



Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.

November 20, 1949 - January 23, 2014

Willie Herbert Sparks, Sr., age 64 of Squire, WV died Thursday, January 23, 2014 at his home. He was born November 20, 1949 at Tazewell County, VA and was a son of the late William F. and Mildred P. Sparks. Willie attended Big Creek High School before enlisting in the military. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from 1967 – 1970 and a United States Air Force Veteran having served from 1971 – 1979. During his tour in Vietnam he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and was an expert rifleman. Willie was a member of the American Legion Post #0331 in Bishop, VA. After serving in the military, Mr. Sparks became a lab assistant and was recognized by the American Medical Journal for his contribution in fabricating a special component used in heart surgery. He was of the Christian faith and enjoyed being outdoors with his special friend and pet, Quilla. He liked hunting, riding four wheelers, and took pride in his gardening skills.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Timothy Sparks.

Those left to cherish his memory include two sons, Willie H. Sparks, Jr. and wife, Paula of North Tazewell, VA and Ernest F. Sparks of Squire, WV; two sisters, Lynn McGuire and husband, Gary and Trish Casey and husband, Randy, all of North Tazewell, VA; three brothers, Robert Sparks and wife, Cathy and Ernest Sparks and wife, Susan all of Squire, WV and David Sparks

of Miami, FL; two grandchildren, Hunter and Laken Sparks; special friend and cousin, Steve "Stretch" Whitt; special friends, Steve Boothe and Lisa; special dog, Quilla; a host of nieces and nephews, other family members and many friends.

Funeral services for Willie Herbert Sparks, Sr. will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2014 at the Hurst – Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with Pastor Wade Quesenberry officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2014 at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA, where Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by members of the Barns-Beavers VFW Post #7136 in Tazewell, VA and a detail from the Virginia National Guard. Those wishing to travel in procession with the family to the cemetery are asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 1:00 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2014.

Hurst – Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mr. Sparks and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell
870 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Service

JAN 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I'm with you all in spirit. Willie will be greatly missed. Love Jane*

Jane - January 29, 2014 at 07:42 PM



“ *Mary & Larry Webb lit a candle in memory of Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.*



Mary & Larry Webb - January 29, 2014 at 06:17 PM



“ *Willie will be greatly missed in our family. We have great childhood memories. And alot we won't talk about. God be with you my dear cousins. I love You All*

Deb - January 26, 2014 at 04:10 PM

AM

“Willie was a wonderful person, the best neighbors anyone could ask for! Prayers go out to the family and friends and especially his best friend Stretch, Willie you will be missed. your neighbors Allen and Lilly Christian, Arthur and Irene Muncy



Arthur and Irene Muncy - January 26, 2014 at 11:45 AM

AC

“Willie was a wonderful person, the best neighbors anyone could ask for! Prayers go out to the family and friends and especially his best friend Stretch, Willie you will be missed. your neighbors Allen and Lilly Christian, Arthur and Irene Muncy

Allen and Lilly Christian - January 26, 2014 at 11:37 AM

AC

“Allen And Lilly Christian lit a candle in memory of Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.



Allen and Lilly Christian - January 26, 2014 at 11:27 AM

JB

“Lynn, Trish and Ernie you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God surround you all in peace and comfort. Love you Joy and Ed

Joy and Ed Ballard - January 26, 2014 at 11:12 AM

Jackie
Graham

“ Sorry for your loss...my thoughts and prayers
are with you.
Jackie Graham



Jackie Graham - January 26, 2014 at 10:31 AM

PD

“ Patricia Delp lit a candle in memory of Willie
Herbert Sparks Sr.



Patricia Delp - January 26, 2014 at 09:14 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



James & Reba Beavers - January 25, 2014 at 02:42 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about Willie. I have always loved Willie and his
family. Y'all will be in my prayers. May God comfort and strengthen
each and every one of you.

Debbie Motley - January 25, 2014 at 11:39 AM

MW

“ Sorry to hear about Willie. He was a sweet person with a humble spirit. May God comfort you and give peace in the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Marnell Wolfe
North Tazewell, Va.*



Marnell Wolfe - January 25, 2014 at 10:03 AM

JC

“ Janie Caruso lit a candle in memory of Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.



Janie Caruso - January 24, 2014 at 11:10 PM

RF

“ Willie was one of the best people you ever wanted to sit down and talk to. He was not only a friend but he was a brother and Willie we will always remember you!

*To Robert, Lynn, Trish, Ernie, David
WE LOVE YOU ALL!*

*Godspeed to you Willie Sparks,
Love you,
Stretch and Ryan*

Ryan Fox - January 24, 2014 at 09:25 PM

AC

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Allen and Lilly Christian - January 26, 2014 at 11:42 AM

NH

“ *Cathy, I am sorry for your family's loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.*

Norma Crouse Honaker - January 24, 2014 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ *Jenny Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.*



Jenny Blankenship - January 24, 2014 at 08:03 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of another childhood friend. Thanks for the memories and we did have a lot of fun--will never forget those times. My deepest sympathy to the family. Special thoughts to my brother-in-law, Robert Sparks and Sis Cathy. May God bless you all.*

Jenny

Jenny Blankenship - January 24, 2014 at 07:51 PM

JB

“ James & Reba Beavers sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.



James & Reba Beavers - January 24, 2014 at 05:58 PM

JD

“ Willie such a good hearted man and giving person.....I will miss you greatly cousin...Until we meet again.....

Joan Dean - January 24, 2014 at 04:03 PM

AB

“ Andrea Barnette lit a candle in memory of Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.



Andrea Barnette - January 24, 2014 at 04:02 PM

Leslie Cheatham

“ Leslie Cheatham lit a candle in memory of Willie Herbert Sparks Sr.



Leslie Cheatham - January 24, 2014 at 03:55 PM