



Mr. Walter Sparling

June 12, 1928 - November 9, 2013

Mr. Walter Sparling, age 85, of Burtchville Township, passed away on November 9, 2013. He was born June 12, 1928, in Goodells to the late Walter and Edna Sparling. He married Mary Lucille Nelms on May 19, 1947, in Belleville, Illinois.

He served in the Merchant Marines, followed by the U.S. Air Force. He was a longtime area real estate developer and a lifetime member of the Elks. As a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, his greatest joy was his family.

Walter is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lucille; children Judy (Dale) Miller, Wayne Sparling, Chuck (Diane) Sparling, John (Cathy Gaber) Sparling, Dolly (Fred) Gauvey, Greg (Julie) Sparling, Vicki (Scott) Turnbull, and Jeff (Mei-Mei) Sparling; grandchildren Bobby, Andy, Renee, Brent, Jason, Anna, Jennifer, Melissa, Jenna, Ryan, Jacqueline, Tiffany, Angela, Jaime, Chelsea, Alexa, Carrie, Matt, Dan, Joe; 17 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by sisters, Theola (Gerald) Pearson, Jean Jahn, and Shirley Houle.

He was preceded in death by siblings Babe, Evelyn, Orville, and Madelyn. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 in the First Baptist Church – 1814 Sanborn St., Port Huron. Pastor Dan Bakay will officiate. Burial will be in Burtchville Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Monday, November 11, 2013, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Ave. at 17th St., Port Huron, and again

Tuesday, from 10:00am until time of service at 11:00am, in the church.

Pallbearers will be Jason Sparling, Brent Miller, Dan, Matt, and Joe Turnbull, Ryan Gauvey, and Jaime Sparling.

St. Clair County Allied Veterans will conduct military honors.

Memorial tributes can be made to: Blue Water Hospice

View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Burtchville Twp. Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
1634 Lapeer Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060
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jowettfamily@comcast.net
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Service

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Tribute Wall

KF

“ *My sympathy to you, Judy & Dale and to all your family. We always enjoyed hearing the wonderful stories about you Dad. What a wonderful legacy you have from him.*

Kathy Frontz

Kathy Frontz - November 14, 2013 at 08:07 PM

DG

“ *We will always remember the love and guidance you gave us, Dad. You will be missed by ALL those who knew you. We love you always.*

Dolly Gauvey - November 13, 2013 at 06:36 AM

LB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Sparling Family. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Barb & Larry Brown*

Lorence & Barbara Brown - November 12, 2013 at 09:17 PM

DG

Thank you. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Dolly Gauvey - November 14, 2013 at 05:53 AM

SK

“ Jeff Sparling and family,

Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I had the opportunity to meet him a few times and I spent a little time with him when you, Bondo and I drove to Florida in 1984.

He was a great guy and a good man, I am thankful I had the opportunity to met him.

RIP Walt.

Scott Kurzweil

Scott Kurzweil - November 12, 2013 at 02:42 PM

DG

He was a good man, and we are glad you got to know him.

Dolly Gauvey - November 14, 2013 at 05:54 AM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Sparling family. Walter was my father's business partner and trusted friend for many, many years. He was a special man and I know he will be missed by all that were close to him. With all my love and support, Linda Bouchard*

Linda Bouchard - November 11, 2013 at 11:27 AM

DG

My dad thought the world of your dad, too. We appreciate your kind words.. God bless.

Dolly Gauvey - November 14, 2013 at 05:55 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter Sparling.*



November 11, 2013 at 10:52 AM



“ *I love you Grandpa! Watch over us from above like you watched over us down here.*
Anna

Anna Jamison - November 09, 2013 at 06:22 PM



To the whole Sparling Clan; Hope you know how very much all of you meant to me for so many many years. Thankfully I have wonderful memories of Walt and fam. from Port Huron to Clearwater. He was like a Father and a Mentor to me. But most of all, a friend. Love & Blessing, Darlene P. & boys

Darlene Peterson - November 11, 2013 at 07:17 AM



Thank you, Darlene and Anna. Dad was a great man.

Dolly Gauvey - November 14, 2013 at 05:56 AM