



## Larry Shelton Spinks

May 4, 1937 - December 3, 2016

Maj. Larry Shelton Spinks, US Army, Retired passed away on December 3, 2016. A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 9, 2016 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 3050 Mt Zion Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281 with Rev. Paul Doellinger officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service at the church. Larry was born May 4, 1937 at home on First St. in Douglasville, GA to Doris Claud (D.C.) (Pepaw) and Margaret Grace (Elliott) (MeMaw) Spinks, both deceased. He was also preceded in death by a sister Linda Lou (Spinks) Williamson. He is a graduate of Fulton High School in Atlanta, GA. Retired from the US Army in 1979, after 20 years of service, having served in seven post in the US and five tours overseas, twice in Germany, once in Korea and twice in Viet Nam. In addition to his primary duties as an Artilleryman, Larry was also a pilot, graduating from helicopter flight school in 1970 and a logistics specialist. His decorations included: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal and other service medals/ribbons. After retirement, Larry was involved in Real Estate for 20 years, having owned and brokered two companies on the south side of Atlanta. Larry was a founding member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in 1979 and served several times as Congregational Chairman and many years as Elder, as well as other positions of leadership. Larry is survived by his wife of 55 years, Erika E. (Weinberger) Spinks whom he met and married in Ansbach, Germany. He is also survived by his children: son: Friedrich Claud Spinks and

wife Cathy Medora (Jackson) Spinks, their daughters: Jennifer Kelsey Smith and husband Mike, and Kelley Medora (Spinks) Elliot and husband Michael, son: Erik Roland Spinks and wife Kristie (McCord) Spinks, their son: Jacob Spinks, daughter: Heidi Martina (Harris) Poe, her daughters: Kayla Danielle (Harris) Philmon and Danielle Nicole Poe, and her son: Kyle Shelton Poe, Kayla's husband: Lee Brent Philmon and their son: Brody Jett Philmon and daughter: Josie Lee Philmon, Brent's sons: Kory Philmon, Max Philmon and Zane Philmon, his sister: Ellen Francis Melle (Spinks) Cooper, seven nephews and nieces and many cousins.

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Erika and family,  
We will keep you in our hearts and minds as you remember all the good times you enjoyed with Larry and mourn his passing. Knowing Larry, you must have many great memories. May God be with you and your family. Larry was a good person and highly respected by us. Merrie and Harvey*

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**Merrie and Harvey Glowaski** - December 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Claud, so sorry for your loss, prayers for your family!*

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**Carla DeLoach** - December 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your lost. Uncle Larry was a beautiful person who left a positive impression on the world and everyone with whom he came in contact. Everytime I picture him, I see him with a smile on his face. He sacrificed so much of his life (all his youth) to guarantee our freedom. Not only did he stand for the right thing, he lived as an example. We are all better for knowing him. He mentored me in my youth. He was greatly loved, and his memory will be cherished forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. May you find comfort in your memories. We are here for you and praying for you.*

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**Cilicia Pritchett De La Fuente** - December 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Spinks, Poe, & Philmon Families, I hope you find some comfort in knowing all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know the days ahead or going to be difficult and hard. Larry was a great man and will be missed by many. Praying for all of you. Love you all

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**Donna Selph** - December 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Spinks family during your time of bereavement.

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**Clara & Calvin Wright** - December 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM