



Jackie L. Spears

December 16, 1951 - January 27, 2026

Jackie L. Spears, age 74 of Troy, IL, died Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born on Sunday, December 16, 1951, in East St. Louis, IL, the son of Robert and Mary (nee Clark) Spears.

On Saturday, April 11, 1981, he married Deborah Mae Spears, nee Meyer at St. Jacob UCC, St. Jacob, IL, who survives.

Jackie was born in East St. Louis, Illinois. He attended East St. Louis High School and was drafted in the US Army. After his marriage to Deb, they moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and lived there for 18 years before moving back to Illinois. Jackie drove a semi-truck independently and then drove for Liebovich Steel & Aluminum out of Bridgeton, Missouri until he retired in 2018. He was a member of Friedens United Church of Christ.

Jackie enjoyed fishing, playing guitar and listening to Motown music. He loved being with his family, especially the grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and granddogs.

Survivors include:

Wife - Deborah Mae Spears, Meyer, Troy, IL

Son - Robert Lee (Tara) Spears, Wilburton, OK
Son - Craig Spears, Indianapolis, IN
Son - Brandon (Fiancée-Katryna Nieto) Spears, Lemoore, CA
Son - Kat Spears, Fairview Heights, IL
Grandchildren - Brookelynn, Britton, Bracen, Legacy, Legend & Love
Sister - Linda Spears-Peters, Caseyville, IL
Brother - Ronnie Spears, Collinsville, IL
Sister-In-Law - Cindy (Dennis) Korte, Pocahontas, IL
Sister-In-Law - Sue (Joe) Lanahan, Sunrise Beach, MO
Brother-In-Law - Cornell (Charla) Meyer, Waterloo, IL
Sister-In-Law - Michelle (Carl) Meyer-Beharend, Portland, OR

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Robert Lee Spears
Mother - Mary Spears, nee Clark
Brother-In-Law - George Chance
Brother - Charles Stovall
Sister - Brenda Wolf
Father-In-Law & Mother-In-Law - Clinton & Una Mae (nee Henss) Meyer
Brother-In-Law - Kevin Meyer

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, February 2, 2026, at Friedens United Church of Christ in Troy, IL.

Memorial Service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 2, 2026, at Friedens United Church of Christ in Troy, IL, with Rev. Timothy Harrison, Pastor, Friedens United Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friedens United Church of Christ or Fisher House (VA - Jefferson Barracks).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Friedens United Church of Christ Cemetery
E Center Street (Illinois 162)
Troy, IL 62294

Memorial Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Julia H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie L. Spears.

Julia H. - February 01 at 05:07 PM

LM

“ Contribute to a Memorial Bench at Tri-Township Park in memory of Jackie L. Spears: Jackie enjoyed fishing at the Park and spent many hours there doing just that and he made a lot of friends. He did possess the gift of gab. I'm his sister-in-law and I thought it would be money well spent to sponsor a bench beside the Tri-Township Park lake, which is very near the tribute to veterans, of which Jackie was one. If you would like to contribute to purchasing a bench in the Park in place of flowers or a contribution to another cause, please contact me by email: leilani262@yahoo.com I have spoken to Debbie about this and she is all in, so it has her heartfelt endorsement. Thank you.

Laura Meyer - January 29 at 08:28 PM

AL

“ Sending our love and praying for comfort and peace to you Deb, Kat and the Spears family.

Annette Letko - January 29 at 05:14 PM

RR

“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Jackie Spears



Rita Rinderer - January 29 at 04:24 PM

CH

“ Oh, we are so sorry. How we cherish all the years we were neighbors, passing kids back and forth over the fence, and our boys being the best of friends. Love you and praying for you. 🙏❤️

Char Handy - January 29 at 12:10 PM

RR

So sorry for your loss DEBBIE
RITA RINDERER

Rita Rinderer - January 29 at 04:26 PM

LM

A good person—through and through—has passed from our earthly world. The world was a better place because he was here. He will be missed and will always hold a place in my heart. 💜

Laura Meyer - January 29 at 05:03 PM

JP

Jackie and I were cousins but actually we were more like brothers. During our teenage years we spent a lot of time together, playing music hanging out together shooting pool and sometimes getting in a little overhead due to normal life circumstances we lost touch with each other for several years, but I was blessed to be able to reconnect with him in May 2024, and we got to spend some time with each other, Jackie and Debbie came down to visit us and spent a week with us and we had a wonderful time. We have continued to talk on the phone And stay in touch with each other since that time. I will miss him more than I can never express. I love you buddy and one day I will see you again.

Jim Powell - January 29 at 05:17 PM

HN

Debbie i am so sorry for your loss i just read about his passing now My heart goes out to you and your family Prayers for you and your family Hazel Neumann

Hazel Neumann - January 30 at 10:42 AM

MM

Debbie, we are sorry for your loss. Jackie was a great neighbor and was always ready to talk to anyone. We will miss him. You and your family are in our prayers.

Mike and Susan Miller

Mike & Susan Miller - January 30 at 09:36 PM

ED

Debbie so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers for strength and comfort.

Elaine Deichmann - February 04 at 04:27 PM