James William Sparks

May 29, 1939 - January 14, 2024

James William Sparks, 84, of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away Sunday January 14, 2024 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born May 29, 1939 in Greene County, Indiana the son of Thomas Miles Sparks and Edna L. (Hardesty) Sparks.

James was heavy equipment operator for the Operating Engineer Local 103.

Surviving relatives include his children, Tom (Kim) Sparks, Tammy Harrah, Wade (Erin) Sparks, seven grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren.

James was preceded in death by one sister, Sue Warner Dickerson and his parents.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 to 2 P.M. at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Micah Stephen officiating. Burial will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The family wishes any memorial donations be made to Walnut Grove

Cemetery.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

Walnut Grove Road
1458 S. Walnut Grove Road
Bloomfield, IN 47424

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **18**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TT

I have been trying to call my friend and neighbor “Sparky” only to not get an answer. So I drove out to check on my buddy Sparky only to mind For Sale sign in his yard. My wife got online to find out that my friend had passed. Sparky always planted greens every year in his garden and always made sure I had all I wanted. I want to thank Sparky for his laughs and friendship and for shooting all the raccoons in our yard for us! 🤣🤣🤣Sparky was a true friend and man and we are sure gonna miss him! I send my condolences to Wade and the family. Thanks for being my friend and such a good neighbor!

Tim Thomas - March 18, 2024 at 04:19 PM

NP

Bill was a great neighbor. We used to sit on his porch and just talk and laugh! He also tried to help me with stuff around the house after my husband passed. I talked with him while driving by a few weeks ago and promised him some cookies but I didn’t get around to baking them. I feel bad. He was very special and I’m sorry for your loss. Nancy Phillips

Nancy Phillips - January 19, 2024 at 01:26 PM

CF

I am so blessed to have met Bill and Marla in Florida. Bill was always making repairs around the property. Now, I just have to share a little bit of a funny (well at least it is to me). It made me laugh when see Bill sitting out in the sunshine wearing long jeans and a flannel shirt (70/80-degree weather) while everyone else was wearing shorts or bathing suits. We became lasting friends. Bill you WILL BE MISSED or sure.

Carolyn M Fields - January 18, 2024 at 02:43 PM

RV

Bill, Sparky, I'm really going to miss you.
I was new to your neighborhood when we met and we hit it off right from the start. You helped me out so much with anything you could and were always so damn good to me.
I truly enjoyed the time we got to spend together.
My deepest sympathy to Bills family.
Bill, thank you Sir for being such a great friend to me. I'll never forget you ❤️

Ron Vance - January 17, 2024 at 08:59 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William Sparks.

January 17, 2024 at 08:47 PM

MD

Sparky, when I came on a job and saw you, I knew it would be a good project. You were always quick with a joke and a smile. Very few operators could do what you could with a crane, you were the best. Thanks for all the good times. You helped bring joy to all those around you. P.S. My wife still wants to know how you grew those giant tomatoes.

Michael Dick - January 17, 2024 at 03:13 PM

Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James William Sparks.

January 17, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RH

ROGER HARDWICK planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James William Sparks.

ROGER HARDWICK - January 17, 2024 at 03:04 PM

JT

Bill was a good friend and we had some good times together. He introduced me to Red Man Chewing Tobacco one time. Just swallow the tobacco juice Jerry. Dumb ol me, did just that and I was sick for two days. I talked to him a few years ago and he still had that great laugh. Jerry Toon, Kennewick, WA

jerry toon - January 16, 2024 at 05:57 PM

Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James William Sparks.

January 16, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JF

Joe & Michele Fox planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James William Sparks.

Joe & Michele Fox - January 16, 2024 at 03:17 PM

GH

Bill was a sweetheart and a joy to be around. He was very well liked by everybody that knew him. Bill helped make our class reunions enjoyable, especially when he laughed. He had this giggly laugh that was contagious. When he laughed everybody laughed.
We had two Bill Sparks in school. The older was called big Bill and Bill being younger was called little Bill to differentiate between the two.
My heart is broken. Just know Bill, you are going to be so very much missed.
Marla, Tom, Tammy, Wade, and the Sparks family.
You have my deepest sincere sympathy,
Ginger Hardesty Hearl

Ginger Hearl - January 16, 2024 at 02:53 PM

YF

Your Schnabel Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James William Sparks.

Your Schnabel Family - January 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM

Tom and family- we are sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers
Jack &Patty

Jack-Patty Norris - January 15, 2024 at 07:13 PM

LH

Love, Ken and Joan Harrison purchased the Pea ceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James William Sparks.

Love, Ken and Joan Harrison - January 15, 2024 at 03:42 PM