



## Thomas Lee Spivey Sr

July 9, 1935 - March 7, 2024

Thomas Lee Spivey Sr, 88, of Mint Hill, died Thursday, March 7, 2024, under the care of hospice at Novant Medical Center - Mint Hill Campus.

Tom was born on July 9, 1935 in Coats NC - the third of four sons born to James Hector Spivey and Louise Fischer Spivey. He spent his youth in the Johnsonville/Olivia area of western Harnett County, just east of Sanford, NC. Leading a full and adventurous childhood, he learned the importance of hard work at an early age while working in the local tobacco fields and his dad's saw mill. He was very active at Benhaven High School playing baseball , basketball, and serving as the drum major.

He later married his high school sweetheart, Sylvia McKinney and moved to Kinston NC where he served in the military and later in the Army reserves. They moved to Charlotte in 1959 and Tom began a long and successful career at National Linen Service.

The family moved to Mint Hill NC in 1968 where he quickly became an integral part of the community for the next 55 years. After the death of Sylvia, he met Patrica Crump and began a new chapter in his life. They were married for 49 years.

Tom was a real entrepreneur and a lifelong learner. He was constantly trying

new things and adding new skills to his repertoire. As a child, he learned to repair things around the saw mill so there weren't many things he couldn't fix, build or at least give it his best attempt.

After retiring as a manager of National Linen, he began a second career at Clear Creek Elementary School. He took pride in his accomplishments there and truly loved the time he was able to spend with the children.

His many hobbies included repairing small engines and lawnmowers, landscaping, and woodworking. In his later years, he specialized in building birdhouses. He seldom, if ever, accepted money for the houses as he just liked to see his creations being enjoyed by others.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He lived for his children and was so proud of their accomplishments, though always deflecting away any credit. As his family grew over the years, he remained young at heart, cherishing playtime and merriment with the kids but at the same time teaching them important life lessons and being the quintessential role model for them to observe. He was also an ideal friend, one always there for you with never an expectation in return - although you might have to sit through a couple of his jokes.

He was a care provider for much of his life as he provided the support, understanding and love needed during the long illnesses of both his wives.

Most importantly, he was a godly man. He believed in the promises of God and he shared that daily both through his teachings and his actions.

Throughout his life, he was a fixture in several churches, serving as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir director, scout leader and prayer leader.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, mother, first wife and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, three children - Tom Spivey Jr. (Kim), Louise Stokes (Jerry) and Tracy Lankford (Trey), six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great grandchild soon to arrive.

Tom's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for him and for them. Visitation will begin at 2pm on Monday, March 11, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 8947 Albemarle Rd, Charlotte, NC 28227, with the service to follow at 3 pm. Following the service, Tom will be taken in procession to his final place of rest at Sunset Memory Gardens, 8901 Lawyers Road, Charlotte, NC 28227.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Baptist Church  
8947 Albemarle Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
<http://www.cbccharlotte.org/>

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Baptist Church  
8947 Albemarle Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - March 09, 2024 at 04:13 PM

BR

“ *Condolences To The Spivey Family & Friends.  
I worked with “Tom” at National Linen Services in the ‘70’s, he was an amazing man.....  
Rest In Paradise 🕊️🌹  
Barbara A. Ratliff & Family*



Barbara A. Ratliff - May 06, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ *Mr. Spivey was such a kind and caring man. Louann and I were friends when my Dad pastored Mint Hill Baptist Church. Mr Spivey had us learn to he song I Know and he took us to several churches to sing. The chorus says “I know, I know there’s no doubt about it! He’s real in my heart and I’m going to shout it! I know, I know my sins are forgiven and I’m in my way to a place that’s called heaven!” Mr. Spivey sure live out his love for Jesus and he left a 55 year old memory in my heart. Praying for your comfort but rejoicing in his victory!*

Cathy Sweatt - March 12, 2024 at 08:15 AM

CH

*Thomas Spivey was a neighbor when I lived in Charlotte his son Tommy was a friend and his dad coached Brother Randy and Me So we loved him like a 2nd dad we moved to Greenville SC in Fall of 1967 still remember teaching us and Tommy and his doing things the right way Maybe my dad and he will see each other in glory as my dad Umpired our games at Westover Hills Little League W8shed had known sooner I would reached out to his family*

**Charles (Robbie) Humphries** - February 10 at 03:44 PM

BF

“ Betty Spivey and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.



**Betty Spivey and Family** - March 10, 2024 at 07:49 PM

PM

“ Paul, Debbie and Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.

**Paul, Debbie and Mike** - March 10, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.



March 10, 2024 at 05:27 PM

BH

“ Tom has always been a wonderful neighbor to us and to everyone on our street. We will miss him.  
Bill and Betty Hough

Betty Hough - March 09, 2024 at 07:26 PM



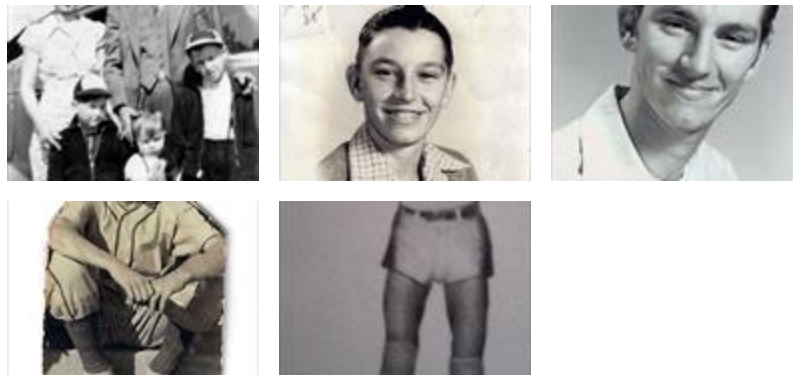
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.



March 09, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ 126 files added to the album Memories Album



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - March 09, 2024 at 05:18 PM

MD

“ Mary Teasley and George Donigian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.

Mary Teasley and George Donigian - March 09, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.*



March 09, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.*



March 09, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *The Lankford Lgroup planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.*

**The Lankford Lgroup** - March 08, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.*



March 08, 2024 at 10:13 PM

RF

“ *Ron & Julie Pruitt & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.*



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**Ron & Julie Pruitt & Family** - March 08, 2024 at 08:14 PM

SM

“ *Tom holds a special place in our hearts and memories. He was such a good role for many years of what it means to walk the talk of Christian living. He invested in our family with his time, his prayers and his friendship. He had a servant's heart and great humility. Tom and Brad never met a lawnmower they could not rebuild together! ☐ Thankful for the good memories and looking forward to seeing him again on the other side. Our prayers are with Tom's family..*

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**Sandra Murphy** - March 08, 2024 at 08:05 PM

AA

*Tom was a neighbor you could depend on. For 55 years we were always looking out for each other. We have sweet memories of Our children playing and going to school together. We already miss seeing he and Pat sitting in the yard, waving as we go by! Keeping you all in our hearts with LOVE and PRAYERS! The Austin Family.*

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**Anne Austin** - March 09, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Spivey Sr.*



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March 08, 2024 at 06:52 PM