

Remembering the life of....

Thomas F. Sparks, Sr., 84 years, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2019 at his residence at Bethany Homes in Fargo, ND. No longer suffering from Parkinson's disease and reunited with his sweet Betty dear and home with The Lord.

Tom was born on January 30, 1935 to Jack and Grace (Barsell) Sparks in Omaha, NE. He was raised in Omaha, Chicago, and Kansas City. He graduated from Southeast High School in Kansas City, MO.

In 1953, Tom was united in marriage to Betty (West) in Blackwell, OK. They lived in South Chicago, Omaha, Missouri, and North Dakota. He worked at Armour & Co, Jones Beef, IBP, and American Beef. In 1987, Tom was the founder of Burger Time in Fargo, ND which was the home of the 'Bigger Burger.' He retired in 2002 in Fargo, ND. He enjoyed drag racing and belonged to the NHRA and the Midwest Wild Bunch.

He is survived by his children Gary Rustin and Thomas Sparks, Jr. His grandchildren Kailee (Sparks) Blessum, Brady Sparks, Jacob Sparks, Kaitlin Sparks, Allison Sparks, Matthew Rustin and Sara Watts. His great grandchildren Ayden Blessum, Marlee Blessum, Cody Sparks, Orianna Watts, Brayden Watts, Ervin Watts, Lilith Rustin, and Deacon Rustin. He is survived by his siblings Bill Sparks, Mary Ann Cox, and Lynn Shaw. Also survived by his sisters-in-law Dorothy Sparks and Edna Tanton.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jack Sparks, son Timothy Sparks, and wife Betty (West) Sparks.

Tom touched so many lives and sang his praise for Jesus everywhere he went. He loved his Betty dear, his family, and his friends dearly. His favorite sayings were "Happy Day" and "Jesus Loves You." He was such a blessing and a mentor to many people. He wants us all to celebrate his life.



IN LOVING MEMORY

HIS BOOK

WHEN TROUBLED AND IN DOUBT
GO TO HIS WORD AND FIND OUT
YOU WILL FIND THE TRUTH IN HIS BOOK
IF YOU WILL ONLY TAKE A LOOK
THE WORLDS ARE PURE YOU SEE
GIVEN BY GOD FOR YOU AND ME
SOME WILL HAVE IT BY THEIR BED
THOUGH IT SITS THERE STILL UNREAD
HIS BOOK TELLS OF HIS SON HE SENT
TO SAVE THIS WORLD THAT IS HELL BENT
UPON THE CROSS HE BLED AND DIED
THAT IN OUR HEARTS HE COULD RESIDE
IF WE WOULD ONLY LET HIM IN
TO TAKE UPON HIMSELF OUR SIN
JESUS LOVES US

- TOM SPARKS

THE CALL

THE CALL WAS MADE FOR CALVARY HILL
A CALL SO SHRILL THE WORLD STOOD STILL
THE LONESOME CALL OF A SON FORSAKEN
TO A WORLD IN SIN OVERTAKEN
THE SACRIFICE OF GOD'S ONLY SON
UPON A CROSS THE WAR WAS WON
THE SON ALONE ON HIS WAY TO HELL
TO PROCLAIM THE VICTORY OF HIS FATHERS WILL
HE RAISED A LIFE FOR YOU AND ME
ORDAINED BY GOD FOR THE WORLD TO SEE
THE FREE GIFT OF GOD
JESUS LOVES US

- TOM SPARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THOMAS F. SPARKS



CELEBRATION OF LIFE CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019 - 11 A.M.

PASTOR TIMOTHY RILEY - BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, DETROIT LAKES, MN

PASTOR GLENN KNUDSON - CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH, FARGO, ND

PIANIST - ROBERTA KNUDSON

SOLOIST - DAVID EHLERS

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC: "HOW GREAT THOU ART" No. 111

SCRIPTURE: BY BRADY SPARKS

SOLO MUSIC: "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" BY DAVID EHLERS

SHARING: PASTOR RILEY

SOLO MUSIC: "IT IS FINISHED" BY PASTOR KNUDSON

SHARING MEMORIES: BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC: "JESUS LOVES ME" No. 423

SHARING: BY PASTOR KNUDSON

SOLO MUSIC: "GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN" BY DAVID EHLERS

CLOSING PRAYER: PASTOR KNUDSON

INVITATION FOR FELLOWSHIP AND MEAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

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