



Rollie "Cleties" Sparks

August 19, 1937 - August 27, 2022

Rollie "Cleties" Sparks Jr., 85, of New Hartford, passed away Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Smyrna Cemetery (Pike County Road 494), Middletown, Missouri with Jeanie Gay officiating.

Cleties was born August 19, 1937 in Elsberry, Missouri to Rollie Cleties and Edna May Brown Sparks. He was united in marriage to Edna "Kay" Gay on November 30, 1963 in St. Clement Catholic Church. She survives.

Also surviving are sons, Jim Sparks and John Sparks, both of New Hartford; brother-in-law, Jim Gay (Jeanie) of Perry, Missouri; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cleties was preceded in death by his parents.

Cleties was born in the Elsberry, Missouri area and moved to the family farm in New Hartford at the age of 6. He lived in Bowling Green for a short time after marrying Kay, but moved back to the family farm in 1969 where he remained until his passing.

Cleties worked as a pipefitter for 27 years with Union Local #562, and also farmed the family farm with his family. He enjoyed tractor pulling, stock car racing, deer hunting, and racoon hunting. He also liked to watch NASCAR, with Carl Edwards being his favorite driver.

Pallbearers will be Gary Young, Scott Otis, Jim Gay, Joey Hamlet, Ron Kagy, and Scott Craig. Honorary pallbearers will be Ronnie McBride, Wayne Young, Dean Reid, and Ronnie Rose.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Smyrna Cemetery

New Hartford, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Services

AUG 31. 1:00 PM.

Smyrna Cemetery
New Hartford, MO

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Joyce Alaine Davis Ross lit a candle in memory of Rollie "Cleties" Sparks*



Joyce Alaine Davis Ross - August 31, 2022 at 06:29 PM

DL

“ *Dolores Lagemann lit a candle in memory of Rollie "Cleties" Sparks*



Dolores Lagemann - August 31, 2022 at 06:28 PM

ML

“ *Marijo Lagemann lit a candle in memory of Rollie "Cleties" Sparks*



Marijo Lagemann - August 31, 2022 at 06:27 PM

ML

“ As the oldest sibling in my family, I remember my great-aunt Edna Sparks and her son Cleties from dinners and get togethers, usually at my great-grandmother Nina Mae Brown's home. He and Kay also visited with my dad and stepmother Joe and Dolores Lagemann several times....I'm sure he and Daddy did some deer hunting together. Dolores and I both send our thoughts and prayers to Kay and her boys.

Marijo Lagemann - August 31, 2022 at 06:26 PM

RM

“ Fun, family and friends---the good old days of tractor pulling. Rest in peace "Sparky". Rodney and Muriel (Wiss) Martin and Family, Vandalia

Rodney Martin - August 31, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rollie "Cleties" Sparks.



August 30, 2022 at 12:54 PM

HW

“ Harriett Worrell lit a candle in memory of Rollie "Cleties" Sparks



Harriett Worrell - August 30, 2022 at 07:56 AM

BP

“ There are so many memories we share just
Rest In Peace buddy!



Bill Picton - August 29, 2022 at 07:25 PM

BT

“ We are sorry for your loss. Cleties and Dad had some good times
coon hunting.

Bill and Sandra Traynor.

Bill and Sandra Traynor - August 29, 2022 at 05:36 PM

SE

“ Hugs and prayers from the Rick Ellis family



sherry ellis - August 29, 2022 at 04:02 PM

TD

“ Tom-Jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in
memory of Rollie "Cleties" Sparks



Tom-Jean Dempsey - August 29, 2022 at 03:28 PM