



## Mr. Boyd Sparks

September 16, 1922 - February 6, 2014

Mr. Boyd Sparks, age 91 of Baptist Valley, Virginia passed away on Thursday, February 06, 2014 in a Tazewell area hospital following a lengthy illness. He was born in Bandy, Virginia and was the son of the late William and Hannah Mae Bandy Sparks. He was a dedicated coal miner for over 70 years and worked for Jewell Ridge Coal Company and Pittston Coal Company. He was a member of the UMWA Local # 1760 and lifelong resident of the Bandy area. Boyd liked old cars and enjoyed gardening until he lost the battle with the weeds, then he would say "I am done, the weeds won". Many of his friends would tell you that once you knew Boyd, you never forgot him. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sweetheart and loving wife of 66 years, Nora Mila Bandy Sparks;

His twin brother, Loyd Sparks; brothers, Armster, George, Lawrence, Ed and Kinzer Sparks; sisters, Ruby Sparks Brewster and Bethie Kinder. Nephews and niece, George Armster Sparks, Jr., Charles Sparks, Richard and Eula Brewster Bentley.

Those who remain to carry on his spirit are:

His daughter, Bonnie Cook and Son in law Paul "Slick" Cook of Richlands, VA  
Nephew and caregiver, Sam Bentley

Granddaughter, Ami Mullins and husband, Scott of Abingdon, VA

Great grandchildren, Emma, Scottie II, Isabella and Mila

Special caregivers was Gary and the caring staff of Carilion Hospital of

Tazewell.

Last but not least is his faithful feline friend, "Tomcat"

Funeral services for Boyd Sparks will be at 6:00 pm on Sunday evening, February 9, 2014 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Mike Altizer officiating. A private burial will be Held on Monday for the family. Pallbearers will be Tommy Bandy, Barry Muzzleman, Randall Brown, Brent Beavers, Brad Scott and Corion Cornette. Honorary Pallbearers will be Sam Bentley, Jimmy Johnson, Harman Lester, Larry Hargett, Mary Ruth Steele and Sharon Bandy.

Friends may call beginning at 4:00 pm on Sunday until time of service at 6:00 pm. The family has asked any donations be made to The Shriners Children Hospital in honor of Scottie Mullins II; 950 W. Faris Rd; Greenville, SC 29605-4277.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Service

FEB 9. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Boyd Sparks*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Mr. Boyd Sparks*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy is with each of you. We will always have fond memories of what a kind and good man Boyd was. We were blessed to have known him.*

*Carol & Bob Raines*

**Carol Myer Raines** - February 10, 2014 at 07:05 AM



“ *Harry And Charlotte Robinett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



**Harry and Charlotte Robinett** - February 09, 2014 at 03:54 PM

AM

“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



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Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - February 09, 2014 at 03:21 PM

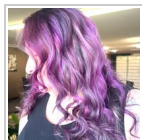
BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



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Becky - February 09, 2014 at 03:13 PM



“ Prayers for Mrs. Bonnie and the family. Mr. Sparks was a beautiful person. I knew him only a short while, but he has had a life long impression on me.

*Love, Summer*

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Summer McClure - February 09, 2014 at 01:53 PM

AW

“ Love and miss you every year. In our thoughts and prayers.

*Love,  
Anne Walker  
Bet Rhode  
Ruth Ping*



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Anne Walker - February 09, 2014 at 12:52 PM

GB

“ Glenn & Sue Boggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Glenn & Sue Boggs - February 08, 2014 at 09:30 PM

LR

“ Liz Rife lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Liz rife - February 08, 2014 at 04:47 PM

LR

Bonnie I'm so sorry I didnt know.

Liz rife - February 08, 2014 at 04:48 PM

BS

“ Betty Jamison Saunders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Betty Jamison Saunders - February 08, 2014 at 03:57 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss.Boyd was a good friend and one of the greatest persons I have ever worked with. I think of him often.

Roger Brown - February 08, 2014 at 03:14 PM

PA

“ Bonnie, so sorry that you have now lost your father. Life can sure be tough. Now, we just have to work on seeing them again. I love you Bonnie and will be praying for you.



Phyllis Altizer - February 08, 2014 at 06:19 AM

PA

“ Bonnie and family so sorry that now you have lost your father. I love you Bonnie and my prayers are with you.



Phyllis Altizer - February 08, 2014 at 06:03 AM

MH

“ When my girls Ciana and Hannah were toddlers, Boyd always enjoyed picking at them at church. They always looked forward to seeing him on Sunday Mornings, where we sat behind him at Bandy Freewill Baptist Church for years.

Marquetta Hicks - February 07, 2014 at 08:04 PM

MH

“ Marquetta Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Marquetta Hicks - February 07, 2014 at 08:02 PM

MH

“ *Michael Hichman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Michael Hichman** - February 07, 2014 at 06:51 PM



“ *Melissa Muzzleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Melissa Muzzleman** - February 07, 2014 at 04:08 PM

SG

“ *SHARON GOODMAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**SHARON GOODMAN** - February 07, 2014 at 01:35 PM

LW

“ *Bonnie & Family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his loving arms  
around you and give comfort as only he can.  
Love & Prayers,  
Lynda*

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**Lynda Lawson Whittington** - February 07, 2014 at 12:10 PM

LW

“ Lynda Lawson Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Lynda Lawson Whittington - February 07, 2014 at 11:45 AM

JV

“ Bonnie, so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May God comfort your heart and give you a peace that only comes from him. Keeping you and your family in my prayers now and in the days to come. Love and Prayers, Judy P. VanDyke



Judy P. VanDyke - February 07, 2014 at 09:14 AM

NB

“ Nancy Breeding lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Nancy Breeding - February 07, 2014 at 08:56 AM

CF

“ Carol Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Carol Fuller - February 07, 2014 at 08:45 AM

LF

“ *Leslie & Gail Mitchell & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Leslie & Gail Mitchell & Family** - February 07, 2014 at 08:21 AM

MS

“ *Martha, Brad & Raegan Strouth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Martha, Brad & Raegan Strouth** - February 07, 2014 at 07:51 AM

JW

“ *So sorry for your loss Bonnie. You are in my prayers.*



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**Judy West** - February 07, 2014 at 07:49 AM

MJ

“ *Maim B. Harrison Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Maim B. Harrison Jr** - February 07, 2014 at 07:47 AM

PW

“ *Bonnie*  
*So sorry for the loss of your Dad. May God bless and comfort you.*  
*You and your family will be in out prayers. Pat & Jerry Warner*

Pat & Jerry Warner - February 07, 2014 at 07:07 AM

GN

“ *Gary And Rhonda Nease lit a candle in*  
*memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



Gary and Rhonda Nease - February 07, 2014 at 06:40 AM

BN

“ *Bill & Vicki Nuckels lit a candle in memory of*  
*Mr. Boyd Sparks*



Bill & Vicki Nuckels - February 07, 2014 at 05:13 AM

RH

“ *Robert & Evelyn Hess lit a candle in memory*  
*of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



Robert & Evelyn Hess - February 07, 2014 at 05:10 AM

RK

“ Roy And Jill Kinder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Roy and Jill Kinder - February 07, 2014 at 05:08 AM

DB

“ David Beavers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



David Beavers - February 07, 2014 at 05:03 AM

PS

“ Peggy M. Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks



Peggy M. Sparks - February 06, 2014 at 11:26 PM

PR

“ Bonnie so sorry about your Dad it is such a hard thing to have to go through, giving up your last parent. May the Lord cover you with his comfort.

Love  
Pat & Bill Reedy



pat reedy - February 06, 2014 at 07:57 PM



“ *Dottie Wingo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Dottie Wingo** - February 06, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *Joan Helton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Joan Helton** - February 06, 2014 at 07:33 PM



*I'm glad he's with his two favorite people now, Nora and Loyd but he will be missed. I'll never forget making him all those cups of instant coffee for him when I was a little girl and he loved it. Along with Loyd, he helped in spoiling me, too. Love you, Bonnie.*

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**Joan Helton** - February 06, 2014 at 07:38 PM



“ *Peggy Combs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**peggy combs** - February 06, 2014 at 07:27 PM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Leroy Nelson** - February 06, 2014 at 07:17 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte, Sam & Family And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Charlotte, Sam & Family and Anita Short** - February 06, 2014 at 06:28 PM

MB

“ *Melinda Sparks, Kelle & Brent Beavers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Boyd Sparks*



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**Melinda Sparks, Kelle & Brent Beavers** - February 06, 2014 at 05:55 PM