



Allen Ryan Sparks

January 20, 1944 - May 16, 2022

Allen Ryan Sparks, 78, of Lincolnton, NC passed away on Monday, May 16, 2022.

He was born on January 20, 1944 in Berwind, WV.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, May 20, 2022 at Salisbury National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

CG

“ RIP Al you were a sweetheart one of the good guys, prayers for your family❤️



Carolyn Reese Geer - May 22, 2022 at 01:59 PM

HS

“ Alan,
We know you are in Heaven, and that God has said "well done my good and faithful servant".
We love and miss you.
Esther and Hugh

HUGH STEVENSON - May 21, 2022 at 10:53 AM

SH

“ Allen was such a nice, kind, and funny man. I have many fond memories of him as a child growing up and I'm so proud that he was my cousin.
Shirley, Please accept our most heartfelt condolences and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sheri and Family

Sheri - May 21, 2022 at 09:35 AM

HA

“ *RIP, Al, you were such a blessing to me and our family. Prayers to you Shirley and Missy.*

H.T. Anderson

H.T. Anderson - May 20, 2022 at 09:42 PM

DO

“ *Dear Shirley & Melissa,
I had the pleasure of working with Al at the SO under Sheriff Olinger. I wanted to extend my heart felt condolences to you both. May you be comforted by the Lord and granted peace in the days ahead.*

*Love & prayers,
Donna "Hume" Olinger*

Donna H. Olinger - May 20, 2022 at 03:18 PM

BL

“ *I'm so sorry for the Sparks family. Alan was an amazing man, husband and father. I got to know him personally and he will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers to Shirley, Melissa and Kaz*

Brian L - May 20, 2022 at 10:27 AM

TG

“ *Rip Al Sorry for your Lose Sparks Family He always had a Good word for all he was involved with. He always said to me How you doing Timmy. One of the nicest Guys I had the Pleasure of Knowing*

*Tim Greenstreet
Casar NC.*

Tim Greenstreet - May 20, 2022 at 10:10 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Wolfe Whiting lit a candle in memory of Allen Ryan Sparks*



Lisa Wolfe Whiting - May 20, 2022 at 09:05 AM

GB

“ *Al touched so many lives as evidenced by the tributes and fond memories from his many friends in Fauquier County, VA. From my years working in the Fauquier Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Al and I had some lively conversations over the years and he was a great example of a dedicated public servant with his years in law enforcement. I know God is going to have a great storyteller in Heaven now that Al has arrived! My deepest condolences to Shirley and Family. Rest in Peace, kind and faithful servant!*
Gail H. Barb, Fauquier County Circuit Court Clerk

Gail H. Barb - May 20, 2022 at 09:04 AM

BI

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Sparky's passing. I worked with him at the Sheriff's Office for many years. He was kind, funny, could tell stories all day long. He was a great example of a Christian and a friend. You will be missed. My condolences to Shirley and Melissa. I know Sparky is telling stories in heaven and the angels are smiling!*

Betsy Irons - May 20, 2022 at 08:09 AM

CB

“ Allen was our neighbor for many years and was such a great friend to my family. He was as good a man as God could make- honest, caring, friend to all. Sending love to Shirley, Melissa and all who loved and admired him like we did.

Cathy Frossard Benner - May 20, 2022 at 07:47 AM

GH

“ I had the honor and pleasure to have known and worked with Al. He was a friend and mentor. My sincere condolences to you, Shirley and Melissa. Rest easy my friend...

Greg Harris - May 19, 2022 at 10:36 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.

Janice King Hajduk - May 19, 2022 at 06:17 PM

MR

“ Ole Sparky, I miss you my friend but have been lucky enough to only live 15 minutes from you and Shirley so Judy and I have had many great dinners together since we retired. You didn't change the entire time i have known you and I'm sure you are sitting pretty close to your Lord and Savior as i type these words.

Mike Remington - May 19, 2022 at 12:55 PM

PS

“ Allen was our neighbor and friend in Warrenton, VA, for ten years. He was caring, loving, fun, and always provided whatever help he could in any way he could. From getting a wasp nest down to helping a teenager after a car wreck to just seeing the humor in a situation, Allen was always there for us. He and Shirley were our close, close friends and allies. We laughed together, wept together, and played together. We missed them when we moved to New York, and our family is so, so sad to hear of his death. The world was a much better place because of his huge heart.

Peggy Sherertz - May 19, 2022 at 10:35 AM

MS

“ Al was a good man and friend. Always positive and he led a life of service. My deepest sympathy to Shirley and family.

Mark Sowder - May 19, 2022 at 06:57 AM

SS

“ Al and Shirley were the best neighbors a kid could have. They were so kind and had such an amazingly accepting joyful approach to life. Thank you for all of the love, Shirley. Our hearts go out to you in this time of loss. Love always, Shae Sherertz

Shae Sherertz - May 19, 2022 at 05:36 AM

BA

“ Al was a friend and great guy to work with. He will be missed.

Bruce Andrews - May 18, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allen Ryan Sparks.*



May 18, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *Allen was like a brother to me, we worked together for 30+ years in law enforcement. We hunted together, we fished together, we witnessed so much in our careers both good and bad. Allen was the most sincere, generous person that I've ever known in my lifetime. He witnessed the Lord to people both strangers and acquaintances and I know he earned a crown or two and is walking the gold streets of Heaven with his Lord and Savior. He was my best friend throughout my adult life.*

His wife Shirley Ward Sparks is the most kindest and caring person and my heart breaks for her in this loss of her loving husband of many many years.

I have so many hilarious funny stories to tell about my adventures with Al Sparks there is not enough room on here to tell them all...

He kept me in stitches most of the time and trust me he could make your worst day turn great.

It was a comfort to know he was there if I needed him and now there is a huge void...

Rest in peace my dear friend until we meet again.

Prayers to Shirley for comfort and love.

Jeff Crane - May 18, 2022 at 08:44 PM

TR

“ God be with the Sparks family. Al was a true friend and I miss his "looka here now..." already. His service to his country in various forms is greatly appreciated.

Tom & Elsie Reese - May 18, 2022 at 08:19 PM

PW

“ Phyllis Woodard lit a candle in memory of Allen Ryan Sparks



Phyllis Woodard - May 18, 2022 at 08:10 PM

PW

“ Al & Shirley were good people. Sorry for your loss Shirley.

Phyllis Woodard - May 18, 2022 at 08:09 PM

AM

“ I would talk with AL when I would get coffee at 7-11 in the morningsI was a sergeant on the road back then...I always admired his strong faith in the lord... I am sure he is there with him now.....rest in peace with the lord Al.....sending prayers to his wife and family....

Art Mellon - May 18, 2022 at 08:09 PM

NK

“ Nancy Kines lit a candle in memory of Allen Ryan Sparks



Nancy Kines - May 18, 2022 at 07:31 PM

MJ

“ Albert was a wonderful Man of Faith who lived his life for the Lord as a witness to anyone lost in this troubled world. He related to everyone with a great story and treated strangers as long time friends. He could draw anyone in with his kindness, charm, and humor. He was admired and respected by many of us younger, now retirement eligible deputy sheriffs in Fauquier County, Virginia. Al was a handsome and strong man with the looks of a famous actor named Burt Reynolds. You will be sorely missed "Ole Boy" and we know God has you there with HIM to spend eternity. Rest in Peace.

Mark Jones - May 18, 2022 at 04:07 PM

TP

“ I am praying for you and your family during this loss. I have known Al since the early 70's and a pleasure it has been. He will deeply missed. There will be trouble up in heaven when his Jokes and stories get going...

Bless his family.

Tim Pearson

Tim Pearson - May 18, 2022 at 03:23 PM

SH

“ Shirley, so sorry for your loss. Al was a great guy. So kind and always gave from his heart!!!

Susan Hodges - May 18, 2022 at 03:22 PM

ME

“ Melinda lit a candle in memory of Allen Ryan Sparks



Melinda - May 18, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Ryan Sparks.*



May 18, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief. Al was a great man, who will be deeply missed. He had a gift for telling stories and the ability to make people laugh.*

Mike Zeets

Mike Zeets - May 18, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *I have known Al for many years and he was a good friend to me as well as my Dad and many others. As others have said, there certainly was never a dull moment. Thoughts and prayers to all. God Bless and RIP Al, we will all see you on the other side.*

Stan Mettinger Jr. - May 18, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Shirley, Pat and I are so sorry for your loss. We send our sincerest condolences. Al was one of a kind. I have so many great memories from when we worked together. There was never a dull moment. He had so many funny sayings and he was one of the most sincere persons that I have ever known.*

Dale Koglin - May 18, 2022 at 12:33 PM

CB

Shirley, I am sooo sorry to hear if Al's passing. What a great guy he was. Think of you often. Carolyn Bowen

carolyn G. Bowen - May 20, 2022 at 05:31 PM

SJ

*Just found out about Al's passing even though I live next door. My memory of Al was mowing his yard along with Shirley. I'm so sorry for Shirley and all their family,
Your neighbor Sharon Jordan*

Sharon Schronce Jirdan - October 18, 2022 at 10:25 AM