



Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr.

July 3, 1973 - October 5, 2020

Esmond “Tank” Sparks, Sr., 47, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, October 4, 2020. He was a 1992 graduate of Tyner High School. He received a certificate as an auto mechanic from Chattanooga State Community College. Esmond was preceded in death by his father, Richard Sparks, Sr.; grandparents, Clay C. and Eunice Poe, Hosie King, and Miriam Sparks; aunt, Shirley Lee; cousins, Terrance D. Poe, Sr. and Tony Poe, Jr. Survivors include his wife forever, Crystal W. Sparks; sons, Jayson Sparks of CA, Esmond Sparks, Jr., Angel Strickland, Adolphus Jennings, and Karina Jennings, all of Chattanooga; daughters, Esmanda Sparks, Special Sparks, Treasure Sparks, and Jahkeeta Moore, all of Chattanooga; 7 grandchildren; mother, Linda Roberts; father, Charles Roberts, both of Chattanooga; brother, Richard Sparks, Jr. of Newport, KY; sisters, LaDana Churchill of Oklahoma City, OK and Ruscia Sparks of Greenburg, IN; uncles, Anthony Poe, Sr., Gregory Poe, Danny (Terry) Reed, all of Chattanooga, Tony Poe, Sr. of Gadsden, AL, Gary (Annie) Sparks, Sr. and Lavon Sparks, both of Cincinnati, OH; aunts, Kimberley Mincey, Sandra Moore, Gloria Scruggs, and Diane Scruggs, all of Chattanooga; god-sisters, Yolanda Waites of Jacksonville, FL and Dorothy McClain of Chattanooga; stepbrothers, Derrick Roberts of Murfreesboro, TN and Taurus (Velma) Odom of Chattanooga; stepsisters, Tawana (Darryl) Hinton and Sherry Smith, both of Chattanooga; sisters/cousin, Tinica Caperton of Chattanooga and Adrienne Simmons of Murfreesboro, TN; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Family Service

OCT **11**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ To the FAMILY of Esmond "Tank" Sparks, we are sorry for your loss, and pray that God gives you STRENGTH, PEACE and COMFORT. Lean not on your own understanding, LEAN to God. With our deepest sympathy.



Middlebrooks & Pace Family - October 13, 2020 at 12:07 PM

N.

“ N.Hall lit a candle in memory of Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr.



N.Hall - October 12, 2020 at 10:25 AM

KJ

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the Sparks family. Tank you are most definitely missed my friend. Love ❤️ Kevin & Clarissa James

kevin & Clarissa James - October 11, 2020 at 11:49 AM

HE

“ Praying 🙏🙏🙏 for the entire family during this very difficult season. God is a very present help in times of trouble. Elder Henrietta Erskine 💜💛 Olivet Baptist Church

Henrietta Erskine - October 11, 2020 at 11:16 AM

KM

“ To the Spark's family, my deepest condolences. Me and my brother were childhood friends with Tank and Dana on Sunrise Lane, and I saw him on occasion, spoke when we did. I'm still in disbelief but The Most High is comforting. Rest in Peace brother.

Kenneth Mitcham - October 10, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JL

Cousin Linda Faye and Charles and family we love you guys and sorry for not being there with you but our prayers are going up for you and family Cousin James and Carolyn Lucas from Athens AL

James Lucas - October 11, 2020 at 07:39 PM

KG

“ I would like to send my condolences to the Sparks family. You all are definitely in my prayers during this difficult time. Tank was more than a friend, he was a big brother to me. No matter what the situation was, he always kept a positive outlook and attitude. I'm thankful for the conversations, the outings, and the love. You had a good heart Tank and you were definitely one in a million! You've left a dynasty here to carry on your legacy! Like you say, "Know My Work When U C IT!" We see it through your kids and grandkids! Thanks you for touching each one of our lives! You will truly be missed!

KeVon "K.G." Garrett

KeVon M. Garrett - October 10, 2020 at 06:16 PM

TW

“ *To The Sparks Family:
You have my deepest and most sincere
condolences during this time. Tank was a
classmate who was loved by many, and we
will miss him sorely. You are my continued
thoughts and prayers.
Tanisha Harris Wesby*



Tanisha Wesby - October 10, 2020 at 05:06 PM

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“ *Linda, Howard High School Class of 1970,
send our deepest condolences to you and
your family. Remember the precious
memories of Tank and how he loved you.
We're here for you anytime you need us just a
phone call away.
Praying for you at this most difficult time.*



Howard High School Class of 1970 - October 10, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr..*



October 10, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr..*



October 09, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr..*



October 09, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Tank, you were always so kind to me when you serviced my cars. You will be missed. I send my heartfelt condolences to the family. I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you during this time and may Tank's transition be peaceful.*

Keshia Patton - October 09, 2020 at 01:11 AM



“ *You were always so nice and sweet classmate! Rest in Perfect Paradise classmate! Gone but never forgotten! Praying for the family!*



Lisa Thompson - October 08, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr..*



October 08, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr..*



October 08, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *Thanking Mrs Linda, for her son Esmond Tank Sparks, he was a young man with a kind -giving-loving heart I will truly miss Him Tank stepped in as a Son from another beautiful Mother when my son Lubie went on to glory He kept a check on us and always wanted to know if I was ok. He even had our barbecue grill rebuild and definitely made sure that I used it (LOL) His words to me were “I am doing what I know Lubie would do for my Mother that would be to keep a check on Her”. Thank U for sharing your Son with me. My heart is your heart*

Terry Keith - October 08, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SR

“ You will be sorely missed. Your work on detailing cars was impeccable! You always made time to accommodate me when time of need. I am praying for your family that God will see them through this difficult time and the days and months ahead.

Love in Christ,
Sheliah Rivers & Family

Sheliah Rivers - October 08, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ Love you Homie. See you on the other side.
Hugs from the Overholts



Jimmy Overholt - October 07, 2020 at 08:59 PM

KT

“ So so sorry, Tank u will be missed.

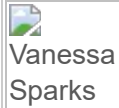
Kay's Tavern - October 07, 2020 at 08:44 PM

NB

“ You were an amazing success story. You were loved and will be missed by many. Keep looking over everyone and tell Tyke I'm glad yall are back together but missing you both on this side. Rest in Power!!!!



Nette Boston - October 07, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ I remember when he was born. Looking just like Rick. Cheeks and Eyes and all. He is loved even hundreds of miles away. R.ise I.n P.ower Lil Cuz! May God comfort your Wife, Children, Family and Friends. Still hard to believe. Love, Nessa ❤️

Vanessa Sparks - October 06, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ Tank was a very kind young man that will truly be missed. To the family we know that no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. I am praying for you to have peace and strength at this time. You have my deepest sympathies.



Wendy Yates

Wendy Smith - October 06, 2020 at 10:27 AM



Will Miss you dearly "Tank" no one could take care of my car like you preciate the work you did in picking it up an bringing back to me Love you dearly

Bertha McCloud - October 08, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ REGINA C. HUNTER (POWELL) lit a candle in memory of Esmond Dermot Sparks Sr.



REGINA C. HUNTER (POWELL) - October 06, 2020 at 08:23 AM