



## Marvin 'Sparky' Earl Wilmoth

September 28, 1936 - February 11, 2023

Marvin "Sparky" Earl Wilmoth, 86, of Fort Gibson, OK was born September 28, 1936, in Atlanta, TX to John Robert and Drucilla "Dot" (Foster) Wilmoth and peacefully passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023, in Tahlequah, OK. In his final days, Sparky was surrounded by loving family members that included his daughter, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and loving friends.

Sparky joined the United States Coast Guard on June 20, 1950, in Dallas, TX and retired as a Lieutenant Commander with the U.S. Coast Guard on April 8, 1983, in Washington, D.C. After retiring from the military, he took a position as an engineer for Centri-Lift Hughes and Rockwell. Sparky enjoyed telling stories of his time serving our great nation and his experiences at sea.

On December 14, 1956, in Poulsbo, WA he married the love of his life, Beverly Joanne Chappell and together they shared 65 years of making precious memories together, she preceded him in death in December of 2022.

Jim Titley was always Sparky's best friend and golfing partner. They enjoyed many early morning rounds at golf courses in the area where Sparky became good at golf with a low handicap. Sparky enjoyed a good game of golf, hunting, fishing, and sports. His favorite football team being the OU Sooners (Boomer! Sooner!) with the occasional exception when OU played Texas his alma mater. Sparky and Joanne enjoyed wintering in Corpus Christi, TX and then enjoying family the rest of the year in Fort Gibson. Sparky leaves a legacy of Sparky's with his grandson Sparky Edwards and great-grandson Sparky Edwards, Jr. to carrying his name on.

A viewing will be 11AM-5PM Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at funeral home. A Celebration of Life will be 9:30AM Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel, Fort Gibson with best friend Jim Titley and brother Charles Gholson of Louisiana officiating.

Eddie Edwards, Sparky Edwards, Eddie Edwards, Jr., Clint Edwards, Jerrod Wilmoth, and Kendall Wilmoth serving as casket bearers. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery will full military honors.

The family of Marvin "Sparky" Earl Wilmoth has entrusted his care, service 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

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB **15.** 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

FEB **16.** 9:30 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar PO Box 1973  
FORT GIBSON, OK 74434  
fortgibsonfuneral@outlook.com

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Centuries & Hill Crest Funeral Homes purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Marvin 'Sparky' Earl Wilmoth.*



Centuries & Hill Crest Funeral Homes - February 14, 2023 at 03:55 PM

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“ *Grandpa Sparky was an amazing man and loved by so many! Thank you for your service to our country Grandpa. We love you, will miss you dearly and I will be there with you one day to tell you Coast Guard jokes from this ole Army Veteran that you inspired everyday. Love you*



Sparky Edwards - February 13, 2023 at 07:03 PM

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*They are missed in my heart.  
Made the biggest impact in my life. 🌹❤️ Sarah Emily Carlson*

Sarah Emily Carlson - December 08, 2023 at 10:43 PM

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*Thank you Sparky and Joann for saving my life.  
Rest in peace.  
Forever your love 🌹❤️ Sarah*

Sarah Emily Carlson - December 08, 2023 at 11:01 PM