



William Leonard "W.L." Sparkman

October 13, 1929 - July 13, 2013

William Lenord "W.L." Sparkman, 83 of Arab died Saturday, July 13, 2013 in Hospice of Marshall County Shepherd's Cove.

Mr. Sparkman was born October 13, 1929 in Saulsbury, Tennessee the son of James Leonard Sparkman and Annie Goddard Sparkman. He was a member of Arab First Baptist Church, Deacon Emeritus, a former Church Clerk and taught Sunday School Class at Arab First Baptist Church. He served in the Tennessee National Guards and was retired Civil Service, Department of the Army, Redstone Arsenal. He and the former Sara B. McQuiston were married 54 years and have resided here in Arab since 1961

He is survived by his wife: Sara Sparkman of Arab; a daughter: Beth Baker of Huntsville; two grandchildren: Wes Baker and Tara Baker Guin (Tyler); a brother and sister-in-law: Ralph and Jan Sparkman of Memphis, Tennessee and a sister-in-law: Betty Sparkman; preceded in death by his parents: James L. and Annie Sparkman and a brother: James Henry Sparkman.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday July 16, 2013 at Arab First Baptist Church Dr. Paul Murphy, officiating.

Graveside committal and burial will take place in Atoka, Tennessee at 12 noon on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 in Salem Associate Reformed Presbyterian

Church Cemetery with Reverend Bryson McQuiston and Dr. Glen Putnam officiating, Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Local Pallbearers will be Wes Baker, David Cobb, Vernon Glass, Jack Hamilton, Fred Jones and Ronnie Shumate; Honorary Pallbearers will be the Deacons of Arab First Baptist Church and W. E. Bynum, Gary Patrick and Jerrell Smalley.

Other Pallbearers in Tennessee will be Wes Baker, Charlie McQuiston, Dayton O'Brien, Drew O'Brien, Doug Sparkman, Karl Sparkman and Price Sparkman.

Visitation will be from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 16, 2013 at Arab First Baptist Church.

In Lieu of Flowers please make donations to Arab First Baptist church or to Hospice of Marshall County Shepherd's Cove in Memory of William Lenord "W.L." Sparkman.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab First Baptist Church
502 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Service

JUL 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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502 North Main Street
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Tribute Wall

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“ Sara and Beth,
W.L. will be remembered by us as a servant of the Lord. What
greater honor can a man behold!
Jim and Joann Lowery

Jim and JoAnn Lowery - July 16, 2013 at 08:59 AM

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“ Mrs. Sparkman and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I am beyond blessed
to have had the opportunity to get to be a part of your lives. You two
are one of the sweetest couples that I have ever met. If there is
anything that I can ever do please don't hesitate to let me know.
May Jesus wrap His loving arms around each of you.
Much love and prayers always,
Shani Whitmore

Shani Whitmore - July 15, 2013 at 09:01 AM