



Russ Sparks

July 19, 1947 - February 16, 2020

Frankfort – Howard Russell “Russ” Sparks, age 72, passed away at home on Sunday, February 16, 2020. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Todd Lester officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The Sparks family will receive friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Russ was born in Berea, Kentucky, on July 19, 1947, to the late Ernest and Lucille Kinnard Sparks. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and Army Reserves. He retired as a Trooper from Kentucky State Police and a Deputy from Franklin County Sheriff’s Office. He was a member of Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking and beekeeping. He mostly loved time spent with his family and especially, his grandkids.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Ruth Ann Dempsey Sparks; sons, Shannon Sparks and Scott Drury; brothers, Sherman Sparks and Patrick Sparks, grandchildren, Alex Sparks, Brittany Haubner, Jacob Drury, and Andrew Drury; and great-grandchildren, Samuel, Eli, and Hattie Haubner. He was also blessed a special friend, Bob Cummins, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Drury and siblings, Stanley Sparks and Shirley Chitwood.

Serving as pallbearers will be Todd Dempsey, Daniel Dempsey, Greg Dempsey, Tim Hellard, Randy Hellard, Jerry Rhodes, Gary Gilkison, and Justin Haubner. Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

Flowers are welcome and expressions of sympathy may be made to Bluegrass Hospice Care, 663 Teton Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Versailles, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
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Service

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Russ Sparks*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Lisa Sparks lit a candle in memory of Russ Sparks*



Lisa Sparks - April 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - February 20, 2020 at 08:59 AM

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Russ was a man of honor and kept his word. He stayed and set up our court services unit for the Sheriffs office. He stayed and worked and did an amazing job. I know you are in a better place thank you for your service to The Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Citizens of Franklin County. You will be missed.
Pat Melton Retired Sheriff of Franklin County

Pat Melton - February 19, 2020 at 01:43 PM

SL

“ Great man! Many memories to share, the best I guess would be that we shared birthdays. In KSP, his unit # was 1043. I was born at 10:43 am
*Rest easy my friend and tell my momma hello.
#birthdaywillbealittledifferentthisyear*

Susan Harp Logan - February 19, 2020 at 01:35 PM

ER

“ I worked with Russ years ago in Bourbon Co. He always had a smile and a way to make the day better. He will be missed by many!
Prayers to the family.

Ed Rodgers - February 19, 2020 at 09:24 AM



Beauregard
Copperpot

“ Russ was a great human being. He will be missed. He had a great love of all things nature and was a sweet person.

Beauregard Copperpot - February 19, 2020 at 08:51 AM

RE

“ Russ was such a fine man and great police officer. I worked with him for years when he was a Trooper in Bourbon County. He was always solid as a rock. God speed my friend!!
Rob Elliott KSP retired.

Rob G Elliott - February 19, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Ruth Ann and the rest of the Sparks family. May the Lord give you the strength you need during this difficult time.

Matt Rhodes - February 18, 2020 at 07:40 PM

BM

“ We are shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Russ. He was always as steady as a rock, I am thankful to be able call Russ my friend.

Buck and Bev

Buck and Bev McCarty - February 18, 2020 at 06:14 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss. Russ was a top notch Trooper and a great person.
Dale Cross Ret.u/189



Dale Cross - February 18, 2020 at 03:15 PM

LW

“ Prayers for the family..RuthAnn I love you and am thinking of you



Lisa Wilhoite - February 18, 2020 at 02:48 PM

JM

“ Prayers for all of the family



Jewell and Junior Moore - February 18, 2020 at 01:20 PM

RT

“ So sorry about Russ! Praying for his family at this time!!

Robert and Teresa Thomas

Rob & Theresa - February 18, 2020 at 08:35 AM

JR

“ He used to come in our store almost everyday back in the 80s and he and his wife began good friends and he was so dedicated to his family and his job, very sweet couple and we have always thought about them through the years. We are so sorry to hear his passing and our prayers and thoughts will be with his family. Jerry and June Reffet

Jerry and June Reffet - February 18, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CL

“ *Crystal Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Russ Sparks*



Crystal Lancaster - February 18, 2020 at 06:10 AM

DT

“ *Prayers for your family. Russ and I were room mates in the KSP Academy. Russ kept us younger guys in line and made sure we passed inspection. He was a great Trooper and a fine man. Rest In Peace Brother.*

Danny Triplett, Ret. U- 1044

Danny Triplett - February 17, 2020 at 11:39 PM

PR

“ *Russ was a very sweet man, and a very good friend to my brother. RIP my friend.*



Pam Rhodes - February 17, 2020 at 08:43 PM

PM

“ *Patsy McChesney lit a candle in memory of Russ Sparks*



Patsy McChesney - February 17, 2020 at 08:26 PM

LP

Russ was kind and loving to everyone that knew him always ready to lean a helping hand to a friend, a great friend to me and my son

Larry Perkins - February 18, 2020 at 09:57 AM

CW

I'm so sorry for the loss, Russ was a good man, will be missed.

Charles Washburn - February 18, 2020 at 10:24 AM

MS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Russ. He was a fine man. I worked at the KSP Academy when he went through cadet school. He was a top notch Trooper and had the pleasure of working with him again at the Franklin County Sheriffs Office. RIP Russ.*

Mary Jo Sullivan

Mary Jo Sullivan - February 17, 2020 at 07:43 PM

RF

“ *So very sorry to hear, worked with Russ at Dry Ridge Post. Russ was a class act, an excellent trooper & a great person. Always enjoyed working with Russ and have great memories of those times. Prayers to the Sparks family and those who worked along side of him. Rest in Peace U/1043.*

Trooper Roger Fuller/Retired Ky.State Police

Roger Fuller - February 17, 2020 at 07:26 PM