



James Howard Sparks

November 23, 1947 - August 12, 2023

Jim Sparks, a resident of Hutton Valley, MO passed away at his home with his family by his side on Saturday, August 12, 2023. He was born November 23, 1947, in Willow Springs, MO to Earl and Stella (Goodwin) Sparks and was 75 years old.

Jim attended the final class of the Hutton Valley School before graduating from Willow Springs High School, class of 1966. On April 21, 1967, he officially joined the United States Air Force where he served one tour in Vietnam as a bomb loader. He married the love of his life Margaret Rose Spataro on December 24, 1970, in Tokyo, Japan at the U.S. Embassy. After a long military career, he retired and worked on his farm initially cultivating livestock such as chickens, pigs, and rabbits. In his free time, he enjoyed outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. He loved watching football, particularly the Denver Broncos. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Stella, and his brother, Jesse Burroughs.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret; his daughter, Connie Jo; his son, Jim Jr.; his sister, Mary Ann Aldrich and husband, Daryl; and his nieces and nephews.

A visitation and funeral service for Jim will be held Friday, August 18, 2023, at Willow Funeral Home, LLC. The visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. with the funeral service immediately following with Minister Kirk Langston officiating. Interment will be held at the Hutton Valley Cemetery in Willow Springs with full military honors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Hutton Valley Cemetery

Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3141

Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Howard Sparks.*



August 17, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Royce & I were classmates with Jim & my brother Charles Harris was a good friend of his brother Jesse. I last saw Jim at our 20 year class reunion & that time we reminisced about our school days & the fun we had. I know he will be missed by all.*

Royce & Netta Harris Yardley

Netta Yardley - August 17, 2023 at 08:09 AM



“ *Does anyone want to play cards? Remember all the fun we had at Mother and Dads playing cards, that is when the family first met Jim. I am going to miss those times. I will miss Jim when I call to chat and he answers the phone. You know he was the person who gave me the nick name "Jenny". I will never forget that. He was a very sweet and loving brother-in-law. Love always JENNY.*

JANETTE - August 16, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Howard Sparks.* ”



August 16, 2023 at 03:47 PM