour the woods and find lost balls for them.. We younger "caddies" loved it just the same.. Fun hangin' out with the older guys..

DENNIS MACIK - June 05, 2021 at 06:05 PM