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Rulie passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home in Quincy, WA at the age of 82 with family and good friends by his side. Rulie was born in Burley, Idaho to Ruland Sparks Sr. and Melva Sorensen Sparks Coffey and grew up in Rupert, Idaho where he attended Minico High School.

He liked Thunderbird cars in his earlier years. He farmed in the Minidoka area, married Janet Sillin, raised his family of three boys and farmed until winter of 1989 in Rupert, ID. At this time, he moved to Moses Lake, WA to farm as partners with his father. They developed and farmed the Black Sands area in George and Moses Lake and farmed until present day.

Rulie was an experienced white-water rafter and enjoyed going down the Salmon, Colorado, and Mexico Rivers. His other hobbies include rodeo, fishing and hunting with family and close family friends and attended the yearly rodeo in Las Vegas. One of the highlights of Rulie's life and his favorite activity consisted of planning and participating in the family's Spring round-up with family and friends attending and making great memories. He would light a big bon fire the night before and have wonderful food and beverages for all. He was a happy and handsome man, always seen with a big smile on his face. He was known for his eager to laugh and telling stories. He dearly adored his family and friends.

Rulie is survived by his two sons, Tracy Sparks and Todd Sparks, five

grandchildren, Nathan Sparks, Natasha Sparks, Alexander Sparks, Benjamin Sparks, and Shaylie Sparks, ten great- grandchildren, one brother, and three sisters. He was preceded in death by his son, Ruland Terry Sparks.

Tribute Wall

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“ Happy Birthday Rulie!

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“ Rulie, my favorite cousin, Paula & I, always looked forward to seeing you, every round-up, every get together & reunion. You made every day a day to look forward to, whether it was to chew on a steak, or a turkey, or maybe just to have a beer with ya. Your smile lit up every room you entered. We spoke to you shortly before you left us, I'm sure that smile was still on your face, you said " I'll see you on the other side". I sure as blazes hope that's right, because we want to see you again, and that's no lie.
Dave & Paula Sorensen

David Sorensen - March 10, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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“ You are so missed, life just isn't the same without you, love you always!

Elizabeth McLaughlin - March 03, 2025 at 12:57 AM

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Elizabeth McLaughlin - March 01, 2025 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Angela Pedersen lit a candle in memory of Ruland "Rulie" Sparks*



Angela Pedersen - February 22, 2025 at 07:49 PM