



## Russell Spears

November 5, 1926 - September 16, 2015

Russell Spears, 88, Farmington, Arkansas, died September 16, 2015, of natural causes. He was surrounded by family and close friends at his passing. Russell, the son of Dick and Garcie (Randolph) Spears, was born November 5, 1926 in the Trident/Norwood community near Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Russell married Wanda Mae Londagin Spears on May 21, 1950. He was a WWII Army veteran after graduating from Siloam Springs High School in 1945. After his service in the Army he returned to Siloam Springs and began working for the Pet Milk Co. until its closure in 1973. In 1974 he moved his family to Farmington and was employed at the University of Arkansas for 19 years as a Stationary Engineer (boiler operator) until his retirement in 1992. He is preceded in death his parents and brother, Wilbur Spears and sister in law Edna Spears.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, and three sons Ricky Dee Spears and partner Robert (Rob) Purdy of New York City, New York, Randal Jay Spears of Fort Smith, Arkansas and Kendall Dean Spears and wife Linda, Farmington, Arkansas and their sons Evin Spears of Farmington, Arkansas and Hayden Spears and wife Kristin of Fort Worth, Texas.

Funeral services will be 3:00 pm, Saturday, September 19, 2015, at Farmington Baptist Church, Farmington, Arkansas where he was a charter member. Rev. Preston Beeks will be officiating. Visitation will be 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday, September 18, 2015 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. A private family burial will be held at Fayetteville National

Cemetery, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Farmington Baptist Church, P.O. Box 847, Farmington, Arkansas 72730, Senior Activity Wellness Center, 340 West Main St, Farmington, Arkansas, 72730, Washington Regional Hospice, 325 E. Longview St, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703 or Life Source International Inc., 600 S. School Ave., Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

# Cemetery Details

## Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

SEP **19**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Farmington Baptist Church  
49 West Main St.  
Farmington, AR 72730  
(479) 267-4430

# Tribute Wall

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“ Wanda, Kendall and Family- I was so sorry to read of the passing of Russell. He was a wonderful, kind hearted man. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Much love.

*Toni Hulse Brown*

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**Toni Brown** - September 24, 2015 at 03:28 PM

MT

“ Wanda and family,  
We are saddened by your loss. We will always remember Russell as a very kind man that loved singing Milk Cow Blues at Farmington Senior Center. He will be missed.

*Mike and Martha Tye*

*Gene and Helen Nash*

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**M Tye** - September 20, 2015 at 01:06 PM

JA

“ Wanda and family - we are sorry for your loss while we celebrate Russell's life. We were blessed to be your neighbors many years ago. We have many good memories. We are grateful for his service to his country and his devotion to his family. Our prayers are with you.

*John Allison and family*

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**John Allison** - September 20, 2015 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ Wanda and family, we were saddened to hear of Russell's passing. We enjoyed his music and enjoyment of life. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Bobby Jack and Shirley Spears

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**Bobby Jack & Shirley Spears** - September 19, 2015 at 03:27 PM

GG

“ Russell was one fine person who loved his country music. Very glad to have been related to him. Rest in peace, Russell.

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**Glenita Randolph Guthrie** - September 17, 2015 at 06:44 AM

LH

“ Wanda & family----we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a haeartache no one can heal BUT love leaves a memory no one can steal.



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**Larry & Lana Hurt** - September 17, 2015 at 06:05 AM