



John Spencer Standish

April 17, 1925 - September 22, 2016

Vero Beach FL-- John Spencer Standish, 91, passed away peacefully after a short illness on September 22, 2016.

Affectionately known as Spencer, he was predeceased by his parents Florence Spencer and John Carver Standish. Spencer is survived by his wife Patricia; his son John and wife Pamela; his daughter Christine and her husband Christopher Wilk; and his grandchildren Spencer and Hope Wilk, Jay, Libby and David Standish. Spencer is also survived by Patricia's children Sylvester Battaglia, Mary Jo and Ray Kelly, Margaret and Nelson Glassman, Anthony Battaglia, Stacie and Tony Pappas, Philip Battaglia and Patricia's grandchildren.

A graduate of the Albany Academy, Spencer attended college at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology studying business in the Business and Engineering Administration program. Upon graduation in 1945, Spencer joined the Forstmann Woolen Company in Passaic, New Jersey. Spencer served in the U.S. Army in 1946 and after active duty he served in the Enlisted Reserve Corps. where he earned the rank of Master Sergeant before he was

honorably discharged. After leaving the army, Spencer rejoined Forstmann for a short period before joining the Albany Felt Company in 1952 as the plant manager of Albany Felt's new plant in Cowansville, Quebec, Canada. Over his working life, Spencer led the expansion of Albany International Corp. with the help of thousands of colleagues from operations around the world. Spencer became Chairman of the Board of Albany International Corp. in 1984, a position he held until he retired in 1998 when he became Chairman Emeritus. Spencer was a member of several clubs and served on numerous boards of charities in both Vero Beach and Albany, New York. During his lifetime he was amply recognized with awards and honors for his contributions to the communities he lived in.

A committed philanthropist, Spencer generously gave charities his time, talent and treasure. He also exhorted others to do the same. The family wishes to thank everyone who cared for Spencer during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to either: The J. Spencer Standish Endowed Chair in Neurosciences at Albany Medical Center (43 New Scotland Ave, MC 119, Albany, NY 12208); the St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at St Peter's Hospital Foundation (310 South Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208); or the VNA Hospice House (1110 35th Ln #1, Vero Beach, FL 32960).

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mr. Standish's family Thursday, September 29, 2016 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Friday, September 30, 2016 at 12:00 pm from the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany then to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany at 1:00 pm.

Interment at Albany Rural Cemetery will immediately follow the church service.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
107 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John Spencer Standish*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 29, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ *John Spencer Standish*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My Father , Floyd Zanette used to work with Spencer during the same time period with Albany Felt. How can I get in touch with Pat?*

Tom Zanette - October 07, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to Pat Standish and the family over the passing of her beloved husband, Spencer. He was always the gentleman. His generosity toward Siena College in providing the lead gift for the new library will long be remembered. It was a genuine pleasure to get to know Pat and Spencer. May his spirit live on in his children and grandchildren. God bless the Standish family.*

Gary B. Thompson, retired library director at Siena College

Gary Thompson - October 02, 2016 at 04:16 PM

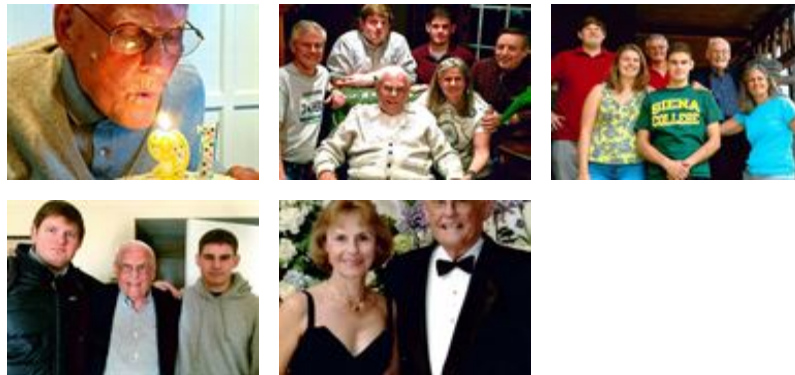
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“ My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces" ”

Montana - September 30, 2016 at 09:58 PM

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“ It was a privilege to know Spencer when I was Chair of the Faculty Committee at Siena College (1995-1997) and Spencer was on the Board of Trustees. His thoughtfulness always came through during the Board meetings I attended; but most important of all was his generous gift that enabled the College to build a magnificent library named for him. My condolences to the family, especially to Pat, whom I first met when I was a lowly assistant professor and she an adjunct faculty member in the English Department. ”

Karl K. Barbir
Professor Emeritus of History
Siena College (1977-2015)

Karl Barbir - September 29, 2016 at 07:21 AM

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“ To the Standish family. I have worked at the Perth, ON facility of Albany International for 31 years. Spencer Standish was one of the few management that visited our facility that knew my name. I was a secretary - in the Technical Department, not a shoulder-to-shoulder coworker, but he knew my name, and what I did, and he inspired me.

He always came and spoke to every single person that was at work that day - the office, manufacturing, there were no limits to his curiosity, and his appreciation of our employees. Although we buzzed around for days before a visit, cleaning and making sure that everything was perfect for Mr. Standish - we all enthusiastically looked forward to his visit. We wanted to see Mr. Standish. We wanted to show him what we had done and what we were capable of. We were proud, and so was he.

Clearly my favorite memory was when he retired and visited our plant. I painted a picture of our plant, and we had every employee sign it. When it was presented, he wanted to thank me, and he picked me out of the crowd. He made that personal connection with me and I have never forgotten. His generous smile, his kind heart.

We all share in your grief, but to have this exemplary man a member of your family, must bring you comfort. God bless you and yours as you work through this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Donna (Gorham) Hall
Albany International - Perth, ON

Donna Hall - September 26, 2016 at 09:32 AM



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