



Jimmy Owens Sparrow

January 19, 1951 - June 6, 2023

Jimmy Owens Sparrow, 72, of Muskogee, was born January 19, 1951, in Tahlequah, OK to Everett and Lucy (Smith) Sparrow and peacefully passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Hospital in Muskogee with his loving family by his side. Jimmy's younger years were spent in Tahlequah and later moved to Lorraine, OH and lived with his sister, Katie and her family. He graduated from Lorraine High School and worked for Ford Motor Company while continuing his education in college. Jimmy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on January 5, 1970, in Cleveland, OH serving during Vietnam, and received an honorable discharge on May 24, 1972, in Kansas City, MO. On February 4, 1994, Jimmy married his love and best friend, Kathryn (Kathy) Becker, in Eureka Springs, AR and made their home in Muskogee. Jimmy went to work at Corning Glass until they closed. He started his career with the Veterans Administration, serving in many capacities from the Fort Gibson National Cemetery, mailroom at the VA, and finally as Lead Dispatcher for the VA Police. Jimmy spent a total of 27 plus years working at the VA. Jimmy enjoyed classic cars, fishing, all animals, riding motorcycles in his younger years, traveling, but spending quality time with his family was his greatest love. He was a proud member of the Cherokee Nation and being a part of the Wolf Clan. His love and devotion to his family was evident in everything he did. He is loved and will be missed by many.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Smith; sisters, Maggie Smith Flynn and Katie Smith Dickson; and his Granny Owens that raised Jim from birth until her passing when Jim was eight or nine years old. He loved her dearly.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kathryn of the home; son, Kevin Sparrow and wife Sara of Muskogee, OK; daughter, Jennie Salgado and husband David of Muskogee, OK; step-daughter, Sarah Young of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Dove Few and husband Kyle of Broken Arrow, OK; Esme Salgado of Muskogee, OK; Giovanni Salgado of Muskogee, OK; Avrey Sparrow and partner Jordan Thomas of Muskogee, OK; Gage Sparrow and wife Sierra of Muskogee, OK; Paige Sparrow of Anderson MO; Joshua Sparrow and wife Terin of Warner, OK; Jose Salgado of Muskogee, OK; Uriel Salgado of Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico; sister, Julie Cobb and husband Glenn of Muskogee, OK; brother, E (Big Boy) Sparrow of Muskogee, OK; special friend, Lynda Hill; special pets,

Gizzy, Jax, Chloe, and Chester; extended family and many friends.

A celebration of Jimmy's life will be held 10AM Monday, June 12, 2023, at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion with Brother Justin Kinman officiating. Full military honors will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, Jimmy's family request memorial contributions in Jimmy's name to PAWS, 4321 E Hayes Street, Muskogee, OK 74403, or Fur Babies, 2913 Azalea Park Drive, Muskogee, OK 74401/www.furbabiesadoptions.org, or Coins 4 Critters, PO Box 143, Muskogee, OK 74402.

The family of Jimmy Owens Sparrow has entrusted his care, cremation, and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee, OK. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for Jimmy's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

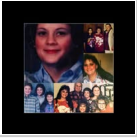
Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Tribute Wall



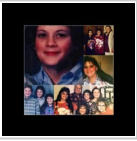
“ *My daddy will always be an amazing soul who will forever be in our hearts. He taught me how important family and the people that you love are in life. He showed me how to be strong and how to be there for the ones that you love. I've learned from him that you have to live, learn, love, and grow in life within a world that is imperfect. He never stopped loving, caring, and growing. Through the years I've been so proud of all the many ways he changed to be a better person. I'm proud that he was my father, I was always daddy's little girl. We had a relationship that was strong and full of hope; a special bond that can never be broken. Fly high sweet angel!! I know you'll be waiting for me and I'll see you when I get there! I love you with all of my soul daddy!!*

G Salgado - June 09, 2023 at 06:24 PM

KS

Jim, my dear husband. I loved you so very much, and will love you forever into eternity. My heart aches for you. I hope and pray to see you in heaven one day. Our beloved pets and I considered you our bestest friend in the whole wide world. I always told you that, and I meant it.

Kathryn Sparrow - December 06, 2024 at 04:16 AM



“ *G Salgado lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Sparrow*



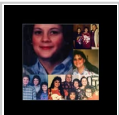
G Salgado - June 09, 2023 at 06:07 PM

LH

“ *I'm going to miss Jim driving Kathy and I to eat out and taking us out for my birthday so much. Jim loved his wife and family and their fur babies so much. He was a kind man, the world needs more men like Jim. Jim you are loved and missed so much. Fly high sweet friend.*



Lynda Hill - June 09, 2023 at 02:16 PM



Lynda, thank you for always being an amazing friend to my parents. You are a kind, sweet friend, and loving soul. Thank you for everything, we appreciate it so much and are lucky to have you be a part of our lives!!

G Salgado - June 09, 2023 at 06:27 PM

LH

Thank you for your kind words. Love you and your family so much.

Lynda Hill - June 10, 2023 at 05:09 PM

MC

“ *From Diane Cullum:*

My precious friend Kathy, I was saddened to here of Jim's passing. My heart breaks for you, and your family in this time of sorrow. When I would see Jim at work he was always kind and seemed to have a gentle spirit. I pray God will give you and your family comfort, and in time, heal your broken hearts as only He can do. Sending much love and prayers...

Melvin Cullum - June 09, 2023 at 01:54 PM

KS

Thank you dear friend. I miss him terribly.

Kathy Sparrow - June 10, 2023 at 10:24 PM

HE

“ *My condolences, Kathy...*



Heather - June 09, 2023 at 12:57 PM

MC

“ *Kathy, we are so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. He was so kind and considerate. Our prayers of comfort are with you and your family during this time. He will be missed. Semper Fi my friend!*

Melvin Cullum - June 09, 2023 at 12:56 PM

TP

“ *My heart breaks for you Kathy, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Tina*

Tina Pitts - June 08, 2023 at 04:29 PM

KS

Thank you Tina.

Kathy Sparrow - June 08, 2023 at 08:24 PM

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“ Karen Shaughnessy lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Sparrow



Karen Shaughnessy - June 08, 2023 at 03:35 PM

WH

“ Wanda Hudson lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Sparrow



Wanda Hudson - June 08, 2023 at 01:38 PM

WH

“ I worked with Jim and Kathy at the VAMC I always remembered Jim and Kathy being so kind ...especially to animals we share that same compassion and that is something that I truly admire in them. I remember Jim being so tall, kind and handsome...he will be dearly missed my heart goes out to Kathy and his family.

Wanda Hudson - June 08, 2023 at 01:30 PM

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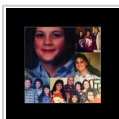


Kathy Sparrow - June 08, 2023 at 08:25 PM

KL

“ I worked at the VAMC with Jim's wife Kathy for several years. I knew Jim and always thought he was so kind. I was so happy when he and Kathy married, they were so good for each other! I am truly sorry for Kathy and the family. Prayers, comfort and love to my friend Kathy the family.

Kathie Lipe - June 07, 2023 at 11:56 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words. My daddy will be missed! Please continue to pray for our family. I remember when I first met you. You were always a sweet person. Thank you for being mom's; Kathy's friend and sending comfort to her!

G Salgado - June 08, 2023 at 09:03 AM

KS

Thank you Kathie.

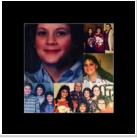
Kathy Sparrow - June 08, 2023 at 08:26 PM

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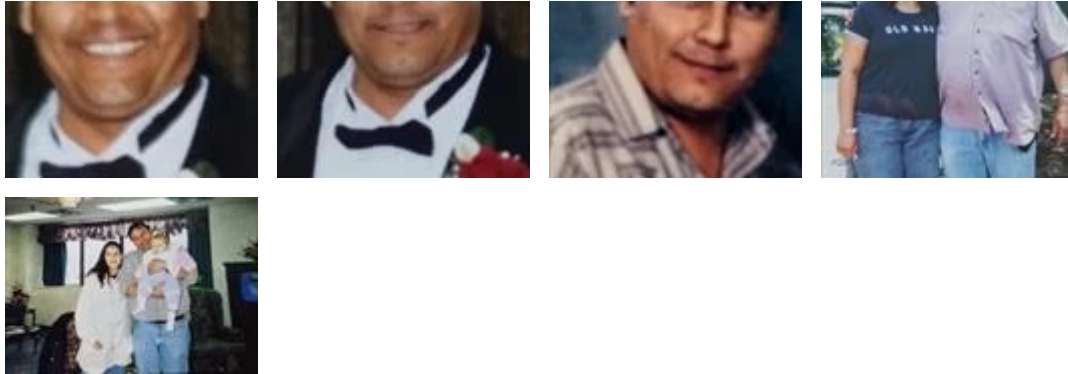
“ Kathie Lipe lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Sparrow



Kathie Lipe - June 07, 2023 at 11:50 PM



“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



G Salgado - June 07, 2023 at 11:09 PM

DF

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Dove Few - June 06, 2023 at 10:50 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Dove Few - June 06, 2023 at 10:49 PM

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Dove Few - June 06, 2023 at 10:43 PM

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Dove Few - June 06, 2023 at 02:04 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



cliff garrett - June 06, 2023 at 12:45 PM