



## Michael Lee Sparks

June 24, 1957 - August 5, 2020

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RACINE - Michael Lee Sparks, 63, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 surrounded by his family.

He was born in Racine on June 24, 1957, the son of the late Harold and Ella (nee: Beckman) Sparks. Mike was a graduate of J.I. Case High School. In 1974, he proudly joined the United States Marine Corp, serving as Corporal until 1978. Mike was united in marriage to Kristi Young at Wustum Museum on August 3, 1985, recently celebrating their 35th anniversary.

He worked for Derse Exhibits as a warehouse manager for 22 years. Mike was a member of Castle Rock Boat Club. He enjoyed going to the cabin up north, fishing, and hunting. He loved his cats, but most of all, loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

He will be missed by his wife, Kristi, daughter, Jessica (Matt) Kloskey, son, Timothy (Kristen) Sparks; grandchildren, Mason "Muscle Boy" and Nolan Kloskey, and Madelyn Sparks; siblings, Robert (Lynne) Sparks, Nancy Hendren, Susan (Charles) Kuiper, Sally Ackerman, Judy (Scott) Barrows, Marie (Lance) Buchta, and Wallace (Janie) Sparks, brother-in-law, James Pawlak and best friend, John Larson. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Pawlak.

A memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 12 p.m. with full Military Honors to follow. Visitation will take place

at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Mike's service will be webcasted on the funeral home website, beginning at 12 Noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the family to be used toward Mike's favorite charities would be appreciated.

Mike's family will forever be grateful to his sister Judy for giving him the gift of a longer life through her kidney donation. His family would also like to give a special thanks to the Northwestern Medical team for taking such great care of him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael Lee Sparks*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - August 07, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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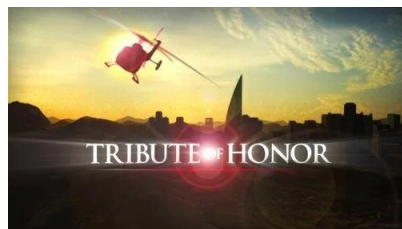
*I am so sorry for the entire Sparks family. I know how it feels to lose a loved one  
I grew up right down the road from him and he was like a little brother to me. Tears!*

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**Linda Otwaska** - August 09, 2020 at 08:37 PM

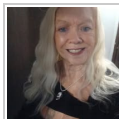


“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Lee Sparks*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - August 07, 2020 at 04:39 PM



*Beautiful Tribute to your life together. You had a wonderful life together always remember the Great times and your Love for each other. all my Love and Prayers Sis*

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**Sherry Young-Spicer** - August 08, 2020 at 12:28 PM

PJ

“ *Kristi my deepest heartfelt sympathy to you and the family. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss.*

Patty Jacobsen - August 07, 2020 at 05:23 PM



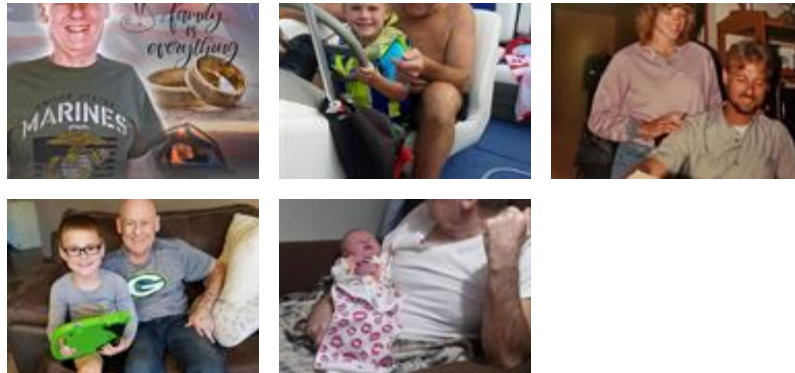
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Sparks.*



August 07, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *98 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - August 07, 2020 at 04:27 PM

KM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Such a long, winding road he traveled! May your memories of his love for you all provide some comfort in your time of grief.*

Karen Mahnke - August 07, 2020 at 01:39 PM

BS

“ Bill Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Lee Sparks.



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**Bill Smith** - August 07, 2020 at 10:37 AM

DK

“ I had met Mike way back, my late husband Bob "Buck" Simonsen had grown up 2gether. I remember meeting Kristi. We did alot 2gether, our lil group went camping, water rafting and just hanging out. It's been a lloongg time. Kristi I wish you peace

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**Dawn Kothe** - August 07, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ So sorry for my sister Kristi and her family. All my Love to all of you.



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**Sherry Young-Spicer** - August 06, 2020 at 06:58 PM

SY

“ Sherry Young-Spicer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael Lee Sparks.



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**Sherry Young-Spicer** - August 06, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Sparks.



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August 06, 2020 at 06:11 PM