



SPENCER LEE OXFORD

June 21, 1947 - February 6, 2026

Spencer Lee Oxford, 78, of War, WV, went to be with His Savior after a long-fought battle on Friday, February 6, 2026. He was a lifetime member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in War, WV, where he was the pastor since 1989. He loved nothing more, other than his wife, Dorothy, to preach and teach God's word.

Left to cherish memories and continue his legacy of serving Jesus are his wife of nearly 60 years, Dorothy; his son, David Oxford (Robyn); his daughter, Paula Sparks (Willie); grandchildren: Courtney Schilling (Garrett); Hunter Sparks (Alex); Kaitlyn Sheets (Spencer); Laken Grygiel (Joey); great-grandchildren: Alayna, Teagan, Penelope, Rori, and Leo.

Spencer served in the United States Army for four years, which included one tour in Vietnam, and worked for Appalachian Power Company as a mechanic for 33 1/2 years. He loved to work on all kinds of vehicles; he enthusiastically rode his Harley; he hunted and fished any time he was able; he loved woodworking; his garage was his happy place; above all, he could be found reading and studying the Word of God. He had to repeatedly purchase Bibles because he wore them out with continuous usage. He had a Master of Arts in Theology and often was a resource for many as they had biblical questions. He's surely discussing some of those questions with many of the Christians, disciples, prophets, and saints who went on before him. He's in the very presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and he's enjoying all the splendor Heaven has to offer.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in War, WV. Visitation will begin at 12:00 pm to be followed by a service at 1:00 pm.

Pallbearers will be Willie Sparks, Hunter Sparks, Joey Grygiel, Garrett Schilling, Spencer Sheets, and Frazier McGuire. Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Rutherford, Tommy Rutherford, Fred Vandyke, Johnny Webb, Marvin Gates, and Cisco Mitchell.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations to Tunnel for Towers, St. Jude, or Emmanuel Baptist Church in War, WV, be made.

We are left grieving, but our husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and pastor is rejoicing and experiencing all that we've been promised by God in His word.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch, WV, is serving the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.douglasmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Governor GC Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Main St
War, WV 24892

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I extend my heartfelt condolences as my thoughts and Prayers are with each of you as you start a new chapter without your loved one... Heaven has welcomed another beautiful Angel and his gentle Spirit will live in your hearts forever... May you find peace and comfort in the Lord and your precious memories...

Darlene Shepherd - February 14 at 08:12 AM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to Dorothy and family for their loss. Spencer was a great man who loved his family, friends and his church. I knew Spencer from growing up in War and going to school and graduating with him. His greatest joy was his family and when he was preaching to his congregation. May his love continue to live on in all the hearts of all the lives that he touched. May all the tears of loss be happy memories that each of you share forever..
Marguerite Giles

Marguerite Giles - February 12 at 07:55 PM

JA

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Spencer's passing. What a light he has been to everyone he has come in contact with. To Dorothy and the family may the Lord comfort and fold you in His loving arms. Heaven is a little brighter today as the Lord's servant has come home.

Jackie & Larry Atwell - February 12 at 10:06 AM

KF

“ *Spencer was a great man and always pleasant! A true pillar of War! He was our family and always there for us in good times and hard times. Dorothy and family we love you and we are praying for you.*

Kenny Hicks and Family - February 11 at 06:09 PM

DT

“ *Such a great lost to War. Rev. Oxford loved his community and church. My Dad always thought of Rev. Oxford with high respect. Prayers and sympathy to the family.*

Darrell Thompson - February 11 at 05:43 PM

TC

“ *Dorothy and family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'm far away but have been able to see via Facebook that Spencer played a very important role in the War community. It's clear that he made an impact on many people who will now miss him. Prayers for your comfort and peace at this very difficult time. Theresa Clingenpeel Croteau*

Theresa Croteau - February 11 at 03:17 PM

DM

“ *So so sorry. Praying for all of you. Love you.*

Debbie Motley - February 11 at 03:29 AM

CH

“ I am so saddened to read of Spencer's passing. What a wonderful family he has left behind. I lived in East War in the middle to late 80s and was lucky to have them as neighbors. When my ex mother in law passed, Spencer's was the only person at Doris' funeral. I think about those days in East War and haven't had such great neighbors since. Prayers for family and friends, so very sorry for your loss. Cindy (Evans) Hupp

Cindy Hupp - February 10 at 08:53 PM

BN

“ We were saddened to hear Spencer had passed. He had a long battle and yet remained a faithful servant. May he rest in peace. Prayers for the family in your loss.

Brenda Nevi - February 10 at 08:44 PM

AO

“ Uncle Spencer,we love and going to miss you,God has you now you are amazing Angel,we all have you in our hearts and minds

Annette Oxford - February 10 at 06:05 PM

TM

“ Uncle Spencer, my great memories,when all gathered at Granny house for Sunday dinners and you preach over Dad and Mom, I am sending prayers and love to the family,God has another amazing Angel with him now , I can't make it up there but I am thinking of the family,love you all



Teresa Oxford Metts - February 10 at 05:56 PM

CA

“ Spencer had a beautiful soul. The last time I seen Spencer, Bobby, Larry and I were sitting on a creek bank in Virginia fishing. A time I will always cherish and remember. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. I will miss you, my friend.
Spar

Calvin Amos - February 10 at 03:47 PM

RB

“ My heart breaks for you Dorothy. I know the grief that is ahead of you. I am here anytime you need me. I am praying for Paula, David and the entire family. I love you all. Nephew Spencer will be missed. I will see you later Nephew Spencer. Love Aunt Ruthy.

Ruth Baker - February 10 at 02:49 PM