



Gary Sparks,

August 15, 1951 - January 8, 2011

Mr. Gary Ryan Sparks, Sr., age 59, of the Reynolds Ridge section of Bandy, Virginia, passed away Saturday, January 08, 2011 at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born August 15, 1951 at Richlands, VA and was a son of the late James Rufus and Nola Marie Wright Sparks. Mr. Sparks was a retired / disabled United States Army Veteran, with over twenty years service; retiring as a Sergeant First Class. While serving our Country, he was awarded the Army Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Overseas Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Expert Badge (Rifle), and the Meritorious Service Medal. Mr. Sparks served overseas in Korea and in Germany. Upon retiring from the Army, Mr. Sparks worked for many years as a mechanic with J.D. Hollingsworth on Wheels in South Carolina. When able, he enjoyed baseball, camping and hunting. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Jessie James Sparks. Survivors include: One daughter, Jessica Sharon Sparks of Greenville, SC Two sons, Gary Sparks, Jr. of West Virginia, and Specialist Tim Richard Sparks, serving in the Army at Fort Riley, KS One sister, Janie Salyers and husband, Chuck of Cedar Bluff, VA Two brothers, Darrell Wayne Sparks and wife, Donna and Giles Emmitt Plumley and wife, Janie, all of Richlands, VA Five grandchildren Special friends, Benny Henkel and Brandon Sparks Special caregivers, Wanda Ogle and her son, Everett Several nieces, nephews, other family members and friends The family will receive friends at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in

Richlands, VA from 6 – 8 p.m. Monday, January 10, 2011, where a memorial service will be conducted at 8:00 p.m. with the Rev. Mike Ryan officiating. Military Honors will be conducted by members of the Casey Short VFW Post # 9640 in Richlands, VA. In honoring Mr. Sparks wishes, his body will be cremated. 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

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“ Thank you, Sir, on behalf of all America for your dedication and honorable service in defense of our Country in Time of War and Peace. Veterans such as yourself have maintained and perserved the Dignity and Freedom of our Nation and have kept our Flag flying high, proud, and free. God bless your Family and GOD BLESS AMERICA. "AT EASE, SGT. REST IN PEACE.

Grace Justice - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Darrell, Janie and Giles,
I am so sorry to hear about Gary. Wish we could be there but weather will not permit. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Dinah Baldwin - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear family,

I was so saddened to hear about Gary's death. We didn't hear about it until the Monday his service was held. Gary was a very special person; he attended both of my parent's funerals and so believed in the worth of family. I remember many fun times we had at Grandma and Grandpa Keene's house when we visited. Gary was my age and this truly makes me sad that his life was so short. To each of you, you are in my prayers and pray that the Lord will bless you and keep you.

*Your cousin
Carlene*

Carlene Tesh - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM