



Jeffrey Wayne Sparks

August 12, 1963 - September 1, 2015

BLUEFIELD – Jeffrey Wayne Sparks, 52, of Bluefield formerly of Matoaka died Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at Princeton Community Hospital. Born August 12, 1963 in Bluefield he was the son of the late Elmer Lee Sparks and Opal Scott Sparks.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. Jeff was an avid motorcycle enthusiast and an amazing musician. He had a long career in radio working as disc jockey at WKOY/WKMY in Bluefield and also was program editor at Wisdom Media. Jeff was an LPN for 10 years at Southern Highlands, Highland Ridge and Heritage Hall. Jeff was currently working at Dish Network in Bluewell.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Randy Thompson.

Survivors include his wife of 10 years, Laura Rice Sparks; one son Marshall Sparks of the home; Goddaughter, Victoria Robertson of Bluewell; one brother, Johnnie Lee Sparks and wife Debbie of Princeton; two sisters, Karen Thompson of Bluefield and Rhonda McKinney and husband Daniel of Bluewell; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dale and Janice Rice of Princeton and many other family members and friends.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 5,

2015 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel in Princeton with Pastor Eric Stovall, officiating. The body has been cremated.

Friends may visit with the family from 5- 7 p.m. Saturday, September 5 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. In lieu of flowers, honoring Jeff's request, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to The Marshall Sparks Educational Fund, First Century Bank, c/o Customer Service, P. O. Box 1559, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute or send the family online condolences please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

Memorial Service

SEP 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks*

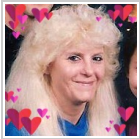


Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - September 05, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ *Jeffrey Wayne Sparks*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Jeff was the class clown in our class. He made everyone laugh and brought smiles to their faces. He always said he wanted to be DJ for the radio. I am glad that he fulfilled his dreams. Jeff was a very caring, sensitive person as well as a good listener. He was a very bright, intelligent person. Jeff had a great imagination. He had the knack of helping people realize things that they would not otherwise have known. I am positive he also made an excellent nurse. I enjoyed being in Junior Deputies with him, especially our haunted house. It was an honor to have known such an incredible person with such priceless memories.*

Mary McKinney - March 18, 2016 at 02:16 AM

BW

“ Jeff, you have left us much to soon, I will miss reading your stories on Facebook, I went on your page every day for a laugh. Remembering you growing up and being with Michael he loved you like a brother. You were one of my favorite nephews. Rest in Peace Sweetheart. We love you, Aunt Betty



Betty Walker - September 05, 2015 at 10:47 AM

KT

“ Missing you, Jeff. I smile thinking about our times at Camp Creek with all the family. I smile just thinking about you, period. Kathie

Kathie Taylor - September 05, 2015 at 09:50 AM

MB

“ Jeff was part of my WISDOM family...a family who hung out together even when we weren't at work because we all just loved each other that much. I'll always remember Jeff's sense of humor, and how he always came off as kind of a wild child...but most of all that he never had a word for me that wasn't kind. He was a good man, and will be missed...Monica (Tolbert) Black-Wieland

Monica Black-Wieland - September 04, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks.



September 04, 2015 at 08:44 AM

JS

“ To the family of Jeff Sparks - I know he will be missed here on earth but he will be watching over you. I always looked forward to Jeff's smiling face at the reunions and we will have a grand reunion again with Hazel ,Carl ,Elmer, Opal and everyone else. You are in my prayers and just take one hour and one day at a time. God be with you. Joyce Sparks, N. Myrtle Beach. SC

Joyce Sparks - September 03, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ Health Nut Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks.



September 03, 2015 at 05:26 PM

LM

“ Laura and Marshall our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Words are never enough to let you know how much we care.
Danny and Linda Meadows



Linda Meadows - September 03, 2015 at 05:24 PM

JA

“ Jim Akers lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Jim Akers - September 03, 2015 at 05:17 PM

VW

“ Jeff was a dear friend from High School that helped shape the person I am today. I cannot ever recall a time he was not smiling, and was quick to offer a comment that would make you smile regardless of the events at hand. Our lives tend to move at a quicker pace as the years pass but in Honor of Jeff I am dropping everything going on in my life to be there to say my final goodbye to this wonderful person.

Van Wysong Matoaka High Class of 1981.

Van Wysong - September 03, 2015 at 04:21 PM

SK

“ Sheila Bowyer Kline lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Sheila Bowyer Kline - September 03, 2015 at 02:55 PM

SK

Laura and Marshall, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness! May you find comfort in knowing there are so many who care for you!! Peace and love to you!! Sheila, Joe and "Dita" (your across the street neighbors)

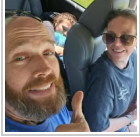
Sheila Bowyer Kline - September 03, 2015 at 02:58 PM

LR

“ Linda Rider lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Linda Rider - September 03, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ *Crystal Sparks lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks*



Crystal Sparks - September 03, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ *Jeff will be missed by many. I always enjoyed his stories and sense of humor. Prayers for the Sparks family in the days ahead.*



Cindy Camper - September 03, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ *R.I.P Jeff*



Jordan Shupe - September 03, 2015 at 11:04 AM



“ *Laura & Marshall, may God comfort you both during this sad time. My thoughts, prayers and heart will be with you and your family.*

Velvet Dickerson

Velvet Dickerson - September 03, 2015 at 10:04 AM

TL

“ Teresa Leslie-Sangid lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Teresa Leslie-Sangid - September 03, 2015 at 09:23 AM

TL

Sending my deepest condolences--may you all wrap the precious memories around you and find the strength through such a difficult time!

Teresa Leslie-Sangid - September 03, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ Kimberly Farley lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



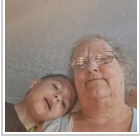
Kimberly Farley - September 03, 2015 at 09:07 AM

PL

“ My deepest condolences to Jeff's family and friends.



PRISCILLA LESTER - September 03, 2015 at 07:58 AM



“ *Cindy Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks*



Cindy Taylor - September 03, 2015 at 07:26 AM



“ *Jeff was a very special person and friend, a gift from God. Rest in Peace dear friend. Give Lilly-Anne Woof a hug for me up there in heaven. Thank you for loving her and for caring, Jeff Sparks. My thoughts and prayers are with Laura and Marshall and all the family.*



Sherry Neely - September 03, 2015 at 06:16 AM



“ *You always could put a smile on faces that only had a frown. Im sure you have a guitar waiting for you. Fly high & rest in peace. Prayers for ure wife & son.*



Daisy Dwyer - September 03, 2015 at 06:11 AM



“ *I work with him he was a wonderful person and took great care of my granny rip buddy !!*




Casey Waller-Kennedy - September 03, 2015 at 06:11 AM

DF

“ Jimmy and I used to ride with Jeff, when we got to ride more frequently than now. He was always such a nice guy. Our deepest condolences to his family.

Deborah Froy - September 03, 2015 at 05:53 AM

 Barbara Farmer

“ I went to school with Jeff. He was always laughing and goofing off, made some classes we were in more fun. He was a wonderful Man. So Sorry for your Loss. May God Comfort the family.

Barbara Farmer - September 03, 2015 at 03:35 AM

 Barbara Farmer

“ Barbara Farmer lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Barbara Farmer - September 03, 2015 at 03:29 AM

 Amber Anders

“ Jeff was a great nurse and coworker. I know he will be missed by many. May you find comfort and peace in this difficult time.

Amber Anders - September 03, 2015 at 01:09 AM

CW

“ Jeff you will be missed so much. You was such a awesome person, and nurse. You loved your family, so much, you always talked about them. I enjoyed our talks during the vampire shifts. We worked together for a while. You always made me laugh until I couldn't breath! A very great, smart, caring guy. Rest in peace man. 🎸🎵

Chelsey Ward - September 03, 2015 at 12:47 AM

 Tina
Etter

“ Jeff and I worked together at WKOY/WKMY for many years. It was never like work it was like being with family. I have so many wonderful memories. My deepest sympathy and prayers to his wife, son and his family and friends. Jeff was truly one of a kind and I was blessed to call him my friend.

Tina Etter - September 02, 2015 at 11:05 PM

GB

“ Gary Basham sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



gary basham - September 02, 2015 at 10:10 PM

GB

“ Gary Basham lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



gary basham - September 02, 2015 at 10:08 PM



“ Donna Cox lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Donna Cox - September 02, 2015 at 10:00 PM



I had the pleasure of working with Jeff for many years, and it was an honor to know and Love him, he made a difference in so many lives, and took the time to listen to his patients and allow them to tell their stories, he had an awesome sense of humor, love for his career, and love for his family, prayers for Laura and Marshall in the days ahead, may God give you grace, comfort and peace, God bless you all.

Donna Cox - September 02, 2015 at 10:05 PM

RS

“ Jeff was an awesome guy. I'm glad I got to know him. Prayers to his wife and son .

richard shumate - September 02, 2015 at 09:58 PM

DA

“ Prayers for Jeff's family. Jeff was a kind and patient person. He was a great nurse and loved his family. Always friendly and treated his patients like family. He will be missed greatly.

Danielle - September 02, 2015 at 09:52 PM

MH

“ Mary Hill lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Mary Hill - September 02, 2015 at 09:18 PM

SJ

“ *Stephanie Jones lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks*



Stephanie Jones - September 02, 2015 at 08:58 PM

SJ

My heart and prayers goes out to Jeff's family and friends. I knew him from high school and he was always so nice and fun to be around.

Stephanie Jones - September 02, 2015 at 09:02 PM

MH

so sorry to hear about Jeff's passing. he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May he forever R.I.P Mary Hill & Family

Mary Hill - September 02, 2015 at 09:16 PM

BH

so very sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. He was a wonderful person, always helping others at work, smiling and cheerful. He was an excellent nurse and a joy to work with. Prayers to his family. Rest in peace my friend,, you will be missed by many.

Betty Horne - September 02, 2015 at 09:27 PM

CB

“ *My deepest sympathies to Jeff's friends and family. Jeff and I worked at the Cinemas together in the early 90's. He was kind hearted and kept us all laughing with the unique characters that he portrayed. We ran into each other a couple of years ago at Chili's when I was passing through town. I left with a smile and as I write this I'm smiling through tears. Rest my dear friend, rest.*

Connie Thurston Bloss - September 02, 2015 at 08:35 PM

RK

“ Jeff was a wonderful person with an amazing sense of humor. He told the best stories and all of his patients loved him as did his peers. He will be missed by many. Prayers for his family, may God wrap his loving arms around you all and bring the peace that only he can during this most difficult time.



Rachel Kading - September 02, 2015 at 08:19 PM

LL

“ Lisa Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Lisa Lloyd - September 02, 2015 at 08:04 PM

SH

“ Laura and family.....Jeff is a nurse I will never forget.....so caring and dependable. He always had a smile for the residents. Jeff wasn't just a co-workerhe was a friend who had a heart for others. Jeff would light up when he spoke of his son. It was an honor for him to be a Dad. Again....he will be remembered by the nurses who worked along side him.....I pray the Lord comforts you in the coming days and weeks.....Sue Hurst

Sue Hurst - September 02, 2015 at 07:55 PM

SH

“ Sue Hurst lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Sue Hurst - September 02, 2015 at 07:45 PM

LP

“ Lisa Perkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Lisa perkins - September 02, 2015 at 07:34 PM

LP

“ Lisa Perkins lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Lisa perkins - September 02, 2015 at 07:33 PM

KS

“ Prayers for Jeffs family and his many friends.
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Kathy Slone - September 02, 2015 at 07:30 PM

DP

“ My heart aches as my mind is still trying to grasp this. You were a wonderful friend to the new kid in school and accepted me as a friend from day one. You gave me support when I felt I had none. The fun times in all of our activities in school from all of the clubs, band, pep band, choir, acapella choir, church choir and just hanging out as friends do. I'll never forget you, my friend, my buddy, my strength at times. Thank you for caring, your kindness and mostly for being you. Fly high in that angel band. You have put a Spark of laughter and smiles in heaven. I'll miss you forever 🌹



Debbie Franklin Patrick - September 02, 2015 at 07:15 PM

 Tina
Shrewsbu
Harrell

“ Rest in Peace in Heaven Jeff.
Your work here is done.



Tina Shrewsbury-Harrell - September 02, 2015 at 07:11 PM

DT

“ My heart goes out to this family...I knew Jeff when I was married to Brian Hawkes and he was a great guy and so funny!!! May he rest in peace and God surround his family and friends at this time!

Debbie Turner - September 02, 2015 at 05:30 PM

CK

“ Carolyn Keller lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Sparks



Carolyn Keller - September 02, 2015 at 05:01 PM

CK

Worked with Jeff for several years at Highland Ridge. Enjoyed talking with him about his son, whom he loved very much. Love and prayers going out to family and prayers.

Carolyn Keller - September 02, 2015 at 05:10 PM

VP

I knew Jeff but not well. I worked with his sister Rhonda. Prayers for the family.

virginia phillips - September 02, 2015 at 06:56 PM

ND

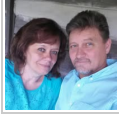
Jeff was a nurse on C-wing of Highland Ridge, where my Mom was a resident. He was wonderful and so caring. Also, he was so nice to talk to family members and quick to answer any questions they might have. The world needs more Jeff Sparks...lived up to his nurse's oath. Rest in peace...love and prayers for his wife and son, whom he adorned.

Narlene Dulaney - September 02, 2015 at 07:52 PM

GS

I knew Jeff thru our high school days. Jeff was always a laugh and bunch of fun. He always had a smile on his face, never a dull moment. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to the family. Gerald stinnette

gerald stinnette - September 02, 2015 at 08:44 PM



I worked with Jeff at WKOY/WKMY... He was without a doubt one of the most unique and creative men I have ever met. We loved to talk about music and one of our biggest conversations always was around the JFK assassination we could talk for hours about it. He was my friend and I thank God for the opportunity to have him in my life.

Steve Kosinar - September 02, 2015 at 09:05 PM