



Emil Allen Sparger

April 5, 1927 - May 25, 2020

Emil Allen Sparger, 93, of Spencer, NC passed away Monday, May 25, 2020 at Alston Brook Rehabilitation Center in Lexington, NC.

He was born April 5, 1927 in Ararat, VA to the late William C. Sparger and Emma Culler Sparger, was educated in the Spencer schools and a graduate of Spencer High School. Mr. Sparger was a veteran of the US Navy Seabees during World War II.

He was employed for a short time for Southern Railway and went on to work at Duke Power's Buck Steam Plant for 32 years before retiring May 1, 1983. Mr. Sparger was a member of Spencer Presbyterian Church, the Spencer Masonic Lodge #543 AF & AM and a former member of the Spencer American Legion.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Margaret McLamb Sparger on May 30, 2017.

He is survived by his sons, Gordon Kelly Sparger of Salisbury and Philip Allen Sparger and wife Kim of Spencer; grandchildren: Heather Dyer of Salisbury; Justin Sparger of Rockwell; Jason A. Sparger of Salisbury; and Kari Nicole Sparger of Lexington; as well as nine great-grandchildren: Jordan Kelly Dyer, Sarah Margaret Dyer, John Logan Dyer, Emma Carson Sparger, Jackson Wade Sparger, Karrigen Curry, Emily Curry, Jimmy Ritchie, and John Ritchie. A graveside service will be held 1 PM Thursday (May 28) at Rowan Memorial Park, conducted by Rev. Lee Robison. The family will speak to friends following the graveside service .

Memorials may be made to Spencer Presbyterian Church, PO Box 4, Spencer, NC 28159 or Spencer Masonic Lodge #543, PO Box 51, Spencer, NC 28159.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Sparger family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Emil Sparger was so loved by many family and friends..he will forever be missed and never to be forgotten..RIP to a true Spencer icon.
Prayers being sent for comfort and peace to Kelly and Phip and the entire Sparger family.

Denise Beaver - May 29, 2020 at 02:53 PM

SB

“ Prayers for your family both of your parents were always so nice to all. Sara B Blondino

Sara B Blondino - May 29, 2020 at 08:19 AM

MT

“ Phip,

We both enjoyed pleasant conversations with Emil,.We loved hearing about his baseball days, and some of the former big league players he met.

His baseball memorabilia and museum are amazing, and his collection of bottles that you and he collaborated on. He was always a true gentleman.

Mary Ellen, and Tom



Mary Ellen and Tom - May 28, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emil Allen Sparger.*



May 28, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Emil's passing. It seems that the Lord is taking all the good old Spencer folks home. Emil, Dr. Eagle, and my Uncle Howard. Emil and my dad, Donald, were in the same graduating class at Spencer High School. Their class was very close. When my dad was sick with multiple myeloma, Emil would come in his convertible to visit dad. He really looked forward to Emil's visits. Now they are having a wonderful reunion in Heaven with the Lord. I liked to sit there and listen to all their reminiscing. He was a true Southern gentleman. Always had a smile for everyone. My heart and prayers go to Kelly and Phip and their families. I leave you with this verse from Titus 1:2, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."*

Susan Everhart

Susan Everhart - May 27, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Emil Allen Sparger.*



May 27, 2020 at 11:37 AM

BK

“ Emil and Toots were always kind and gracious to me and supportive of my ministry when I was pastor at Spencer Presbyterian Church. We shared a common interest in antiques and had many fun visits together in their home and in the shed. I am sorry I will not be at the service for Emil. I send my condolences to the Sparger family and pray that God's spirit will sustain you as you grieve the loss of Emil.-
-Barrie Kirby

Barrie Kirby - May 27, 2020 at 11:15 AM

TK

“ Alan and I am so sorry for you loss.

Terrie Koontz - May 26, 2020 at 07:56 PM

DA

“ The world has lost a True Southern Gentleman!He and Toots showed true southern hospitality to whoever showed up at their doorstep.I loved to hear the stories of the trips to the mountains and down east,and yes Emil was the chauffeur for Toots,Gank,and My Mom Ganelda.He Truely Loved His Family and I know we will miss him,but I know there was some kind of reunion when he crossed those pearly gates.I Pray for Peace and Comfort for Our Family. Love Y'all.....

Donna Allen - May 26, 2020 at 06:23 PM

HG

“ Will surely miss Mr. Emil. Last of the “Greatest Generation” are leaving us on a daily basis. He was the soul of Spencer. Always enjoyed my visits and going down memory lane! Prayers for Phip, Kelly and family members. Hal Barnes

Hal Barnes Atlanta, Georgia - May 26, 2020 at 04:31 PM

WG

“ To the family of Emil Sparger:

I send my deepest condolences in your loss. For years when we were in the NC area, Carol and Bob James and Mary Ann and I would visit Toots and Emil. It was always fascinating to see what was new in their antique collections; and to hear endless stories about the people of Spencer. It is sad that he did not write them all down in a book. I remember him talking about someone offering an outlandish sum for his collection of jugs and crocks, thinking he probably would not sell; but he thought for a minute and took the offer, and I imagine he just laughed all the way to the bank. His compound there on 8th street in Spencer was always perfectly manicured and maintained. After he moved to Alston Brook, we visited several more times, and with each visit, he seemed to be more and more frail. Perhaps it is a fitting tribute to his military service during the Second World War that he passed away on Memorial Day. He will be missed and remembered by many!

Milton Gosney

William Gosney - May 26, 2020 at 02:59 PM

MA

“ *I'm am so sorry to hear this sad news! I loved me some Emil!!! He was a very special upstanding gentleman and raised his kids to be the same. He used to come down to Rowan auction when I was working concessions and he'd always come speak to me. Such a fine gentleman! The world just lost one of the greatest men I ever knew. God bless all of his family and friends and bring comfort knowing he is in a much better place and there is NO doubt about his destination for sure!!! See ya again one day Mr Emil!*

Marsha - May 26, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emil Allen Sparger.*



May 26, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Phil and Kelly. I am so sorry on your loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Bobbie Clark Kluttz - May 26, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ *Jelly and Phip and all of your families. I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for your comfort
Love Sandra Swindon Beck*

sandra beck - May 25, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss..Emil was a great man and will be missed by many of his friends. Keeping you all in my prayers.
Martha Yates Bolmon*

Martha Yates Bolmon - May 25, 2020 at 09:18 PM

DO

“ Emil and Tootsie were a favorite to see when my sister and I would come down to Spencer every summer for years. Emil was always ready with a story about family and loved showing off his old bottle collection and artifacts of days gone by. Always smiling and reminiscing about our relatives with lots of embellishments thrown in for good laughs. A good life there in Spencer with many good friends. Emil was a fortunate man and one who'll be missed.

Donna - May 25, 2020 at 09:03 PM

JJ

“ This man was the sweetest neighbor ever! He came to our Christmas cookie part in December of 2018. He drove over from his house around the corner in his golf cart. He was just the cutest ever! Always tooting his horn and waving as he drove by. I miss him greatly!

Jean Jenrette - May 25, 2020 at 08:03 PM

RP

“ We will always cherish the memories of this wonderful man. Family will be in our hearts and Prayers. Roger and Pam Pinnix

Roger Pinnix - May 25, 2020 at 05:25 PM