

## Ronald David Sparks, Sr.

July 8, 1943 - April 6, 2024

Ronald David Sparks Sr., "Poppie", passed away on Saturday April 6, 2024, at the age of 80. He was a lifelong resident of National Park and graduated from Woodbury High School, Class of '62. He served in the New Jersey National Guard and worked as a machinist for Mobile Oil and Valero.

He was a faithful Phillies and Eagles fan. He had a great love for his family and was happiest spending time with them around the pool, camping, hoagie nights and most recently at his shore house.

He was the beloved husband and best friend of Carol Sparks (nee Maier). Loving father of Ronald Sparks, Jr. (Donna) of National Park, David Sparks (Tracy) of Gibbstown, and Jason Sparks (Jodi) of West Deptford. Devoted and proud grandfather of Matthew, Jacob, Timothy, Rebecca, David, Thomas, Joshua, Joel, and Jack. Lifelong friend of Bob Elton.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Monday, April 15, 2024 from 9:30am to 11am in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08096.

Memorial Service 11am in The Chapel of the funeral home.

Interment Private.

An additional Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 12noon at the National Park Boat Club, 57 Riverview Road, National Park, NJ 08063.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation by accessing <https://t2t.org/>.

For condolences, please visit [www.boucherfuneralhome.com](http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC  
1757 Delsea Drive  
Deptford, NJ 08096  
(856) 464-1097  
staff@boucherfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.boucherfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

APR **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

APR **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

National Park Boat Club  
57 Riverview Ave.  
National Park, NJ 08063

# Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald David Sparks, Sr.*



**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service** - April 13, 2024 at 01:38 PM

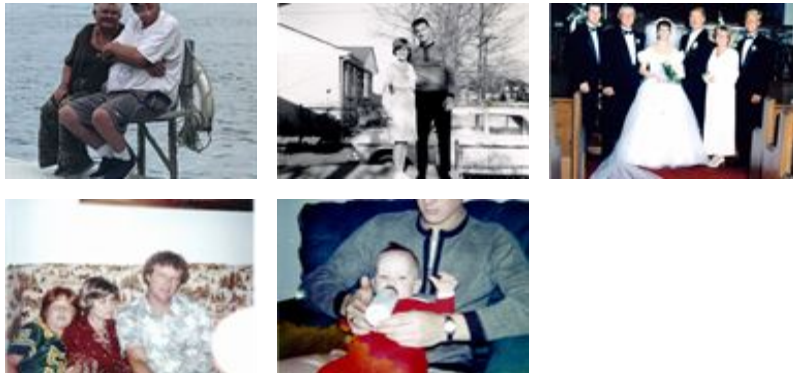
KR

*Carol, it's Kay Lynne Ryan. I'm so very sorry for ur loss. I will never forget when our group of friends many years ago had pajama parties, u always brought along a framed picture of Ron and slept with it under ur pillow. Now that's love! I'm glad it lasted a lifetime.*

**Kay Lynne Odom. Ryan** - August 13, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ *309 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service** - April 13, 2024 at 01:23 PM

JR

“ My condolences to one of the great families on Earth , Mr. Sparks you married the perfect match for you and then together you two crazies raised a great son and he married a wonderful woman who together they raised 3 terrific sons that i got the pleasure to coach and be apart of their lives for over 20 plus years . It was always a pleasure to be in your presence at all the functions and matches . It is always sad that people are pulled away from us , but we have to sit back and have all the memories of being together !!! RIP Mr. Sparks , Love Rut

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**jim rutter** - April 10, 2024 at 11:11 PM

RN

“ Mr. and Mrs. Sparks were like second parents to me and I learned a lot of life lessons from Mr. Sparks. Of course, Ronnie and I usually learned those lessons after we had gotten into trouble but we learned nonetheless. Fond memories will last forever, and Mr. Sparks will eternally live on in my thoughts and in my heart.  
~ Rich and the entire Norcross Family

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**Richard Norcross** - April 10, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ Worked with Ron for years. We truly lost a great friend. Always had a positive attitude and fun to be around. Miss you pal. Ray Schwartz

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**Raymond Schwartz** - April 10, 2024 at 11:26 AM

SO

“ Condolences to all on your tremendous loss and may many happy memories provide you comfort. When I passed through National Park years ago I stopped to say hello and your Dad was so proud to tell me how well everyone was and was beaming about his grandchildren. It was nice to reminisce with a former neighbor and catch up on the meaningful. Keeping you in thought and sending love. Staci (Sands) Olney

Staci Olney - April 10, 2024 at 06:31 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald David Sparks, Sr..



April 10, 2024 at 01:09 AM

BE

“ Sadly I say farewell to my lifelong friend.He and his family have always treated me and my family as one of them. I feel honored to be called uncle Bob by his sons and Carol,even though we are not blood related.Not many people can say they have a friendship like ours. May you rest in peace. You will always have a place in my heart. May God bless and watch over you. Your buddy Bob!

Bob Elton - April 09, 2024 at 02:17 PM

MV

*It's incredibly hard to say goodbye to such a remarkable and wonderful man... Bob and I only got to know ron and carol for the past four and a half years... I feel like we've known them forever... Our hearts are completely broken... Ron and Carol always came to visit and spent such good quality time with us.And bob and I just enjoyed their company so much... Hanging out with Ron, always left us.Laughing always... He certainly was one of a kind... Is always keeping busy and working... And help everyone around him... He will be so sadly missed and forever be in our hearts... We love you Ron... Bob keep saying that he's gonna miss his buddy..*

*That makes two of us... Ron rest in peace...love Margie & Bob. 💔*

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**Margie & Bob Villone** - April 09, 2024 at 06:15 PM

MV

*It's so hard to say goodbye to such an incredible and wonderful man... Ron you were absolutely the best... helping everyone that you possibly could... We've only known you 4 and a half years.. But it feels like we knew you and carol forever... You became our instant friends.. And we loved every moment we spent together... You always.*

*Had us laughing.. You had the best sense of humor and personality that anyone could ever have... I loved and looked forward to our hoagie night on fridays... We will certainly continue that in honor of you... Bob keep saying how he's gonna miss his buddy... But that makes two of us... You will forever and always be in our hearts and our thoughts... And we will always be here for Carol.....Ron Rest in Peace ..love Margie & Bob Villone...💔*

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**Margie & Bob Villone** - April 09, 2024 at 06:27 PM

LM

*I'm sending hugs and my sympathy. I wish I were closer to attend services. Love Linda Schneider Murphy*

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**Linda Schneider Murphy** - April 14, 2024 at 08:05 PM