



Delous Richard "Bill" Sparkman

August 12, 1927 - December 2, 2012

Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) Delous Richard Sparkman

Delous (Del) Sparkman, 85 of Crawfordville passed away Sunday, December 2, 2012 in Tallahassee.

Del was born August 12, 1927 in Medart, Florida to Thomas A. and Mary Colvin Sparkman. He graduated from Sopchoppy High School in 1944. He was a 26 year veteran of the United States Navy. He served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He enlisted as an E-1 and retired at the rank of O-4, Lt. Commander. He was also a deep sea diver for the U.S. Navy.

Del worked as Superintendent of Utilities at Florida State University; as Lead Preventive Maintenance Inspector for the Florida Bureau of Maintenance; as Maintenance Superintendent for Reynold Electrical Engineering Company, at the nuclear test site in Nevada; as Manager of the Engineering Division for EG&G, Inc. at NASA; and as Chief Mechanical Inspector for the City of Tallahassee; along with being a Private Inspector of mobile homes being moved.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Clara Raker Sparkman; son: Donnie R. Sparkman (Rita); grandsons: Tully Sparkman (Paula); Colby Sparkman (Megan); and Troy Sparkman (Lindsay); granddaughter, Kim Sanders (Andrew); five great-grandchildren; Hayden, Jackson, Walker, Brigham and Reese; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Dwane Sparkman.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday December 5th 2012 at 10 a.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville with interment at the Duggar Cemetery following the funeral services. (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com).

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32308 or Wakulla Shrine Club, P.O. BOX 994 Crawfordville, FL 32326.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville
5 Shadeville Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 926-3333

Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NA

“ *Clara & Donnie, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Nancy Strickland Allen

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