



Stephen D. Speer, age 55, of Dublin, passed away Friday, January 23, 2004 at Grant Hospital. Born in Columbus on December 16, 1948 to the late Joanne Shreve and Douglas **Speer**, he was preceded in death by his son Brian and brother Marc. A graduate of Upper Arlington High School and The Ohio State University, he was a veteran of the Army National

Guard of Ohio and a member of University Lodge 631 F&AM. He spent his entire career in the insurance industry, the last 20 years as owner and president of Integrated Benefits Systems. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Geraldine Dixon **Speer** ; sister, Jody Sanders of San Diego; extended in-law family: Eleanore Dixon of Dublin, Kathleen (Rooney) and David O'Connor of Pelham Manor, NY, James and Margaret Wilmers of Dublin, Robert and Patricia Gates of Sudbury, VT, Colleen Dixon of The Woodlands, TX; nieces, Flynn Rooney, Laine Gates, Molly (Koustmer) and Julie Sanders; nephews, Kevin Rooney, Rory O'Connor, Jay Sanders, and Brian and Matthew Wilmers. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2004 at First Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Blvd., where the family will receive friends immediately following the service. Private interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family requests contributions to the Brian **Speer** Memorial Fund c/o Children's Hospital, 700 Children's Drive, Columbus Ohio 43205. Arrangements by SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL, 1740 Zollinger Road.

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