



Morley Victor Spencer

August 24, 1948 - September 4, 2021

Morley Victor Spencer PE, age 73, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday evening, September 4th surrounded by his wife, children, and dear friends.

Morley was born in Bristol, England where he spent his early adulthood chasing women and perfecting his pub crawling skills along a two mile stretch of road in Little Stoke which, to his best recollection, encompassed seven perfectly spaced pubs. He considered his mastery of a good pub crawl to be one of his more notable accomplishments during his formative years, along with his participation in the infamous Mods and Rockers confrontation on Brighton Beach where a Mod's well aimed punch left him with the deviated septum that he sported as something of a trophy for the rest of his life.

Although Morley was a natural born engineer, his entry into the field was accidental. Upon his graduation from high school he was offered an apprenticeship with Drake & Scull Engineering which he accepted with the mistaken understanding they were going to teach him to be a draftsman. As it turned out what they actually had in mind was to make a mechanical engineer out of him. He was enrolled at Bath College and spent the next five decades practicing the trade that would be his life's passion.

Although he loved England--and despite the fact he had never even been to America--Morley longed to be an American. Encouraged by his mum Sydney he quit his job and bought airline tickets for himself and his English bride, arriving in New York City with a guitar and a few hundred dollars in his pocket.

In the years that followed he pursued his career and diligently worked towards his goal of citizenship, narrowly missing deportation a few times due to expiring visas, until his immigration officer grew weary of seeing him across his desk and stamped his papers. He proudly took his oath of citizenship wearing shoulder length blond hair and a brown and yellow plaid suit, a bold fashion statement forever memorialized by the photo on his citizenship documents.

The story of Morley's life in America is a testament to his hard work, determination, self-reliance, and persistence. It was a story he told every single year on April 15th when he felt the government's hand in his pocket (the bigger the tax bill the more detailed and impassioned the story). His CPAs over the years quickly learned to soften bad tax news as best they could and to bring earplugs to the meeting.

Morley was unfailingly tidy and precise ("if it's not a right angle it's the wrong angle"), meticulous with paperwork and his tools, and never arrived anywhere one minute later than ten minutes early. His penchant for candor and honesty was legendary. He was not the person to ask if an outfit made you look fat or if an engineering or architectural design was good unless you actually wanted to know the answer. He was fiercely independent and exceedingly proud of the fact that he never took a dime off the government in his entire life until the people at Social Security insisted he start taking their checks after his 70th birthday.

Morley was a man of many talents. He excelled at growing tomatoes, woodworking, captaining boats, and driving his motorcoach to see the country he loved so much. He was a connoisseur of Sunday roasts, brussel sprouts, all forms of potatoes except yams, anything chocolate, and a properly prepared Jack Daniels with ginger ale. Although his culinary efforts were generally limited to making morning coffee his secret chili recipe won two state championships and earned him a spot at a national chili competition.

He loved his family and friends, reading, Queen Elizabeth, Brexit, rock music (particularly music by British groups) (shout out to Freddie Mercury),

fireworks, and anything on the History Channel. He was always up for a good adventure, once helping some guy he met in a bar deliver an airplane to Central America the following day. He hated Socialism, okra, illegal immigration, dishonesty, doing plumbing repairs, and unstarched dress shirts. He was insanely proud of the engineering firm he founded and of the two daughters and son in law he gained as part of a package deal when he married his soulmate, Susan.

Morley's exuberance for life, his brilliant smile and his easy laughter will be greatly missed.

Morley was predeceased by his parents Victor Nelson Spencer and Sydney Bradford Spencer. He is survived by his wife Susan Dockins Spencer, daughters Michelle Mohr Garr (Tony) and Heather Mohr, grandsons Kurt (Julia) Garr, Kory Garr and Justin Powell, great granddaughter Ava Garr, sister Carol Marks and nephew Adam Marks of Bristol, England, niece Laura Marks (Jeremie Janise) of New Orleans, his loving Tennessee family Loretta and Jim Ryan, Roger and Millie Dockins, Bradley Dockins, Paul and Jane Dockins, and his longtime friend, business partner and brother of the heart Doug Bristol.

A celebration of Morley's life well lived will be held at 1 PM on Monday, September 20th at The Venue at Friendship Springs, 7340 Friendship Springs Blvd, Flowery Branch, GA 30542.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Venue at Friendship Springs
7340 Friendship Springs Blvd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Tribute Wall



“ *Morley Victor Spencer*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *My name is Rennie Colston and I heard about Morley's passing purely by chance.*

I was thinking about my time spent in the US over 40 years ago. Reflecting on a close friendship, I felt compelled to google Morley's name, as I was curious if there were any entries. I was shocked and saddened to see the first entry was his obituary.

I have never forgotten Morley although our contact was brief. In 1978 I was 20 years old and Morley became mentor and close friend to me as a fellow Englishman newly arrived in Macon. Morley took me under his wing from the moment we met and treated me as family for the 2-3 years before I returned to England.

The experience of knowing Morley had a positive impact on my future life and I will never forget his generosity, authenticity and wonderful sense of humour!

I offer my condolences to Morley's family and friends.

*Rennie Colston
Adelaide
Australia*

Rennie Colston - September 19, 2021 at 09:38 PM

SW

“ Don and I send our deepest condolences. Morley was truly an exceptional individual and the perfect match for Susan. May he rest in peace, and Susan and family will continue to be in our prayers.
Love, Susan & Don Webber

Susan Webber - September 17, 2021 at 05:15 PM

BR

“ Our sincerest condolences. David & I had the pleasure of seeing Morley light up Susan's life bringing such joy, adventure, smiles, laughter & joy. We love you! David & Bonnie Ross

Bonnie Ross - September 16, 2021 at 09:09 AM

CG

“ My name is Clive and i grew up in a city called Bristol in the uk and it was in those early years i met Morley and boy what a time we had , great friendship was to follow spending time on holidays and nights out with a beer in hand chasing girls and great nights in with films and drinks and nibbles .
Morley was an amazing man at his job very very determined and always willing to give a helping hand to so many
His death is just so so sad and so early in life , i am sure he still had so much more to give
My thoughts go out to Susan for her loss and even though i am miles away over the pond i feel the loss to
Rest in peace my friend untill we meet again
Clive { uk }

Clive Gray - September 15, 2021 at 12:35 AM

SS

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Susan Spencer - September 13, 2021 at 08:53 AM

SL

“ We should all strive, every day, to earn this kind of obituary/tribute!
To be kind and generous in heart and actions. To give and receive
such love. To be on the receiving end of his smile was a gift. We are
all totally blessed to have spent time with him!

Sylvia Ligon - September 11, 2021 at 06:48 AM

CP

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Cathy Purcell - September 10, 2021 at 08:58 PM

RB

“ Susan, Lou and I loved Morley. His eyes were always filled with a caring warmth and his smile made you feel welcomed even if he didn't know you...yet. Lou and I enjoyed our time together with you and Morley, whether it was sitting around a campfire chatting, drinking a beer or playing a mean game of corn hole.. win or lose we enjoyed the many laughs...he touched the lives of many and will forever be remembered in our hearts, our words, and in our laughter. He adored you, Susan. His eyes always danced when you entered the room. He made sure everyone was having a good time wherever he was. We were blessed to have known him...forever in our hearts. Lou and Robin Bonaventura

Robin Bonaventura - September 10, 2021 at 05:42 PM

JM

“ Susan and family, I want to express my deepest condolences for your loss of one of the most wonderful men I have ever met. I loved sitting on the dock listening to him tell stories. Usually he listened and laughed at our stories. I love his laugh and smile. I always smiled when I saw him. My favorite memory of him (this might be inappropriate) is when he was asleep on the boat and Cathy and I went in and pretended we were getting in bed with him. Thank God we didn't get under the covers or we would have been very surprised. Susan was laughing so hard and Morley joined in. He really was the sweetest man and would do anything for any of us on that dock. From what I have read, that trait followed him into RVing. I will miss you Morley. Rest In Peace. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Mansfield - September 10, 2021 at 01:33 PM

EK

Please accept my sympathies for the loss of your husband and father. I am in this 'little' camping group and is how I came to meet Morley. So glad I had the opportunity and wish I could have had him around us all longer.

Emma King - September 10, 2021 at 05:04 PM

TH

Morley was one of most professional engineers I ever had the privilege to work with. His knowledge and enthusiasm always showed in every project he worked on. He always put the customer first and his energy was unmatched.

He will be missed and will be an inspiration to others.

*Tom Heslep
President PSI*

Tom Heslep - September 13, 2021 at 10:21 AM