



## Chuck "Gpa" Sparks

June 11, 1949 - August 12, 2019

Chuck "Gpa" Sparks,

70, of Indianapolis, passed away August 12, 2019. He was born June 11, 1949 in Peoria, IL, to the late Lyle and Loretta Sparks. Chuck was a graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He was a pharmacist for CVS for many years, retiring in 2013. Chuck was a lifelong Boy Scout, Eagle Scout and Scout Master. He was a member of Rocklane Christian Church; and the Rocklane Riders and Chapter C Motorcycle Clubs. Chuck loved spending time with his family, was very involved in his grandchildren's lives and loved to travel.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Rd. with funeral services there Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Dana Townsend; sons, Chris (Ashley), Brandon (Nancy) and Travis (Shawnda) Sparks; and grandchildren, Austin, Kyan, Lola, Landon, Ceara, Gage, Quinn, Dexter, Braedan, Lydia, Ava and Hudson. Chuck was preceded in death by his former wife, Janet Sparks. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Franklin Central Wrestling Parents Club, 7307 Ponderosa Pines Place, Indianapolis, IN 46239.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Cemetery

7425 E Troy Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 15.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel  
3333 E. Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
(317) 783-3315  
[info@shirleybrothers.com](mailto:info@shirleybrothers.com)  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 16.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel  
3333 E. Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
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# Tribute Wall



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - August 21, 2019 at 02:31 PM

CW

“ Chuck has been my friend since 1992 when my oldest son joined Troop 107. He was a great role model and mentor for both of my sons and a mentor for me as I served as an adult leader through the years. Chuck had the unique gift of being able to inspire boys to excel in their Scouting and personal lives and develop leadership skills they didn't know they had. He had the same effect on adult leaders also. He will be missed greatly by all of us but we were all so blessed to have had him in our lives all the years. Take care my friend.

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**Charles Walters** - August 15, 2019 at 09:28 AM

FB

“ Chuck was instrumental in my adolescent development. He encouraged me to lead and taught me valuable skills. He was a kind man and I'll always remember his passion and drive to help turn us into better men. Sad to hear of this loss.

*Frank Baden*

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**Frank Baden** - August 14, 2019 at 10:43 AM

KT

“ Kathryn Teachout lit a candle in memory of Chuck "Gpa" Sparks



Kathryn Teachout - August 14, 2019 at 08:09 AM

BW

“ 1989 met Chuck, 1992 joined Chuck in Troop 107, 1993 &.95 @ LBL, 1996 to Philmont, 1998 Chuck & I became TAG II & TAG I, TOGETHER we have made our mission to mentor both Boys & Adults to live the Mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Oh, Chuck also “borrowed” my Gold Wing for a month before he bought his own Wing. May you always Be Prepared and keep the shiny side down. All my love brother. God bless. Bruce (TAG I) Karen Wallace  
xxx

Bruce Wallace - August 13, 2019 at 11:16 PM

JB

“ Janet Bolan lit a candle in memory of Chuck "Gpa" Sparks



Janet Bolan - August 13, 2019 at 10:38 PM

JB

Dana and family - you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Janet Bolan - August 13, 2019 at 10:39 PM

RW

“ *Randall A White purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Chuck "Gpa" Sparks.*



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**Randall A White** - August 13, 2019 at 05:44 PM

BM

“ *I became a scout leader in 1986, and as time went by I got to camp with Chuck and got to know Chuck a bit and I learned many many scouting things from him. Very sad to see his passing. Farewell to my brother scout as he goes on to the great unknown test.*

*Brian Murrey xxx  
Formerly of Troop 120 in Southport*

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**Brian Murrey** - August 13, 2019 at 01:57 PM

PS

*A Great Bohemian Beaver. A Good Old Beaver too. He's going to work his Ticket for the Great Scoutmaster in the Sky. Chuck will live on in all those Scouts that are better People for having been in their Lives*

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**Phil Sturm** - August 13, 2019 at 05:36 PM

TB

“ *The Crawford's: Juli, Nick, Brandi, Sara & Braedan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Chuck "Gpa" Sparks.*



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**The Crawford's: Juli, Nick, Brandi, Sara & Braedan** - August 13, 2019 at 01:52 PM