



Ritakay Marie Sparks

August 30, 1955 - December 28, 2017

Ritakay Marie Sparks, 62, of Nashville, Tennessee, formerly of Ozark, Arkansas, died December 28, 2017 in Nashville. She was a Social Assistant at Cass Job Corps in Ozark, Arkansas, and former Associate of Human Services at Arkansas Tech University in Ozark. She was a member of Abundant Life Fellowship Church. She was born August 30, 1955 in Ozark to Clemency “Clem” Rupert and Bonnie Evlyn Boren Stremmel. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Barbara Hutchison and Charlotte Chamberlin; and a brother, Tommy Hutchison.

She was survived by three daughters, Kimberly Dawn Sparks and Carmen Elizabeth Blair and husband Marshall, both of Nashville, Tennessee, and the late Rachael Evelyn Sparks of Denver, Colorado; a brother, Jimmy Hutchison of Lamar, Arkansas; and three grandchildren, Tristan James, Parker Elizabeth Grace, and Zoe Emerson Blair.

Memorial visitation will be held from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel in Ozark with Pastor Mike Pennington, Patricia Pennington and Jennifer Wright officiating.

Mass will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, April 13, 2018 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Altus, Arkansas, with Father Hugh Assenmacher officiating and for burial she will be placed with her father at St. Mary’s Cemetery under direction

of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

There will be a lunch at the Lawrence Hall following the service.

Honorary pallbearers are Kenith Delestine, Joe Lewis, Mickey Salazar, Prelo Harris, and her daughters, Kimberly and Carmen.

To leave online condolences visit our website: www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Altus, AR 72821

Previous Events

Visitation Memorial

APR **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
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Mass

APR **13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Altus, AR 72821

Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ritakay Marie Sparks*



Shaffer Funeral Home - April 08, 2018 at 09:48 PM

CC

A beautiful tribute.

Carol Cordell - April 11, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ *Ritakay Marie Sparks*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM

CC

“ *We will always remember the good times when Rita shared many holiday meals with the family at Deb's. She was a very positive woman, a hard working girl, and throughout even tough times put a smile on our face.*

Carol Cordell - April 11, 2018 at 11:15 PM

SB

“ *Shelly R. Biemel lit a candle in memory of Ritakay Marie Sparks*



Shelly R. Biemel - April 11, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ritakay Marie Sparks.*



April 11, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ritakay Marie Sparks.*



April 11, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ritakay Marie Sparks.*



April 11, 2018 at 04:43 PM

CW

“ It was a pleasure working with you at Area Agency on Aging, your love of our Lord was infectious and I so enjoyed our spiritual talks. Your beautiful smile and spirit will be missed. I'm confident you are walking those streets of Gold basking in the glory of God. Until we meet again.



Candace Wolfe - April 11, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ritakay Marie Sparks.



April 09, 2018 at 10:27 AM

KS

“ Aunt Rita, you were taken unfairly and too early from this world. May you be at peace now, you will always be remembered and thought about.



Kyle Sparks - April 09, 2018 at 05:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ritakay Marie Sparks.



April 09, 2018 at 05:02 AM

Lisa
Arnold

“ *Lisa Arnold lit a candle in memory of Ritakay Marie Sparks*



Lisa Arnold - April 08, 2018 at 09:50 PM

JH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss and send our love and prayers to all the family.*



Judy Huneycutt - April 08, 2018 at 02:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ritakay Marie Sparks.*



April 08, 2018 at 01:53 AM

LM

“ *I always thought Ritakay was a beautiful girl. She was always so nice and kind and I thought a lot of her. I remember the last time she visited Bill and I a few years back and she was so interested in the Boren family history. We miss her very much and send love to all her children and loved ones. She was a sweet cousin.*


Lynda Molton - April 07, 2018 at 09:03 PM

JF

“ *Joanne Fithian lit a candle in memory of Ritakay Marie Sparks*




Joanne Fithian - April 07, 2018 at 01:17 PM


Kimberly Sparks

“ *Kimberly Sparks lit a candle in memory of Ritakay Marie Sparks*



Kimberly Sparks - April 07, 2018 at 11:43 AM


Robyn Huebner

*I am so sorry for your family's lose. I didnt know Rita but just a few visits when she would come in the house when visiting Racheal when they were in town
She was a very Godly women. Kind and sweet. I know you will all miss her dearly.*

Robyn Huebner Gould - April 08, 2018 at 05:54 PM