



Jerry Willard Sparks

August 25, 1943 - July 18, 2017

Jerry Willard Sparks, 73, of Cleveland passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born August 25, 1943 in Wilkes County, he was the son of the late Willard and Chalmar Smith Sparks.

Mr. Sparks was educated in the Wilkes County schools and operated Sparks Surveying before retiring.

He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, Statesville where he taught Sunday School and enjoyed winning souls over to the Lord. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching westerns, riding motorcycles and the Outer Banks.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Shane Sparks on July 7, 2017.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 41 years, Wanda Collins Sparks; sons, Shannon Sparks and wife Tasha of Woodleaf, Michael Stokes and wife Lisa of Burlington, Danny Sparks of Tennessee, and Bryan Sparks of Greensboro; daughter, Teresa Clapp and husband David of Greensboro; brothers, David Sparks and wife Ann of Asheboro and Ronnie Sparks and wife Jackie of Lexington; and 12 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 PM Friday (July 21) at the First Baptist Church of Cleveland Fellowship Hall, followed by the service at 3 PM in the Church with the Rev. Kestler Ruth, officiating. Interment will follow at Cleveland Town Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cleveland First Baptist Church
200 Maple Street
Cleveland, NC 27013

Service

JUL 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ We are sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my condolences at this painful time. Losing a loved one is distressing and as comfort is needed it is my hope your family will find it comforting the promise at Isaiah 25:8 where we are assured that "death will be swallowed up forever." It is my hope your family will find strength to endure during the days ahead.

Renay Rauch - July 31, 2017 at 12:17 PM

ED

“ Employees of City of Statesville, Engineering Dept purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Willard Sparks.



Employees of City of Statesville, Engineering Dept - July 21, 2017 at 09:47 AM

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“ Liberty Baptist Church in Statesville,NC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Willard Sparks.



Liberty Baptist Church in Statesville,NC - July 21, 2017 at 03:40 AM

Mary
Gillespie

“ *My sincere sympathy for the loss of your husband and your son, in such of short time, May God be with you and your family. i will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Mary Gillespie*

Mary Gillespie - July 20, 2017 at 07:53 PM

TC

“ *I remember when dad took me hunting in Sparta I believe for the first and only time I've ever been hunting. We walked into the woods before sunrise and I was so happy to be on this adventure. We sat under a branch of a tree as I watched a spider dangle above his head. I tried to tell him but we had to be very still and quiet. This hunting thing didn't seem to be very exciting for a young girl but I loved being there. We never did see a deer as I secretly hoped we wouldn't, being the animal lover that I am. What made this one of the most memorable moments for me was that it was just me and my dad in the still of the moments and the woods just being together. Wanda , my heart aches for the loss you all have endured this last week . In Love, Teresa*



Teresa Clapp - July 19, 2017 at 10:03 PM

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“ *Teresa Clapp and family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Jerry Willard Sparks.*



Teresa Clapp and family - July 19, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Prayers, peace and love to all family and friends...*



Bryan Sparks - July 19, 2017 at 08:38 PM