



## Earl Ray Sparks

July 19, 1944 - September 25, 2022

Earl Sparks age 78 of Martha, Kentucky, father, grandfather and friend passed away Sunday, September 25, 2022 at UK Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

Earl was born June 19th, 1944 in Lawrence Co, Kentucky where he planted his roots and started his beautiful family he is the son of the late Martin and Victoria Gillum Sparks.

He was of the Baptist faith and a retired carpenter. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, going to auctions and spending time with his family and many friends.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by; one daughter; Bonita Sparks, one brother; Ernest Lee Sparks, two sisters; Fannie Wheeler, and Dorothy Sparks.

Earl is survived by his wife of 60 years; Joyce Lyons Sparks of Martha, Kentucky. One son; Robert Sparks of Martha, Kentucky. Four grandchildren; Justin Sparks (Brooklyn), Amanda Kestner (C.J.), Corey Hackworth, Megan Vanhooose (Nathan). Three great grandchildren; Raelynn Kestner, Rhyder Vanhooose, and River Vanhooose. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins who will sadly mourn his passing.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2022 in the chapel of Whitt & Sons Funeral Home with Bro. Donnie Sturgill officiating. Burial will follow in the Sparks Cemetery at Martha.

Friends may visit from 2:00 p.m. til 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2022 and after 11:00 a.m. Friday until the service hour at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers are: Joe Lyons, Nathan Vanhoose, Corey Hackworth, Justin Sparks, Stanley Lyons, and Dee Stephens.

# Cemetery Details

## Sparks Cemetery

Martha , KY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Whitt & Sons Funeral Home  
1260 North Ky 7  
Sandy Hook, KY 41171

## Service

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Ray Sparks.* ”



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September 29, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Melissa D Spears sent a virtual gift in memory of Earl Ray Sparks* ”



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**Melissa D Spears** - September 29, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Ray Sparks.* ”



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September 29, 2022 at 06:25 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Earl Ray Sparks.* ”



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September 28, 2022 at 10:47 AM

ES

“ Remembering Earl Ray. Edsel Sparks.



Edsel Sparks - September 27, 2022 at 05:31 PM

SS

“ Stacy Smith lit a candle in memory of Earl Ray Sparks



Stacy smith - September 26, 2022 at 04:59 PM

LB

“ Lonnie And Donna Fay Barker lit a candle in memory of Earl Ray Sparks



Lonnie and Donna Fay Barker - September 26, 2022 at 04:19 PM

LR

“ Lisa Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Earl Ray Sparks



Lisa Ratliff - September 26, 2022 at 02:48 PM