



Larry Sparks

April 27, 1942 - Jan. 1, 2024

Larry Sparks, 81, of Morganton, NC passed away on Monday, January 1, 2024. He was born in McDowell County on April 27, 1942 to the late Grady Sparks and Glennie Duncan Sparks. Larry was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mooresville, NC. He graduated from Harris High School in Spruce Pine, NC and then graduated from Mars Hill College in 1964 with a BS in Chemistry. He was a loyal father and grandfather who devoted his life to helping his family. He loved sports especially baseball and his St. Louis Cardinals.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Hollifield Sparks.

Larry is survived by his sons, Devin Sparks (Hector Class), Josh Sparks, and Andy Sparks (Julie); grandchildren, Marley and Maya Sparks, and Emmalyn and Elizabeth Sparks; sister, Kay Small.

The family will receive friends from 6:30pm-7pm Thursday, January 11, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 7pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amorem (Burke Hospice).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

We just learned of Larry's death and are saddened to read this in our local paper in Spruce Pine, NC. Larry was a good friend throughout our schooldays and he & Shirley were friends when our children were small. We enjoyed many good times together. Larry was a great role model for other young men & was known for his good nature, intelligence and kindness. We send our love & condolences to his family. We have nothing but good things to say about this man! You and we all are blessed to have such a godly man as your father , grandfather, & friend!

–Dale & Angie Duncan

Rest in peace

–Kelley Sims Portano



–Lynn Ledford



Larry was a true gentleman, soft spoken, caring, and dedicated to his family and friends. During the past few years Frank and I have missed the outings that we enjoyed so much with Larry and Shirley. Our love and condolences to his family

his family.

–Lynn Ledford



Larry was a wonderful friend, classmate, and a quiet athlete. Never showed his emotions, playing ball. RIP my friend, will see you on the other side...

So sorry to hear , did not know he was ill. Lost touch, always liked him.

–Kay Hollifield Oke

Larry and I spent a lot of time together in our teenage years. We played a lot of baseball in the summers, and basketball in the winters. He was a great friend. Always enjoyed the times we were privileged to be together.

–Larry Sprinkle