



Richard Anderson Sparkman

May 1, 1925 - July 15, 2020

Richard Sparkman, age 95, of Decatur, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. A private family graveside service will be held at Roselawn Cemetery on Friday, July 17, 2020, with Bro. Randy Berry officiating and Shelton Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 16, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home.

Richard was a beloved member of Austinville Baptist Church for the past 70 years, where he taught Sunday school for many years. He retired from Fruehauf Company at the age of 62. He was a loving and outgoing man who never met a stranger, and who always lent a hand to anyone who needed help.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Lorene Sparkman; his first wife, Annie Vest Sparkman; his second wife, Martha Flowers Sparkman; his brothers, Royce, Harold, Orville, Cecil, Vernon, and Bobby Sparkman; one sister, Dorothy Beggs; one stepdaughter, Jenny Greenhaw; and one stepson, Coyd Flowers, Jr.

He is survived by his sons, Wayne, Troy, Bruce (JoAnn), Boyd (Lisa), and Tony (Emily) Sparkman; one daughter, Janice Livingston (Ralph); one brother, Frank Sparkman (Yo); one stepdaughter, Linda Hughes (Mitchell); 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and many other precious relatives.

Pallbearers will be grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942, or to Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Richard Sparkman's 95 years was a life truly well-lived, with God always as his Anchor.

Tribute Wall

VS

“ Uncle Richard will always be remembered for his kindness and compassion for people . I will never forget all the visits i made when i was in Decatur,Alabama. made trips from California when i was a teenager and after i got married and had my daughter Kelli! we drove from New Hampshire to Decatur,Alabama. Always had a great time we had with cousins,aunts,and Uncles.I will miss all the great times and great food and that great Southern hospitality. My deepest condolences to Martha ,and their daughter Joyce, and sons Wayne,Troy,Bruce, and Boyd. I will keep yuo guys in my prayers. Love, Vernon (Butch) Sparkman,Jr. and Kelli (Sparkman) Pinard and her husband Don Pinard



Vernon A. Sparkman,Jr. - July 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Uncle Richard will be remembered "Always in our Hearts ❤️" He and Aunt Martha were always very kind to us! A very warm and loving family. We will hold close the great memories and lots of laughs on our visits from California with all of you cousins! We are sending our deepest condolences. Wishing all of you strength and peace at this sad time and always. Take good care . Love, Jeri Sparkman-McGlone & Family



Jeri McGlone - July 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *carl lovett,worked with richard at Fruehauf late 60s early 70s,RIP Richard*



carl lovett - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Janice I am so sorry about your Dad. I did not know him but I heard you speak fondly of him often. God Bless you and your family.*



Linda and Ken Eubanks - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Richard was a good friend -Rook player and fishing buddy to my daddy Howard Allen. Aunt Martha married Richard because he was a good Christian man and God blessed her with a partner and another great Uncle into our family.*



lisa lemons - July 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Richard Anderson Sparkman*



July 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Uncle richard was a inspiration , he retired from fruehauf not long after i started decades ago, since then anytime death touched our family he was always there for me and always made it a little easier to handle*



Rex ward - July 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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