## Sparks, Norman Neil | 1934-2017

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Norman Sparks

Norman Neil Sparks, 83, of Boyd, died Friday, June 23, 2017, in Boyd.

Graveside service is 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

Visitation is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Aria Cremation Service and Funeral Homes in Irving.

Norman was born March 24, 1934, in Friars Point, Miss. He married Linda Louise Sparks Nov. 2, 1981.

Norman was proud to serve our country in the Navy, and then as a police officer in Long Beach, Calif. He attended Long Beach City College and retired from the Internal Revenue Service. He loved his family, enjoyed hunting and fishing in his younger years and had a love for animals – especially his standard poodle Beauson III.

Many people called him "Sparkie." He was at peace with the Lord at the time of death. He was a Mason.

Norman was preceded in death by his mother, Pearlie Mae Knight Hudson; father Vernon Sparks; and sisters Dorothy (Dotty) Hancock and Betty Sparks Warbritton.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Brenda Sparks Minix and husband, Tim, Marie Garza and Tammy Lynn Shank; grandchildren Troy A. Minix, Amy N. Minix and Ryan T. Thompson; and sister Kay Sparks Littrell.