



Marty Lee Sparks

March 28, 1960 - February 25, 2018

NEW CASTLE – Marty Lee Sparks, age 57, of New Castle, passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2018. He was born on March 28, 1960 in Wilkes County, North Carolina as the son of Roy Lee and Shirley Eleanor (Myers) Sparks. He graduated from Eastern Hancock High School in 1978. Marty married Andrea “Andy” (Phillips) on June 30, 1979 in Fortville.

He worked for the State of Indiana as a lighting supervisor for 28 years and most recently Greenfield Central High School – Hancock Madison Joint Services for four years. Marty was a member of Christ Fellowship-Knightstown and was a youth group leader for a time. He was the head cook for Harvest Christian Camp in Lewisville for many years. Church was more than just a membership, it was a part of who he was. Marty enjoyed hunting, fishing, painting and collecting guns. He loved Alabama football and was an avid reader and World War II history buff. He was an amazing cook and was known for his BBQ. Marty was a man of many words and full of random info. He was faithful and loyal to everyone. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and his friends were his family.

Marty is survived by his wife, Andy Sparks; children, Amanda (Joe) Gossage, Andrew (Hope) Sparks, and Amy (Charlie) Young; parents, Roy and Shirley (Myers) Sparks of North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Dallys, Dylan and Donovan Barnes, Grace, Ruthie and Patton Sparks, and Bryar Young; brothers, Greg (Susan) Sparks and Shawn (Tami) Sparks of North Carolina; nephews, Clayton and Harrison Sparks of North Carolina; and niece, Brooke (Robert) Sparks of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and uncle.

A gathering will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Christ Fellowship-Knightstown, 4833 S. St. Rd. 109, Knightstown, IN 46148. A celebration of life service will take place on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. also at the church. Pastor Bill Roberts and Pastor David Todd will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of Marty’s family by sending memorial

contributions to Christ Fellowship-Knightstown, 4833 S. St. Rd. 109, Knightstown, IN 46148 or a donation may be sent to Harvest Christian Camp Scholarship Fund, 9630 S. Co. Rd. 25 W., Lewisville, IN 47352 to help kids go to camp. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield.

Events

FEB **Gathering** 03:00PM - 08:00PM

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Christ Fellowship-Knightstown

4833 IN-109, Knightstown, IN, US, 46148

MAR **Celebration of Life Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I will forever see Marty directing the help at Harvest Camp kitchen. The joy in his voice the warmth of his encouraging hugs and the spark of love in his eyes as he watched ANDY move about the camp kitchen or AMY help with preparing dishes. And the immeasurable joy on his face at holding his grandchildren! I am so glad for the assurance of salvation with which we can bare the loss until God reunites all of us again. God keep you Andy and your family. Our love and prayers remain over you all. -bethel



Bethel Marcy - March 18, 2018 at 05:12 AM



“ Carrie A. Henson lit a candle in memory of Marty Lee Sparks



Carrie A. Henson - March 02, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ Tracy Jessup lit a candle in memory of Marty Lee Sparks



Tracy Jessup - March 01, 2018 at 10:31 PM



“ Marty a special person in my life as well as others. We would chat over fb and one day I asked if his granddaughter Ruthie could have this special baby doll named Oliva and that day was a very special moment when he sent pic. of Ruthie & Oliva was together. He will be missed very much but never forgotten. He will be the angel looking over us. Marty u are in peace . Love ya
Tracy Jessup

Tracy Jessup - March 01, 2018 at 10:31 PM



“ Debbie Shipp lit a candle in memory of Marty Lee Sparks



Debbie Shipp - March 01, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ Andy, my heart breaks for you & your family. Prayers for peace & comfort in the days ahead. Sherry Rigney



Sherry Rigney - February 28, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Chris Snider - February 28, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ Played darts with Marty for a few years. Great dart player, even a better person. R.I.P. Marty! We will miss you!

Barry Colip - February 28, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Sending up prayers of peace and comfort for you and your family Andy.

Teresa Hill - February 27, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ Jody Sells lit a candle in memory of Marty Lee Sparks



jody sells - February 27, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ Jessica Scroggins lit a candle in memory of Marty Lee Sparks



Jessica Scroggins - February 27, 2018 at 05:03 AM



“ Prayers of peace and comfort for you, Andy, and all of your sweet family on the loss of Marty.

~Brenda (Miller) Spencer



Brenda Miller Spencer - February 26, 2018 at 11:31 PM



“ To all of Marty’s family: May God’s angels of comfort enfold you in their downy wings as you grieve his absence.

Denise Speck Gowan - February 26, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ Marty was a great friend. It was such a joy to work with him in the kitchen at Harvest Christian camp for many years. When I lost my husband Marty came up to me every Sunday for years and hugged me and encouraged me in the Lord. That's the kind of man he was. He will be missed greatly not only by his family but the Christian community as well. Praise God you are walking with two good legs now

Virginia Hardy - February 26, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ Tami Martin lit a candle in memory of Marty Lee Sparks



Tami Martin - February 26, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ I worked with Marty at GCHS. He was a man that God used in many ways. He had a heart for people and loved helping them. He will sadly be missed by all who knew him. God truly gained a saint. I look forward to seeing him again someday in Heaven.

Dianna Andis - February 26, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Marty's passing. Praying for all those close to him.

Angel Graham - February 26, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ Diana L Clapp lit a candle in memory of Marty Lee Sparks



Diana L Clapp - February 26, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.....



connie - February 26, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ Marty was a great guy! Andy - my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You were always such a sweet couple! Hugs!



Jill Smith - February 26, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ Andy, so sorry for your loss. Marty was a kind, hearted person & always had a smile that would light up a room. RIP Marty, knowing you're in gods loving hands & free from pain now. Sherrie Bixler



Sherrie - February 26, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ I worked with Marty at Arby's over 35 years ago. I last seen him at Eastern Hancock school and we caught up on each other's life. I'm so sorry for you and your family. Marty walks with his Father now, No struggles. Happy to have called him my friend

phyllis williams - February 26, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ Marty was a one-of-a-kind man. Heart of gold. Giving, forgiving, wise, and true. I know he is thrilled to be with Jesus; but I'll miss his kindness here on earth.

Karen Edwards - February 26, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Marty was there for me during a rough time for me. I haven't seen him for years as I moved away. Rest In Peace my friend. We shall meet again!

Marjie Smith-Sachinger

marjorie Sachinger - February 26, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ First time I pulled into Marty's drive, Marty was standing in the driveway, in his bib overhalls with only one strap, no shirt, pistol strapped around his waist and a rifle in his hand. Tail gate was down with every gun he owned with ammo in the bed. That is only one of the many ways to remember a man who was larger than life. His dream was to go to Alaska, climb a tree, wait for a bear to stroll by, then jump on him with his knife between his teeth. We spent many hours on computers networked together playing games. Love that man. More than a friend... a true brother.

Mike Wittman - February 26, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ We called Marty the Gentle Giant. He could soothe the soul of the most delicate of children and brought laughter to all of us blessed to be able to work with him. It never seemed to matter how long it had been since we had seen each other, it was like we had not missed a beat. I was blessed to be able to call him my friend. You will be deeply missed, Marty Sparks.

Sarah Smith - February 26, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ Marty was a wonderful kind heart, who taught me alot about cooking at camp, I always looked forward to camp and see Marty he'll be truly missed, my thouhts and prayers to Andy and the family I'll be out of town so I won't be at the funeral my condolences god bless you guys

Mary Egan - February 26, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ Marty was one of my dearest friends and even though I haven't seen him often in recent years he will always hold a special place in my heart. My thoughts are with you Andy.

Tracy Jennings - February 26, 2018 at 05:21 PM