



R.T. "Sparky" Sparks Jr.

September 1, 2016

R. T. "Sparky" Sparks, Jr. was born June 16, 1921 in Hamlin, Texas, and died September 1, 2016 at Comfort House in McAllen, Texas. His loving wife, Alma Rose Crawley Sparks, preceded his death by 45 days on July 15, 2016. Their surviving son, R.T. "Trev" Sparks, III, and his wife, Donna Jo Nye-Sparks, were witness to their 72 years of marriage filled with love and accomplishment.

One of R.T.'s greatest memories was of his days as a P-38 Fighter Pilot serving overseas in World War II. He was a respected member of the McAllen business community for over 60 years in his automobile business, R. T. Sparks Autos.

He and Alma married nine days after returning from the War, in Los Angeles, California, Alma's place of birth. Their abiding, deep love for each other was evident to all, especially, their devoted caretaker and housekeeper, Adriana Soledad Resendiz Resendiz, and dear neighbors of over 60 years on Westway Blvd. Special thanks to Alta and Ed Forsaghe, their great neighbors and friends of many years.

R. T. and Alma were proud to be host family for two exchange students, Roberto Toscano of Italy and Sirivat Voravetvuthikun of Thailand. It might be of interest to Google these names and see what accomplished individuals they are. The two "adopted" sons have maintained contact with "Mom" and "Dad" for over 50 years.

They were preceded in death by Maura Ann Sparks Eichorn and were loved

by their grandchildren Sarah Sparks and R.T. "Trevlyn" Sparks, IV of Maui, Hawaii: Harper Nye Hudsonpillar of Mountain Home, Texas and Micajah Nye of San Antonio, Texas: Kristen Shapovalov, Laura Eichorn, Lisl Eichorn, and Paul Eichorn of San Antonio, Texas. Their great grand children are Bella and Bond Baskin, Aby Hudsonillar, and Timothy, Gregory, and Nathaniel Shapovalov.

Please join us in celebrating their wonderful life.

Tribute Wall



“ R.T. "Sparky" Sparks Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ R.T. "Sparky" Sparks Jr.

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ I bought a '73 Cougar XR-7 from him in 1978. A great person and we got to talking about him in WWII flying my favorite aircraft the P-38 Lightning. My dad was in WWII also. What a greatest generation story of marriage after WWII lasting 70 years , building a business and being an exemplary citizen, husband , father, grandfather...

Forrest J Byas - September 07, 2016 at 02:18 PM



“ I remember with great affection Sparky and Alma. I pray that they may rest in peace. Fr. Tom McGettrick.

Fr Tom McGettrick - September 05, 2016 at 06:32 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Sparks family on the loss of your dad. A nice man/businessman,father and I am sure grandfather. Rest In Peace sir and thank you for your kindness,
God Bless you all,
Bobby Tannery

Bobby Tannery - September 04, 2016 at 02:52 PM

MA

“ *Exemplary. The best for what an American, and humanity could possibly stand for.*

How can one find all the words for all the ways that Sparky and Alma touched the world, people, the community, the USA and other countries, always finding ways to make things better: Even gardens and plants were better because of them.

What tireless energy, what leadership - so natural when something needed to be done, what a lucky town McAllen is to have the Spark family, like a crown jewel topping the great success of a community setting exampmples to make its citizens proud.

How they looked out for their friends and families - we all felt like family.

Unforgettable and healing presence in my life, Sparky and Alma and the great family they created. Thank you.

My deepest condolences, we share this "duelo" with you.

Sincerely and with love,

Marci Andre and Tom Andre family.

M. Andre - September 04, 2016 at 12:30 PM

MF

“ *M. Andre And The Andre Family lit a candle in memory of R.T. "Sparky" Sparks Jr.*



M. Andre and the Andre Family - September 04, 2016 at 11:13 AM

RT

“ I only spent one year with RT and Alma Sparks, and that was a very long time ago (1960-61), yet I consider myself a member of the family, and today I grieve together with the whole family. If that is so, it is because of the way Sparky and Alma, together with Trev and Maura, welcomed me, embraced me with all their warmth not as a temporary guest, but as someone who was welcomed to share their daily lives and their affection.

And after that I always knew that, also from a distance, they were always there, following me throughout the 40 years of my nomadic diplomatic life, happy for my professional achievements and for the joys of my family life. They were proud, too, and rightly so, since the year I spent with them, and as a senior at McAllen High School, was essential in making me understand what I wanted to do and to be.

The fact that Dad left us only a few weeks after Mom died is a tender confirmation of the love that they shared for seventy-two years: for them a life together was not just an option, but a vital necessity. That is why now I am smiling as I look at their photo (how beautiful, how happy they were) with tears in my eyes.

Farewell, Sparky, Farewell, Alma. You were so good, so special.

With much love, much gratitude and wonderful memories.

Roberto

roberto.toscano@hotmail.com

Roberto Toscano - September 04, 2016 at 10:10 AM

James Bass

“ Trev, Our sincerest condolences, we are so sorry for your families loss.



James Bass - September 03, 2016 at 09:33 PM

AB

“ Sparky told me that I would come over to their home when I was really young around 3 or 4 to visit them. They always made me feel at home as I wandered around the neighborhood. He said I would open the refrigerator to check out to see if they had any food to eat. One time I asked him, "Can't you afford any food?" He would always get a big laugh out of that question and he reminded me of it throughout my life. Almie always enjoyed showing me her lovely mementos and shared the stories about them. She had beautiful taste and their home was always so lovely. I always liked to visit them and the Sparks always welcomed me inside their beautiful home and treated me with such kindness. Sending much love to them in heaven.

ANN BEARDSLEY - September 03, 2016 at 12:39 AM

BH

“ To all the Sparks family, My sincerest condolences! I have known RT as long as I can remember and have very fond memories of going to visit him with my dad at the auto lot. Again, I am so sorry for your loss. Bobby Hooker

Bobby Hooker - September 02, 2016 at 05:12 PM

MB

“ Pat and I are very sorry for your loss. He memory will be a blessing.

Mike Blum - September 02, 2016 at 01:00 PM

PE

“ Katherine Eichorn was added to the Family Tree.

Paul Eichorn - September 02, 2016 at 11:08 AM

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“ Robert Eichorn was added to the Family Tree.

Paul Eichorn - September 02, 2016 at 11:07 AM

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“ Tiffany Castillo was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Nathaniel Shaovalov was added to the Family Tree.

Paul Eichorn - September 02, 2016 at 11:06 AM

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“ Gregory Shaovalov was added to the Family Tree.

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“ John Staudt was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Nicole Eichorn was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Lisl Staudt was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Kristen Eichorn was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Maura Eichorn was added to the Family Tree.*

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PE

“ *Trev Sparks was added to the Family Tree.*

Paul Eichorn - September 02, 2016 at 10:58 AM

SM

“ *Losing RT is nothing easy and being around him most of my life and knowing that I have been able to be a part of the life of that person, I realize that I am blessed to have been able to share in his life before he went to rest in eternal salvation. My deepest condolences and Love to the Sparks Family. Steve Markham*

Steve Markham - September 02, 2016 at 10:55 AM

DN

“ *Sincerest condolences to Trev and Family. R.T. was a smart, funny, and loving person.*

Deanna Neuberg and Family

Deanna Neuberg - September 02, 2016 at 10:38 AM