

HONORING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF OUR BELOVED



*Mr. Jesse Ray
Sparks Sr.*

July 16, 1932 - March 19, 2022

Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 2022
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home Chapel
4918 Martin Luther King Blvd. • Pearland, Texas 77581

Active Pallbearers

Mark Linton
Walter Watkins
Jermaine Francis

Phillip Hare
DeArmand "Bud" Martin
Troy Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Dr. James Rodney Sparks George Caleb Sparks, Sr.
Billy Wayne Sparks Dr. Kenneth Omega Sparks
Jordan Shephard Antonio Morales
Jesse Ray Sparks, Jr. Jerome Dixxon

Our Sincerest Thanks...

We are blessed that you have chosen to support us during this heartbreaking time. Jesse Ray was the rock of our family, and although this is a devastating loss, we will continue to cherish his memories and allow his spirit to live on through our love and dedication: that's what he would want. Please keep us in your prayers as we mourn his physical and celebrate his legacy.

- *The Family*

Interment

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive • Houston, Texas 77038

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To My "Ray", when it comes to fathers, I know God sent me the best. You have been the constant in my life, ALL my life. I really don't know how I'm going to make it without you. Not only were you my dad, but you were also my best friend...I'll miss our talks, casino trips and laughs. Please continue to look out for me, and I know I'll feel you in my heart forever. I miss you, MY Ray, until we meet again!
-ALWAYS Your babygirl, Violet Lynn Sparks

Daddy Ray, there will never be another you. You have loved and taught us things that will last with us forever. We learned how to live life to the fullest without hesitation from you, and that has impacted us more than words could ever describe. We will miss you tremendously, but we will continue to make you proud. All our love, Daddy Ray!
-Brittni, Tiffani, Courtni and Jordan

We Love You So Much...Thank you for loving us unconditionally. You meant the world to us, and we will never forget you. Only special grandparents are promoted to Great-Grandparents, and you will always wear that crown in our eyes! We love you so much!
-Tatiana, Taiylor, Paisley and Triniti

Dear Daddy, your love has always blessed me. From my childhood to adulthood, your love has been a foundational and constant source of my feeling of wholeness in every role of my life: as a daughter, woman, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and a person who genuinely loves people. The significance of who you are cannot be matched and will be missed. You and my memories of you will hold a special place in my heart that will love you unconditionally forever. I will proudly wear the name that you gave me, "Myra Jean".
-Myra Jean

Dad, even though we were apart in distance, you were always in my heart. I love you very much and will miss you just the same. Rest in Peace, Dad.
-Reverend Jesse Ray Sparks, Jr. (Bubba)

Dear Brother, you came into this world strong and outspoken. You were the one who kept us all on our toes and smiles on our faces. You held many titles, but to us you were, Jesse. We will miss your candidness, honesty, laugh and personality. Although you have gone to a better place, it will be hard not hearing your voice. Kiss mama, daddy, Troy Jr., Doris, Rene, Johnny, Brenda and Aaron for us and tell them we will take it from here.
-Your brothers and sisters, Rodney, George, Edwina, Billy, Reatha and Kenneth

His Loving Journey

Jesse Ray Sparks was born to Troy Milton Sparks, Sr. and Allie Sparks on July 16, 1932, in Mexia, Texas.

He was educated at Dunbar High School in Mexia, Texas. Jesse worked at the refinery until his health began to fail, and he lost his sight in his left eye. Jesse Ray was a Corporal in the United States Army.

From his first union in marriage, he had two children, Myra Jean and Jesse Jr... In 1957, he married the love of his life, Irene, and they had their one and only daughter, Violet Lynn. They resided in Port Arthur, Texas for eleven years, before moving and settling in Houston, Texas in 1968.

Affectionally known as "Daddy Ray", he and "Mama Rene" were always surrounded by love and so much laughter. Daddy Ray was the life of the party, and whatever came up, always came out! He had a spirit that resonated with all he encountered, and if you were fortunate enough to have known him, you will never, ever forget him.

Jesse Ray is preceded in death by his wife Irene F. Sparks, parents Troy Milton Sr. and Allie Sparks, brother Troy Milton Sparks, Jr., sister Doris Brown, and a special son, Anthony Sparks.

He is survived by his children and their families. Daughter, Violet Lynn Sparks: her children and grandchildren: Brittnei Irene Raelle and Paisley, Tiffani Chantrell Monique and Tatiana, Taiyler and Triniti, Courtnei SJonae' Antoinette and Jordan Eugene. Daughter, Myra Jean Pierce (Milton): their children and grandchildren: Michael (Michelle), Marcus, Skye, Navy, Bria and Kelsey. Jesse Ray Sparks, Jr. and his children and grandchildren: Jessica, Je'Micah, Anthony, PJ, Emerald and Caidence. His beloved siblings Dr. James Rodney Sparks (Lucy), George Caleb Sparks Sr., Edwina Linton, Billy Wayne Sparks (Nancy), Reatha Joyce Brown, and Dr. Kenneth Omega Sparks.

Daddy Ray leaves to cherish his memory, an innumerable amount of family members, dear friends, nieces, nephews, neighbors and Godchildren



Order of Service

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

(Romans 12:3)



Processional
Clergy and Family

Scripture/Prayer

John 14:1-3 *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."*

Musical Selection

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Remarks

Family and Friends (2 min)

Obituary Read in Silence

Total Praise

Eulogy

Minister

Recessional

In the Garden