



Johnnie Sparks

March 20, 1951 - March 17, 2024

PRINCETON – Johnnie Lee Sparks, 72, of Princeton, died Sunday, March 17, 2024. Born March 20, 1951 in McComas, he was the son of the late Elmer Sparks and Opal Scott Sparks.

Johnny was a former coal miner at Slab Fork and a former employee of McJunkin Corp. He enjoyed the outdoors and rabbit hunting with his beagles. He was an avid WVU fan and enjoyed all kinds of music. Johnnie especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Deborah Phillips Sparks; one brother, Jeffrey Wayne Sparks; and one great grandson, Colson Sparks.

Survivors include two sons, Brad Sparks and wife Valerie and Kevin Sparks and wife Melissa all of Princeton; two sisters, Karen Thompson of Bluefield and Rhonda McKinney and husband Daniel of Bluewell; five grandchildren, Michael Hager, Caleb Sparks, Zachary Sparks, Autumn Sparks and Abigail Sparks; and one great granddaughter, Bailee Sparks.

Johnnie requested to have no services at the funeral home. A private burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Tribute Wall

SV

“ I worked with Debbie and got to know Johnnie when Debbie and I traveled together. I used to run into him some after she passed and he was always missing her. I enjoyed running into him and talking.

Shelley Vest - July 03, 2024 at 06:37 PM

DI

“ DIANE lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Sparks



DIANE - March 21, 2024 at 03:37 PM

DI

“ Johnnie had the best of humor of anyone I have ever known. He and Jeff were at the top of making others comfortable and laugh. I send Love to his children and grandchildren. I would like to send a special shout out to his beautiful, sister, Karen who will always a special place in my heart as one of my best buddy. We know Johnnie has been reunited with Debbie, Jeff and other family members who left us before. May God lay His hand on his children, granddaughter, Karen, Rhonda, Daniel, Chad and Jill. My life has been blessed by them.

DIANE - March 21, 2024 at 03:36 PM

DW

“ Love and Prayers to the family of my old friend and school mate.

Don Farmer, Jr. Anawalt, WV - March 21, 2024 at 02:38 PM

JH

“ Remember Johnnie growing up at Weyanoke. Played soft ball together and even won a championship when we were teenagers. Became a life long friend. Great guy. Prayers and condolences to family. Jerry and Janet Heaton

Janet Heaton - March 19, 2024 at 05:29 PM

JN

“ We haven't seen Johnnie in many years, however the growing up memories we have with him growing up in Elkhorn, WV are lifelong. Our prayers go out to the family. Over the years we three, who live close to each other in Chilhowie Va have often talked about our childhood adventures with Johnnie. Jeff Nash, Steve Cregger, and Mike Cregger

Jeff Nash - March 19, 2024 at 09:42 AM

DS

Thanks Jeff for the nice comments and remembrances! Use to love visiting Elmer & Opal in the summertime at Elkhorn! Johnnie could keep us laughing until my side hurt with his bundle of jokes. We surely will miss him during our picnics at Glenwood.

Doug (Buddy) Sparks - March 21, 2024 at 12:31 AM

DC

Loved talking with Johnny, he loved to talk about his family and how much fun he had with them. He was a very sweet and special man. My prayers for all the family

Dana Carver

Dana Carver - March 23, 2024 at 10:35 PM

SW

“ My most favorite is his contagious smile and the stories and jokes he likes to tell. Always made me laugh. Blessed to have him in my life. Such a special part of my life. My prayers and hugs for all the family.

sherry williams - March 18, 2024 at 10:41 PM

JM

“ This really makes me sad, Johnny along with his family have been friends. Please except my prayers for all . Johnny and I went to the same Dr. For injections for a while we would talk about times of growing up while we were there. God bless.

Jerry M.Williams - March 18, 2024 at 08:49 PM

BH

“ I'm so sorry for the family's loss. Grew up with Jeff and was there a lot. He will be missed.
Brian Hawkes



Brian Hawkes - March 18, 2024 at 08:04 PM

GR

“ Prayers, so sorry for your loss Brad and Kevin. Always enjoyed our talks when I see Johnny out walking. He will surely be missed.



Greg - March 18, 2024 at 07:48 PM

DC

“ *Prayers and sympathy to his family—
especially my friend Karen. He was a special
man.*



Deborah Clark - March 18, 2024 at 07:36 PM