



Emmanuel S. "Spurge" Mason

February 4, 1944 - June 27, 2021

Frankfort – Emmanuel Spurgeon “Spurge” Mason, age 77, passed away on Sunday, June 27, 2021. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Friday, July 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Michael Rice officiating assisted by Rev. Stephen Fincher. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. service time on Friday.

Lovingly known as “Spurge,” he was born in Ashland, Kentucky, on February 4, 1944, to the late Everett James Mason and Ruby Kathleen Branham Mason. He was employed by A.K. Steel Company for 30 years and following retirement, continued his career with the United Steelworkers for an additional 20 years. He retired as Assistant Director of District 8 USW in 2011. Spurge was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Frankfort, Poage Masonic Lodge No. 325 in Ashland, Scottish Rite of Northern Kentucky, and El Hasa Shrine in Ashland.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jean Carol Johnson Mason; children, Eric Scott Mason of Winchester and Edward Steven Mason and wife, Kathy, of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Eric Shane Mason of Port St. Joe, Florida, Elizabeth Sydney Mason and Ethan Sawyer Mason, both of Shelbyville; and siblings, Mellana Slusher of Lexington, Myra Griffith of Woodstock, Georgia, and Marlene Fuller of Texas City, Texas, James Mason of Fayetteville, Georgia, and Maurice Mason of Cumming, Georgia. He was also blessed with many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Paul United

Methodist Church, 1800 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.
Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home &
Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Service

JUL 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emmanuel S. "Spurge" Mason*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. May God bless and comfort. Always enjoyed working on good legislation with my friend.*



Sen. Walter "Doc" Blevins - July 01, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Spurge was such a wonderful person and a true Steelworker. He and I worked in the office together, often had meals together (or would take on some nourishment, as he would say) and traveled together. We were on our way to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg when the tragic shooting happened. We always worked half days as he would say...that being half of a 24 hour day. If he ordered chicken it invariably had a "fowl taste" and he would laugh so hard when the waitress offered to bring out something else. It is not possible to do the work we enjoyed together without continuous reminders of Spurge. Labor has lost a true leader. RIP my dear friend and Union Brother.*

Randy Pidcock - July 01, 2021 at 09:02 PM

JW

“ *Spurge was a great friend. Thank you for sharing him with the Labor Movement of Kentucky. May God bless the Family and wrap his loving arms around you.*

*Jeffrey L. Wiggins
Tiny*



Jeffrey Wiggins - July 01, 2021 at 10:24 AM

CM

“ *It was my pleasure taking care of u in your home and watching UK games with ya.*



Crystal Middleton - June 30, 2021 at 11:17 PM

GC

“ *I was blessed to have known and worked with Spurge. He served as staff representative to my local union or a few years and he represented us well. Spurge was my friend and I am grateful for all the things he taught me. RIP my friend. I am sure you, Dad and Louis are having some great conversations*

Gypsy Cantrell - June 30, 2021 at 04:56 PM

RP

“ I enjoyed working with Spurge so much. He was very talented in his work, and so funny. Spurge was truly a people person. We shared a lot of laughs. I once traveled with him driving to Baltimore from Frankfort. He knew all of the best places to eat. And the jokes...always sharing them with people at the restaurants and hotels. He was a special guy, and a great union brother. R.I.P. Spurge. Prayers for Jean and all of the family.

Robert Pierson - June 30, 2021 at 12:10 PM

TC

“ I so enjoyed working with Spurge over the years at Ashland and other projects. Just as solid and straight forward a guy as you could find. He'll be missed. Tom Conway

tom conway - June 30, 2021 at 10:42 AM

AW

“ We could have never found better friends and neighbors as Jean and Spurge! We did lots of things together including wonderful cruises! A funny memory was us in Hawaii when the 4 of us had a private 60 passenger air conditioned bus to tour the city and Pearl Harbor because it was the only available handicapped bus with a lift for my scooter! Spurge and Jim entertained on our cruise ship with their never ceasing jokes! Jim still occasionally tells a joke and says it is a Spurgism!! We raised our kids together and Spurge and Jim were active in Ashland Little League! Jean remains my special friend and I send her and the family my love and prayers! ❤️🙏❤️

Ann and Jim Wiseman - June 29, 2021 at 08:08 PM

DS

“ This amazing man took a chance on me and hired me with the Steelworkers in 2001. I feel blessed to have known and worked with him. Rest in Peace, "Ole Buddy"

Denise Smith

Denise Smith - June 29, 2021 at 03:40 PM

SH

I loved him so much

Sherri - June 29, 2021 at 07:46 PM

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DS

My memories are from long ago when Spurge was one of our neighborhood friends in Ashland, KY. He along with my brother Wayne, Kendall, I and a few others were members of the same hotrod club. Spurge loved to wear our club jacket and attend our meeting at at rented garage. Spurge was always good about driving us guys for our Friday or Saturday night outings. I remember him driving his Dad's new Olds with power steering and he showed how he could turn a corner with one finger. Spurge was a really good high school buddy and a great friend. I look forward to seeing him again in Heaven one day. I will continue to keep Jean and his family in my prayers.

Dick Sloan

Dick Sloan - July 01, 2021 at 09:47 PM