



## Chris Tracy Spencer

November 22, 1943 - July 28, 2022

Chris Tracy Spencer passed away on July 28, 2022 in Holland, Michigan. Chris was born November 22, 1943 in Hillsdale, Michigan to Horace C. and Esther A. (Tracy) Spencer, both preceded him in death. He was an alumnus of Michigan State University and Jonesville High School. In 2004, he retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections after 20 years of dedicated service.

As an admirer of art, history, and music, he traveled the world with his husband and partner of almost 40 years, Charles Aschbrenner, who preceded him in death in 2016. "Live and let live" was his philosophy and his zest for life shined through his love and laughter with his family and friends. His compassion and loyalty for people guided him to advocate on behalf of the elderly and differently abled. He was an avid collector of antiques and art glass since the mid-1950s, a hobby inspired by his grandmother, Margery Wallace Tracy. He was a life member of the MSU Alumni Association, Michigan State Employees Retirement Association, and the Grosvenor House Museum in Jonesville, Michigan.

Chris is survived by his sister, Carolyn Spencer of Jonesville, Michigan, his brother, Stuart (Diane) Spencer of Port Charlotte, Florida, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 11 am at the

Pilgrim Home Cemetery, (North side of 16th St. near the stadium)370 East 16th Street, Holland, Michigan. Family and friends may gather at the cemetery prior to the time of service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Charles Aschbrenner Scholarship Fund at Hope College, Holland, Michigan or the Aschbrenner-Spencer Music Scholarship at the Community Foundation Holland/Zeeland Area, Holland, Michigan. Arrangements are in care of Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Chris Tracy Spencer*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Chris and Chaz cared for one another until death parted them. They shared a love of music and art than created a welcoming home. Chris was heart broken when Chaz passed. I truly believe they are together now. Peace and love be yours dear ones.*

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**Jane R. Dickie** - August 04, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Chris Tracy Spencer.*



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August 03, 2022 at 08:37 AM

GK

“ I have two memories of Chris that stand out. My daily jogging route for many years took me past their home. Whenever Chris was in the back yard, I would stop and we would "resolve the world's problems" and reminisce.

Chris, Charles, Robbie and I went to several MMTA and NMTA conventions together. The one I remember most clearly was one held in Los Angeles. We went out to dinner several evenings together. Chris was always a jolly spirit who I much enjoyed conversing with.

A third memory comes to mind. It was when Sheryl Milnes, a graduate of Downers Grove High School with Charles, came to campus to receive an honorary doctorate. Afterwards, Chris and Charles opened their gallery of a home for a lovely reception for Sheryl. Enjoyed the evening immensely.

George Kraft

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George Kraft - August 02, 2022 at 04:58 PM

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“ If I had to think of a possible cause of death, I would guess that he died of a broken heart. I know how much he missed Chaz. Chris was a special man. He video-taped my Senior Recital at Hope in 1987. He was fun loving and kind. I looked forward to receiving his special electronic holiday cards. He and Chaz are back together again - and they are both happy about that. Peace and love to all of his loved ones.

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Thomas Folkert - August 01, 2022 at 06:43 PM

LZ

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers on the loss of your brother Chris. I remember going with my mother, Kathleen Wallace Masters & Aunt Sheila to look through family photos and compare our shared family lines on one of his visits home. I enjoyed talking to Chris a year or so ago on the phone. Sharing what information we could find on the family of James & Thompson Wallace. Hugs Lori Masters Zeiler (Wallace)*

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**Lori Zeiler** - August 01, 2022 at 05:45 PM