



Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks

March 31, 1937 - February 2, 2026

Graveside services for Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks, 88, of Henderson, will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at County Line Cemetery with Rev. Dwain Knight officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends before and after the service at the cemetery on Thursday.

Mr. Sparks passed from this life on February 2, 2026, in Henderson. He was born March 31, 1937, in Dotson to the late Eddie and Clemmie (Hardy) Sparks and was raised in the Dotson community. He spent most all of his life in Rusk County where he was an owner-operator truck driver. Mr. Sparks was a remarkable man and spent 30 years with C & H Trucking LLC and 25 years with Bekins Van Lines where he transported government freight and was highly decorated. He received the Truck Driver of the Year and Driver of the Month award many times throughout his career. Additionally, he was awarded Oilfield Hauler of the Year. LaVender was known as "Spark Plug" on the road and was also known for washing his truck religiously. In his spare time, he was an avid bird hunter and fisherman and always had music playing on the radio in his truck.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Oneita

Davis and Nelda Burch.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years Wanda Sparks of Henderson; children Rick Sparks and wife Rose of Henderson, Donna Sparks of New Boston, and Robert Sparks and wife Paula of Henderson; brother James Sparks of Carthage; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jacob Sparks, Kincade Temple, Trevor Still, and Jeffery Fredenburg.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

County Line Cemetery

12138 FM-1971
Timpson, TX 75975

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 5. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ Joy Pyle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks



Joy Pyle - February 08 at 07:12 PM

RE

“ Robert & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks



Robert & Dianne Everitt - February 04 at 05:45 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Wallace LaVender Sparks



Gary Wilkerson - February 04 at 01:01 PM

GK

“ Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Wallace LaVender Sparks



Gene Kelsey - February 04 at 07:36 AM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Wallace LaVender Sparks



Gary Wilkerson - February 03 at 11:31 PM

LM

“ Lorie Melton lit a candle in memory of Wallace LaVender Sparks



Lorie Melton - February 03 at 09:31 PM

LM

“ I remember him as a kind and respectful man my Daddy and Mr LaVender drove for C and H trucking company and became friends with him and I can remember my momma and daddy visiting them and we all become good friends. Robert you are very special to me and I am so sorry for your and your mom lost. You all are in my prayers ❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

Lorie Melton - February 03 at 09:30 PM

JC

“ Jeanna Clark-Sparks lit a candle in memory of Wallace LaVender Sparks



Jeanna Clark-Sparks - February 03 at 09:12 PM

BG

“ *Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - February 03 at 08:43 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of
Wallace LaVender Sparks*



Suzanne Cross - February 03 at 08:28 PM

LG

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Please let us know if you need
anything.
Much love,
Greg and Leesa Green*

Leesa Green - February 03 at 07:27 PM

BF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to each of you.
Mother(LaNelle Hardy Blount) has such precious memories of her
East Texas family
All our love & prayers to you,
LaNelle Hardy Blount, Keith Blount & family
and Barbara Flowers & family*

Barbara Flowers - February 03 at 06:56 PM

FH

“ Sorry for your loss.
Chad, Freida, and Ashley Holland



Freida Holland - February 03 at 06:41 PM

JC

“ Jeanna Clark-Sparks lit a candle in memory
of Wallace LaVender Sparks



Jeanna Clark-Sparks - February 03 at 04:46 PM

EG

“ Ellie Glenn lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Wallace LaVender Sparks



Ellie Glenn - February 03 at 09:59 AM

AG

“ Alvin & Ann Green lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks



Alvin & Ann Green - February 03 at 07:14 AM

JB

“ Joe Dan & Margaret Green Brown lit a candle
in memory of Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks



Joe Dan & Margaret Green Brown - February 03 at 07:13 AM

TB

“ Sorry for your loss.



Toni Barton - February 02 at 08:23 PM

TG

“ Tonya Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Wallace LaVender Sparks



Tonya Graham - February 02 at 05:34 PM

SH

“ Sara Hancock lit a candle in memory of
Wallace LaVender Sparks



Sara Hancock - February 02 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ Jessica *STILL* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks



Jessica STILL - February 02 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ Rick Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace LaVender Sparks



Rick Sparks - February 02 at 10:38 AM