



Darrell J. Sparks

July 11, 1949 - October 22, 2020

Darrell J. Sparks, 71, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2020 at the Solarbron Terrace.

Darrell was born July 11, 1949 in Evansville to the late J.D. and Evelyn (Savage) Sparks. He worked as a boilermaker for Sterling Boiler and also the EVSC before retiring. Darrell was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. He loved to grill and smoke meat and coach and watch baseball. He was a member of Germania Maennerchor and had served in the United States Army Reserves.

Surviving Darrell are his wife of 47 years, Rita (Pool) Sparks; a daughter and son-in-law, Staci and Brent Holweger of Sarasota, FL; son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Holly Sparks of Mt. Vernon; brother, Donald Sparks and his wife Kathy of Akron, OH; grandchildren, Taylor and Trey Holweger and Alyssa and Easton Sparks and his loving and faithful companion, Boo.

In addition to his parents, Darrell was preceded in death by a sister, Ramona Morrow and by a brother, Gary Sparks.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services will be private. There will be a public celebration of Darrell's life at a later date.

Pierre Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vanderburgh County Humane Society, 400 Milner Industrial Drive, Evansville, IN 47710.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Evansville Crematory

318 N. Lemcke Ave.
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Private funeral services

OCT **25** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Darrell J. Sparks*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Condolences to all of Darrell's family. I am also a Harwood and Central High classmate. Darrell and I managed to spend some time reminiscing at the last CHS reunion and of course a story or two about the Packard. He will be missed. Sympathy and prayers.*

Roy Bass

Roy Bass - October 27, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Reeda, Stacy, and Jay; Alton and I are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Darrell. We are praying for your family to get through this difficult time. They say time heals, but everyone who has ever lost someone they love, knows it seems like an eternity when your going through it! May God help guide you through this difficult time!*
The Roedel's

Mr. & Mrs. Alton Roedel - October 27, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ *Darrell was one of the few people that I worked with that could make my day enjoyable. Pleasant memories of you brother. R.I.P. May God give peace to Rita and the Sparks family.*

tim robinson - October 26, 2020 at 09:20 PM

MJ

“ I didn't know Darrell, but was best friends with his sister, Mona, and she spoke of him so often, I felt like I knew him. My mom also worked with his mom, Evelyn, so it seems like one big happy family. My condolences, Rita. I lost my husband 2 years ago and it takes time, but you will eventually heal.

Millie Jolivette

Millie Jolivette - October 25, 2020 at 02:23 PM

PJ

“ Sending our sympathy and prayers, Rita 🙏🙏🙏 Pat & Chet Jost

Pat Jost - October 25, 2020 at 12:12 PM

TW

“ So sorry Rita to hear about Darrell you have my deepest sympathy during this time I first met him in 1966 at Whirlpool and asked me about you and the rest is history if you need anything just let me know. Tony and Debbie Winstead

tony winstead - October 25, 2020 at 08:58 AM

PE

“ Sorry to read of your husband's passing. I lost my husband last May. Prayers for you and your family.
Pat Eager

Patricia Eager - October 25, 2020 at 08:23 AM

PC

“ Heartfelt sympathy for the family.....classmate at Harwood and Central High School.
Pam Cox

Pam Shaw Cox - October 24, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darrell J. Sparks.*



October 24, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Darrell and I spent a lot of fun times together driving the '37 Packard. My sympathy to Donnie and Family. Godspeed Darrell.*

Lamont Dorsey Jr - October 24, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *I hate to hear this. Darrell and I are the same age, had a lot in common, and spoke to one another often. I know he will be missed by his loved ones. He was a great guy.*

Mark Singer - October 24, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Donnie, you have my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Darrell. I have such fond memories of all us growing up together. He held a special place in my heart.*

Jeanne Robinson Dycus

Jean Dycus - October 24, 2020 at 12:29 PM

CZ

“ *Donnie and family, You have my deepest sympathy. I have good memories growing up in our neighborhood and knowing Darrell is one of the best. May God bless you and Darrells family.*
Carin Coley Zachritz

Carin Zachritz - October 24, 2020 at 12:09 PM

SB

“ *Fond memories of riding on the side-boards (Elliott Ness-style) of that old Packard in our high school years, and getting "egged" by Darrell and the other guys when he dropped me off in front of my house.*

We celebrate his life and mourn [with you] his passing.

Steve Boston

Harwood Elementary and Central High School classmate

Steve Boston - October 24, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Darrell. I really enjoyed working with him all those years at the EVSC. I pray for peace for Rita and all of Darrell's loved ones.*

Jim Montgomery - October 24, 2020 at 08:41 AM

GS

So sorry to hear of the loss of a Harwood Elementary and Central High School classmate. Each of our elementary school grades were divided in three groups. Darrell was the only other student in the same class or homeroom with me for each of our eight grades at Harwood. Our birthdays were two days apart in the summer, so we never experienced the typical classroom birthday parties. Sending prayers to the family. May you share many wonderful memories.

Glenda (Shoultz) Schaefer

Glenda Shoultz Schaefer - October 27, 2020 at 11:48 PM