



Russell Sparks

January 31, 1921 - November 3, 2012

Russell Sparks, 91 of Solsberry, IN passed away at his residence Saturday November 3, 2012. He was born January 31, 1921 in Bloomfield, IN to William and Edna (Warren) Sparks. Russell graduated from Scotland High School in 1939. He was a US Army veteran of World War II. Russell retired from the Indiana University Mail Service after 35 years. He also worked 50 years with the IU Athletic Department as a head usher for football and basketball games. He was also an avid gardener.

Surviving family members include his wife: Joyce (Kelley) Sparks, married July 22, 1944, and celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary this summer. Children include, Terry Sparks and his wife Myra of Solsberry, IN, Cathy Fox and her husband Steve of Solsberry, IN; grandchildren, Tara Sparks and her husband John of Goshen, IN., Lyndsey Berrong and her husband Jason of Rockport, IN, Rusty Fox of Solsberry, IN; great-grandchildren, Myles Sparks and Bella Berrong.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers.

A private graveside service will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at Valhalla Memory Gardens. The service will be officiated by Minister Ray New.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to the American Red Cross.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends may send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

BA

“ I will never forget Russell, he was the best neighbor anyone could ask for. I will never forget seeing him put corn in the trees for the squirrels and coming over to give my horse apples while my papaw built a fence at his house. Russell was so sweet by sharing food from his beautiful garden and making sure us girls Tara, Lyndsey, and I were safe while riding our bicycles up and down the street. Those are the best memories I have!! Russell will truly be missed, but he is now a very special angel :) Love to you all and I miss the family.

Bekki (Brinegar) Acton - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

PH

“ dear joyce and family,lee I."joe"(my father),bob and john stone and their familys wish you their sympathies on the passing of russell.he was a great friend and classmate. we always enjoyed visiting with him at the i.u. ballgames from the early 70's till his retirement.

perry and helen stone - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

MA

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Russell was a friend and co-worker. My thoughts are with you.

mark

Mark Bowman - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

DR

“ Dear Joyce, Terry, Cathy and all - My sympathies in loosing Russell - husband, father, grandpa, master gardener. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry no pain be any more. The former things have passed away." Rev. 21:4 - how we await this future promise.
Diana

Diana McGuire - Reynolds - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

LI

“ Joyce, Terry, Cathy, and Family, my sympathies over the passing of Russell. I have fond memories of visting when I was a child with my parents with Joyce and Russell playing Monoply and Rook, having pizza, etc. Those are what I call warm and fuzzy memories.

Linda Johnston Davis

Linda Davis - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM