



## Catherine Ann Sparks

November 23, 1946 - October 17, 2023

Lafayette -

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 10:00 am at Cypress Funeral Home in Maurice for Catherine Ann Sparks, age 76, who passed away peacefully at Brookdale Assisted Living on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, in Lafayette.

Reverend Derek Weber will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 9:00 am until service time at Cypress Funeral Home in Maurice.

Catherine Ann Sparks was born on November 23, 1946, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and she was a longtime resident of Lafayette. Her priorities in life were always her faith and her grandchildren. Cathy had so much love for her children and grandchildren that she moved to every city where a new grandchild was born at some point to care for them. She served as a Lieutenant nurse in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and received several medals for her overseas service. That time served and Cathy's exposure to agent orange during the war caused most of her health issues but she battled them bravely over the years. No matter what kind of pain the days would bring her she was faithful in prayer and worried more

about others than herself. In Cathy's darkest moments, when fear and pain crippled her and she couldn't get out the words to say, she would always say Jesus and be comforted. She will be greatly missed by so many.

Catherine is survived by her children, Jeff Sparks (Yvette), Jennifer Mata (Raymond), and Justin Sparks (Aries); her grandchildren, Kara Sparks, Wade LeJeune, Gabriella Mata, William "Rudy" Rudell Sparks; her brother, Larry Carney (Loida); as well as her nieces, Lashell and Lindsey.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Rita Carney.

The family wishes to offer a heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Brookdale Senior Living and Hope Hospice; as well as The Pentecostals of Lafayette for the care and compassion they offered Catherine Ann Sparks and her family during her time of need.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that a tree be planted or donations be made in Catherine's name to a Veterans Charity of your choice.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory  
206 W. Lafayette St.  
Maurice, LA 70555  
(337) 740-3123  
director@cypressfunerals.com  
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## Memorial Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine Ann Sparks*



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**Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 07, 2023 at 09:36 AM

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“ *Lawrence E. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Ann Sparks.*

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**Lawrence E.** - November 02, 2023 at 04:07 PM

EB

“ *Cathy was my idol. Our mothers were sisters and our families spent a lot of time traveling back & forth between Ohio & Pennsylvania. When I was five I started spending summers at her house (only 2 weeks that first time) and she spent summers at our house with my sister. There was always plenty of overlap so that Cathy & I were like sisters as well. She had such beautiful style & taste. I was lucky to get her pristine hand-me-downs. I had already wanted to be a nurse, but her stories of nursing school sealed the deal for me. Even though I only saw her once as an adult, we talked on the phone and later with social media. She encouraged me through my breast cancer & I supported her through hers. I wish I could have done more. I'll always love her and miss her. I wish comfort for all her immediate & extended family.*

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**Elizabeth Buehrer** - November 02, 2023 at 02:45 PM

EA

“ Elizabeth A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Ann Sparks.

Elizabeth A. - October 30, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ Mom loved so hard. She loved her kids and grandkids so much. She even adopted our friends. When I was a kid our house and our table was always full of people not related to us, but family none the less. She just couldn't turn down a hungry kid or grandkid. She would be the first person to admit to someone that she had anxiety and depression but when I tell you she fought it and she fought hard. The second she knew someone was in need or suffering in some way worse than her it was a like a power rose up in her to fight and push aside her illness and help that person. For several years that person was me. I spent several years of pain and sickness and she tirelessly helped me thru until I no longer "needed" her help. Then just a few years ago she needed my help. I was honored to help care for her. My heart aches so badly that we didn't have longer with her, but she fought the good fight and she is celebrating with angels and is completely whole again.



Jennifer Mata - October 28, 2023 at 09:44 PM



So lovely, so true.

Larry-Loida Carney - October 30, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ Every now and then you meet someone that everyone likes. My sister, Cathy, was one of those people. She was my only sibling, my best friend, always there for me even though I lived halfway around the world. Almost daily we would chat. She would listen to me whether I was griping, bragging, or rambling. We were both Braves and Falcon fans and she would enjoy my updates when she could not watch a live game. She was a true Christian, praying for others in need. I know she's looking down on us now and continuing her prayers. Cathy, I know Messenger is quieter now without you, but I'm listening for your whispers. Rest in peace, my favorite sis!



Larry-Loida Carney - October 26, 2023 at 03:11 AM