



Melvin Bernard Sparks

December 12, 1934 - September 28, 2024

Melvin Bernard Sparks, age 89, of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away Saturday, September 28, 2024 at his home.

He was born in Valls creek, West Virginia and was the son of the late Harrington Sparks and Ocie Nelson Sparks. He was a lifelong resident of the area and was a retired miner from Pittston Coal. He was a member of the UMWA and was a Richlands High School Class of 1953 graduate. He was a member of the Claypool Hill Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Jess Sparks; and brothers, Leon, J.C., Ralph, and Leonard Sparks.

Survivors are:

His Wife: Edith June Sparks

Sons:

Stanley Sparks and wife, Molly; Chris Sparks and wife, Marsha

Sisters:

Margie Wysong

Martha Ann Timberlake and husband, Jim

Shelva Lowery and husband, Don

Brothers:

Hassel Sparks; Buford Sparks and wife, Patty; Harold Sparks and wife, Betsy; and Joe Sparks and wife, Judy.

Grandchildren: Allen Whatley and Jamie Wooten

Funeral services for Melvin Bernard Sparks will be conducted Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 11am at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Lonnie Perkins officiating. Interment will follow at the Nelson Family Cemetery on Bearwallow near Jewell Ridge, Virginia. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Members of the UMWA Chaplain Corps will conduct services prior to the funeral on Wednesday. Friends may visit with the family from 6pm until 9pm on Tuesday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Nelson Family Cemetery

Bearwallow, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Phipps Mcglothlin lit a candle in memory of Melvin Sparks



Sharon Phipps Mcglothlin - October 12, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Melvin Sparks



TonyanEdgar Wicks - October 02, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ Carolyn Hess lit a candle in memory of Melvin Sparks



Carolyn Hess - October 01, 2024 at 11:30 PM



“ GlendaRB Altizer lit a candle in memory of Melvin Sparks



GlendaRB Altizer - October 01, 2024 at 11:57 AM

CV

“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Melvin Sparks*



Charlotte Vencille - September 30, 2024 at 11:52 PM

BS

“ *June and boys. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers for your family.*

Barbara A Sites - September 30, 2024 at 01:22 PM

BS

“ *Dear Sister June & Family:
Ruth & I are so very sorry to hear of Bernard's passing.
We are praying for you all.
May The Lord Bless You with His Peace and His Comfort.
God Bless You,
Bob & Ruth Smith*

Bob Smith - September 30, 2024 at 12:01 PM

AF

“ *Sending prayers and comfort for the family. He was a good man and will certainly be missed. I missed him at the family reunion yesterday,*

ann farmer - September 30, 2024 at 09:30 AM

 Nancy Sargent

“ *Hurst Scott....nancy is my wife , I should have signed my name Cecil Sargent (Jim)*

Nancy Sargent - September 29, 2024 at 10:59 PM

 Nancy Sargent

“ I was blessed to work with Melvin a short time at Seaboard # 1 mine . He was a mentor to me in my work in the local union . He was quite direct and still sometimes I catch myself mocking him . Not in a bad way though . He would say something like this “ it was on a Friday morning about 9:30 a.m. “ . This would be in reference to a grievance someone had filed . So in my life when something happens out of my control on a certain day I find myself saying it was on Friday aboutlol. Sparks family members I’m sorry for the loss of your brother but from what I’ve read he left this earth headed in the right direction. Condolences to all of you .

Nancy Sargent - September 29, 2024 at 10:53 PM

LN

“ larry nelson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Sparks



larry nelson - September 29, 2024 at 08:16 PM

BP

“ Bueford and Patti lit a candle in memory of Melvin Sparks



Bueford and Patti - September 29, 2024 at 04:01 PM

LN

“ *Sending love and prayers to June and all the family. May God wrap you in comfort and peace as only He can.* ”



Leroy & Angie Nelson - September 29, 2024 at 12:53 PM