



In Loving Memory

Stephen Jay "Steve" Sparks

May 15, 1958 - February 19, 2026



Memorial Service

2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 28, 2026

Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC

Officiants: Reverend Lee Roy Pittard III, Reverend Patrick Whaley

Musician: Lee Davis Vocalists: Cindy Baum, Paula Davis, Mila Guthrie

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

THE WORD OF GRACE

GREETING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-6

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessed Assurance"

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:4

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4:6-8

WORDS OF HOPE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

WORDS FROM THE FAMILY

Alyson Sparks

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.*

Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Home"

COMMENDATION

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Stephen Jay "Steve" Sparks, 67, of Harkers Island, NC, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, February 19, 2026, from complications of ALS.

Steve was a loving and devoted husband, father, big brother, and friend, whose greatest pride and joy were his two sons and beautiful granddaughters.

Steve was born on May 15, 1958, in Killen, Texas, to Frank and Jewel Sparks. The family returned to Rocky Mount, NC shortly after his birth where he spent the majority of his childhood. He attended Lees McCrae College and NC State University.

He was predeceased by his father, Frank J. Sparks, his mother, Jewel Pearce Britt, and step-father Henry Mayo Britt, Junior.

Steve is survived by his wife "Kimberly Anne" of 47 years; son Joseph (Alyson) and their daughter Sutton Grace; son Adam (Crystal) and their daughters Gracelynn and Ashtynn; his sisters Marti Sparks Brown (Chris) and Jill Sparks Hilliard (Wink); nephews Britt Brown (Audrey), Hunter Brown (fiancée Sydney Hill), and William Pittman; niece Grey Pittman; and brother-in-law Andy Lockamy (Patricia) and their children Courtney, Michael, and Erin.

Steve spent his professional life in facilities management at NC Wesleyan College, Louisburg College, and retired as Vice-President of Facilities and Operations at Carteret Community College. At each of these colleges, Steve always gave one hundred percent of himself to tackle every challenge before him, often with limited resources, in order to leave things better than he found them.

As the dad of two very active boys, Steve found great joy in helping them pursue their interests of football, baseball, soccer, and golf. Steve spent many years on the field coaching youth sports, and touched the lives of many young athletes. Helping others develop their skills, knowledge, and love of the game was always the priority for Steve.

Steve also loved spending time outdoors in God's beautiful creation with his sons. They enjoyed deer and duck hunting, whether on the family farm or at Brinkleyville Hunting Club, where Steve was a member for more than 30 years. If he wasn't hunting, it was always time to go fishing. Steve loved being on the water; whether offshore or inshore, he was always game for either. Often the friends of Joseph and Adam could be found hunting and fishing with Steve as well. Steve was passionate about sharing his knowledge of the outdoors with others.

Steve's love of fishing, and of the serenity of being on the water, is why he wanted to live on the coast. Practically every weekend (unless it was hunting season), for the past 25+ years, Steve spent his time at Harkers Island. He loved this island and the peacefulness he felt when he was here. It also brought many new and wonderful friends into his life. Before his illness, he was able to fulfill his dream of building a home and officially becoming a Harkers Island resident. Although ultimately he could not enjoy his Harkers Island home in the way he had planned, he was so happy to be here.

Steve showed remarkable courage and strength in his battle with ALS over the last 23 months, never allowing it to defeat him or his spirit. With each progression of the disease Steve would always identify a new plan for how things could be managed; he was a natural born problem solver.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions in Steve's memory be made to ALS United NC, 3733 National Drive, Suite 124, Raleigh, NC 27612 or to a charity of your choice.

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.

*Thank you for being here today to celebrate the life of Steve.
Your kind words and many gestures of sympathy
have been a source of strength and comfort.
We are deeply grateful for the love and support
that you have shown our family.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.*



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