



## Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks

November 18, 1955 - October 16, 2020

Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks was born on November 18, 1955 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Donald and Norma (Cunningham) Rolland. Diana departed this earth on Friday, October 16, 2020 in Muskogee, Oklahoma at the age of 64. Diana grew up in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma and as the oldest of eight children, she spent her youth helping her parents care for her younger brothers and sisters, chasing cats into hayfields with a lit match, and coercing her little siblings into many other shenanigans. Diana attended Fort Gibson High School and graduated in 1975. She married Jimmy Sparks on December 6, 1975, and made their home in Fort Gibson, where they filled their home with love, laughter and three children, one daughter and two sons. She earned her Associates Degree from Bacone College in Muskogee. Diana worked for Oklahoma School Supply for several years in the 1980's, and later as a clerk for W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 2017. Diana was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson, where she was a Sunday School teacher. She also spent many years volunteering her time to cook at the Kiamichi Church Camp. Diana and Jimmy spent many weeks road tripping across the country to visit various State and National Parks. She enjoyed camping, cooking, and rodeos, but her favorite pastime was spending time with her grandkids and family. She enjoyed spoiling each and every one of her grandchildren and attended every FFA event, soccer, softball, football, baseball, and basketball game, cross country and wrestling match that her grandkids were involved in. Diana held steadfast to her faith in the Lord and

instilled in her family the love of Jesus Christ.

Diana is survived by her husband, Jimmy, of the home, her daughter and two sons, Jaime Simmons and husband, Troy; Greg Sparks and wife, Peggy; and Jared Sparks and wife, Krissa, all of Fort Gibson, OK; grandchildren, Taylor Sparks, Isabella Nunez, Madelyn Cook, Madison Cook, Audrey Sparks, Andrew Sparks, Santana Nunez, Liliana Perez, Cash Sparks, and Ava Sparks; siblings, Pam Easton and husband David Holeman of Gore, OK, W. David Rolland of Fort Gibson, OK, Sammy Rolland and wife Malinda of Gore, OK, Tammy Williamson and husband Charles of Gore, OK, and Scott Rolland and friend Cindy Tackett of Muskogee, OK; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Diana was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charley and Leona Rolland and James David "Shorty" and Jessie Cunningham; her parents; two brothers, Terry Rolland and James Rolland; one nephew, Christopher Rolland, and one great nephew, Zachary Fry.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends 5PM-7PM.

A celebration of Diana's life will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 1pm at the First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson, OK with Tony Shaw officiating. Pall bearers for Diana will be Andrew Sparks, Santana Nunez, Cash Sparks, W. David Rolland, Sammy Rolland, and Scott Rolland.

The family of Diana Lynn Sparks has entrusted her care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
304 E Hickory  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *I just seen this, but I'm so sorry I wasn't told about it! I remember all of the summer's we had together at Granny's & Pappy's. I already know that I'll miss you forever! Love you Cuz!*

Ronn Rilland - June 02, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Nancy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks*



Nancy Thomas - December 05, 2020 at 11:52 PM

CW

“ It is with much sadness that I share my most heartfelt sympathies to all who knew and loved Diana. Even though I did not know her, I attended school with and had the good fortune of knowing Jimmy. And many years later, I have had much pleasure knowing their daughter Jamie. She has lovingly treated my uncle and husband as their nurse at the Muskogee VA hospital clinic for many years. It is clear to me that she was raised by deep compassion, kindness and concerns for others in the dedication shown us and countless other veterans placed in her care. I can only imagine the positive impact her mother had on her ability to support others in their time of need. Jamie is a glowing example of how a mothers love shines brightly through her children. Wishing that same warm light can comfort and surround all her family and friends now. With love, Carolyn Cahoon Watts

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**Carolyn Watts** - October 24, 2020 at 06:21 AM



Beverly  
Ansoerge

“ Beverly Ansoerge lit a candle in memory of  
Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks



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**Beverly Ansoerge** - October 20, 2020 at 02:45 PM

GF

“ Gary and Terra Geraldts and Family purchased  
the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of  
Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.



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**Gary and Terra Geraldts and Family** - October 20, 2020 at  
01:54 PM



“ *Diana was very likeable lady. We have been friends a long time .She will be greatly missed.*  
*Sheila Lynn Haughey*

Clifford Garrett - October 20, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.*



October 20, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *TONYA lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks*



TONYA - October 20, 2020 at 07:20 AM



“ *From Mike, Mary, Madelyn, Michelle and Brody purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.*



From Mike, Mary, Madelyn, Michelle and Brody - October 19, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.



October 19, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.



October 19, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *Adoring Heart* was purchased for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.



October 19, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *Mary J. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.



**Mary J.** - October 19, 2020 at 03:45 PM

MM

“ *Melissa Martin purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.*



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**Melissa Martin** - October 19, 2020 at 11:29 AM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks*



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**Eunice Brown** - October 18, 2020 at 03:51 PM

CB

“ *Hugs & love from Cathey Jennings Boyd & Vivian Jennings.*



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**cathey boyd** - October 18, 2020 at 03:16 PM

GF

“ *Gary and Gail and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.*



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**Gary and Gail and family** - October 18, 2020 at 02:35 PM

PN

“ Peggy Neal lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks



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**Peggy Neal** - October 18, 2020 at 02:17 PM

TR

“ Tracy Richardson lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks



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**Tracy Richardson** - October 18, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks.



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October 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM

SC

“ Sandra K Conn lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks



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**Sandra K Conn** - October 17, 2020 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ You will be soooo missed, my sweet friend. ❤️

Jacque Hobbs - October 16, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JB

“ Jeanie Beavers lit a candle in memory of  
Diana Lynn (Rolland) Sparks



Jeanie beavers - October 16, 2020 at 08:33 PM

NM

Gone to soon will be missed. Beautiful wings in heaven, no more pain.  
Love you

Nancy Martin - October 18, 2020 at 09:25 AM

ES

I am so sorry for your loss of this sweet lady and my friend. We have  
known Jimmy and Diane a long time. Always had a great visit with  
them. Will sure miss her sweet smile. May God comfort each of you.

Eddie Sevier - October 21, 2020 at 07:31 PM