



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

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 - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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 - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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 - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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 - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM