**Sparks, Thurman 'Sparky'** | 1936-2011 *Published Thursday, June 30, 2011* 



Funeral for Thurman "Sparky" Sparks, 74, of Bridgeport was June 27 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with the Rev. Gary Sessions officiating. Burial followed at Chico Cemetery.

Sparks died Saturday, June 25, 2011, in Bridgeport.

Born Oct. 16, 1936, in Chico to Robert and Clara (Boyd) Sparks, he owned Sparks Fina in Bridgeport. He married Mary Sue Murray March 21, 1979, in Bridgeport. Sparks was preceded in death by his wife.

He is survived by sons David Sparks and wife, Marilyn, of Peaster, Robert Sparks of Chico and William Sparks Jr. of Bridgeport; daughters Teresa Yates and husband, David, of Bridgeport, Loretta Vess and husband, Royce, of Boyd and Patricia Taylor and husband, Allen, of Bridgeport; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother Larry Sparks and wife, Mary Lou, of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were David Sparks, Robert Sparks, William Sparks, Royce Vess, David Yates, Allen Taylor, Michael Sparks and Jared Sparks