

# George Spencer (Posthumous)

## Fayetteville Public Schools Educator- Student Choice Award

George Spencer was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and attended Hendrix College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Economics in 1975. He attended the University Of Arkansas School Of Law, graduating with his juris doctorate degree in 1978.

George was a chemistry teacher at Fayetteville High School, where he taught for the next thirty years before retiring in 2016. He was widely respected by his students and colleagues, renowned for the high standard he set for his students and his willingness to do whatever it took to help each student meet that standard.

Outside the classroom, George was a true renaissance man with interests that included geology, history, chemistry, literature, and political theory. He was a skilled carpenter and an avid outdoorsman. On camping and hiking trips, he always carried the complete works of William Shakespeare in his backpack.

George was honored as a Distinguished High School Mentor by the University of Arkansas in 2011. George passed away in December of 2017. He is survived by his longtime companion and partner Rita Caver, sister Mary Lou Chilcote and brother Matt Spencer.