

*Service of Celebration
for the Life of*

John Edward Spencer



Briarwood Presbyterian Church
November 27, 2012

John Edward Spencer

April 16, 1920 – November 22, 2012

John is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years

Emalyn

His children

John E. Spencer, Jr. (Katherine)

Jane F. Spencer

Virginia Spencer Nall

And his grandchildren

Kristen Spencer Fox (Phillip)

John E. Spencer III

William Bradford Spencer

Grey Manning Spencer



John was born in Palatka, FL, and moved to Birmingham in 1947. He graduated from the Georgia Tech with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and retired from BellSouth in 1984 after 42 years of service in Birmingham, Mobile, and with AT&T in New York City.

During World War II, he served in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of Captain.

John was active in and held leadership positions in several professional societies, including the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE).

He helped lead the youth work of the Downtown Optimist Club of Birmingham and was actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America as a youth. He continued to serve in troop leadership in Mobile and Birmingham.

While in his early 60s John earned his Masters of Religious Education from Birmingham Theological Seminary. He served the Presbyterian Church in America in many capacities and was as a member of the Board of Trustees of Covenant Theological Seminary for over 20 years.

At Briarwood John served as an Elder for 40 years and was designated as Elder Emeritus.

He also served as a Lay Minister of Pastoral Care

Order of Worship

<i>The Prelude</i>	Rev. Daniel Cason
<i>Call to Worship and Invocation</i>	Dr. Mark Cushman
<i>“For All the Saints”</i>	Rev. Daniel Cason
<i>Old Testament Reading</i>	Dr. Frank Barker
<i>Remembering John</i>	John’s Family
<i>“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”</i>	Rev. Daniel Cason
<i>New Testament Reading</i>	Dr. Harry Reeder
<i>Ministry of the Word</i>	Dr. Harry Reeder
<i>“Crown Him with Many Crowns”</i>	Rev. Daniel Cason
<i>The Benediction</i>	Dr. Harry Reeder
<i>The Postlude</i>	Rev. Daniel Cason

*After the worship service the family invites everyone
to the graveside service
at Southern Heritage Funeral Home.*



“...And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome
but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,
correcting his opponents with gentleness.”

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne,
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.