



David Lee Sparks

July 26, 1928 - October 21, 2023

David “Dave” Lee Sparks, 95 years old, of Moses Lake, Washington, graduated from this life on October 21st, 2023. Dave had been experiencing age-related challenges when he passed away in his home near the “Potholes” in Central Washington.

Born July 26, 1928 in Rupert, Idaho, to George Sparks and Edith Babbitt Sparks. Dave grew up in the Rupert area with his 8 siblings and half siblings, although there was a significant age difference between some of them.

Dave moved to Moses Lake, WA in 1954. Although most know Dave as a farmer and later a land developer, he farmed from an early age. His favorite was growing potatoes and focusing on growing the biggest ones he could with the highest sugar content. He developed a potato harvester and several improvements to what existed at the time and sold his inventions. He was involved in the Braco brand harvesters as well as the development of potato processing plants in the Moses Lake area. Because of farm equipment being somewhat scarce in the area he got involved in ownership of a John Deere store.

He had 7 children with his first wife. Their first two beloved children passed away very young. His descendants include 19 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and 4 great great grandchildren.

In 1985 he was truly blessed to marry the love of his life, Babette Sparks. Babette brought so much joy to Dave’s life that we are convinced she not only was a huge impact on his quality of life but also his longevity. Without her it is

likely he would have passed many years before he ultimately did. She has been a blessing in the lives of Dave's entire family.

Babette has two children and 3 grandchildren (included in the grandchildren numbers above). Dave loved her daughters as his own children and their children as his grandchildren.

Dave and Babette loved to spend the winters in a home in Yuma, AZ and the rest of the year in the Moses Lake, WA area. They both enjoyed horseshoe pitching, winning State championships and competed Nationally. He also enjoyed golfing with his friends. He loved fishing and did so in various places around the world over the years. He even went fishing in Alaska at 91 years old and hauled in a large halibut.

He was able to develop a lot of real estate over the years. However, when this was discussed he mentioned it as a way to support his family first and foremost. It is certain that he is at peace, knowing that his life efforts will continue to support his loved ones, especially the love of his life.

There will be a viewing at Kayser's Chapel of Memories (831 S Pioneer Way, Moses Lake, WA 98837) on Friday, October 27th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (925 N Grape Dr, M.L., WA) on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. with a viewing from 9:00-9:45 a.m. Interment to follow at Pioneer Memorial Gardens (14403 Rd 2 NE, Moses Lake, WA). For online service visit <https://evt.live/david-dave-sparks-funeral> starting at 9:45am.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel & Crematory
831 South Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848
kayserschapel@gmail.com

Visitation

OCT 28. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Grape Drive Chapel
925 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Service

OCT 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My dad (Gene Johnston) considered Dave one of his closest friends. They hunted and fished together, and had farming in common. Dave was always so nice to our family, and my sincerest condolences to his family.*

Julie (Johnston) Pagel - October 25, 2023 at 09:43 AM