

Bill Foster Sparks | 1930-2015

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Bill Foster Sparks, 84, died Saturday, July 18, 2015, in Paradise.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with Eddie Milligan and Ray Cobb officiating. Burial will follow in Garvin Cemetery.

Visitation is 9-10 a.m. Wednesday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Josh Wheeler, Ricky Crippen, Jacob Kennedy, Brad Lemke, Ross Kennedy, Brayden Chatham, Matt Wheeler and Troy Chatham.

Bill was born Oct. 23, 1930, to Manley and Beulah (McDougal) Sparks in Krebs, Okla. He married Maxine Carroll June 26, 1982 in Sherman, Texas. He was a contracts administrator with Menasco Aerosystems and retired after 35 years. He was also a member of Grace Baptist Church, a volunteer firefighter with the River Oaks Fire Department and former mayor of Marshall Creek. Bill was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; son, Scott Michael Sparks; infant son, Ricky Lee Sparks; and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Maxine Sparks of Paradise; daughters, Debbie Wheeler of St. Louis, Mo., Karen Chatham and Kristi Kennedy of Paradise; son, Scot Kennedy of Plano; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; brothers, John Sparks of McAlester, Okla. and Verlon Sparks and wife Jo of San Antonio; other family members and a host of friends.