



John W. Sparks

March 29, 2014

John W. "Papaw" Sparks, 88 of Ringgold, Georgia departed this life Saturday, March 29, 2014 at his home. He was born in DeKalb County, Alabama to the late Rev. R.R. Sparks & Laura Kay Meeks. John retired from ET & WNC/Red Ball Motor Freight, Chattanooga Police Auxiliary, and Teamsters Local 515. He served in the United States Army during WWII and was of the Baptist Faith.

He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Orlean Shaw, great grandson, Gabriel Dickerson, and son-in-law, James "Jr" Kilgore.

Survivors include his loving wife of 50 years, Betty Sparks, children, Donna (Mike) Farmer, Debbie (Jimmy) Dickerson, Gail Kilgore, Johnny Young, Rickey Cope, John (Cindy) Sparks, Johnny Cope, beloved grandsons, Drs. Robert (Lora) Hutcherson, Josh Hutcherson, 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in the chapel with Rev. James Helton officiating. Interment will follow in Lakewood Memory Gardens-East. Family will receive friends from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM Monday, and prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes-Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty, Ricky, and Johnny,*

I am so sorry about your loss. I know he will be missed by everyone and I know

Johnny is going to have a hard time. Please let me know if I can help in any way. Keeping you all in my prayers.

Danielle pickett - ringgold, GA - friend - March 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM