



Joe Allan Sparkman

September 22, 1932 - May 15, 2025

Services for Joe Allan Sparkman, 92, of Whitehouse, Texas will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, 10:30 a.m., at First Baptist Church of Whitehouse with Dr. Tim Brown officiating. Burial will be held at Restland Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Sparkman passed away Thursday, May 15, 2025, in Whitehouse. He was born on September 22, 1932, in Childress, Texas to William Wesley Sparkman and Linnie D Love Sparkman. He graduated from Childress High School and had an athletic scholarship for Track and Field at Southern Methodist University. He graduated from SMU (BA) and University of North Texas (MA) with degrees in Marketing and in Management.

While a student and working part-time at the Sanger Brothers Department Store in Dallas, he met the love of his life, Genita Faye Rice. They eloped in 1955. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. He was a very active member of the Kiwanis Club in Midland and Irving, Texas, and he was a member of the Texas Speakers Bureau. He retired after 49 years of service with Humble/Esso/Enco/Exxon. Joe was an active member at First Baptist Church in Whitehouse, where he served in many roles.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Doris Marsalis and Lois Childs, and his brothers Archie and Willie. He is survived by his loving family

including his wife of 70 years, Genita Sparkman; his children Teresa Sparkman (Steve Homburger), Susan Sparkman, Allan Sparkman (Sabrina); grandchildren Jason Young (Natalie), Kathreen Young (Andrew Gillett), Christine Sparkman Reber (Sam Reber), Nathan Sparkman, Emily Sparkman; and great-grandchildren Braxton Reber & Briar Reber.

Pallbearers will be Ken Buchinger, Terry Bunker, James Carroll, Steve Endicott, Pete Reese, Jimmy Whitehead, Danny Wyatt and Jason Young.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the International Mission Board, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23230; <https://imb.org>.

Cemetery Details

Restland Memorial Park

18005 Greenville Ave
Dallas, TX 75243

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

MAY 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Whitehouse
801 E. Main Street
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Allan Sparkman



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 19, 2025 at 03:14 PM

MD

Sending out thoughts and prayers to Aunt Nita and Allen, Susan and Teresa and family. With love Melody and Marci

Melody Davis - July 21, 2025 at 03:03 PM

MD

“ Melody D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Allan Sparkman.

Melody D. - July 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM

PB

“ Mr. Sparkman was an amazing friend and mentor to many and will be missed. There is no doubt he is in the presence of our Lord now.

Our sincere condolences to the Sparkman family.

Dwayne and Trisha Bond

Patricia Bond - May 20, 2025 at 09:00 PM



JB

“ Knew Joe from FBC Whitehouse a true gentleman with a kind demeanor. A life well lived and seen by others, RIP Joe.
John R Bell

john bell - May 20, 2025 at 01:29 AM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 17, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Allan Sparkman.



May 17, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joe Allan Sparkman.*



May 17, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *On behalf of the NCAFP Board of Trustees and Staff, I send our sincere condolences on the passing of Joe Sparkman. Emily is a valued colleague and we send our thoughts and prayers to Emily and her family. Susan Elliott*

Susan Elliott - May 17, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *NCAFP Colleagues and Trustees purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Allan Sparkman.*



NCAFP Colleagues and Trustees - May 17, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Joe was the type of man that younger men could respect and seek to imitate. He was faithful to his Lord and obedient to the Great Commission. He absolutely loved his wife, Nita and it showed in how he treated her. We are all going to miss him.*

Ken Buchinger - May 16, 2025 at 09:04 PM



What a lovely and true tribute -

Darla-Edward Jones - May 19, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *What a sweet man! We are so sorry for your loss.*

Fran Lusk - May 16, 2025 at 08:56 PM