



## Harold L Sparks

February 11, 2022

HAROLD LANCE SPARKS 72, of Gulf Shores, AL passed away on February 11, 2022 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's surrounded by loving family. He was born July 3, 1949 in Murphy, NC, the son of Hayden Sparks and Violet (Jean) Donahue.

Harold graduated from East High School in 1968, then went on to join the United States Army and served until honorably discharged in 1971. He lived most of his life in Northeast Ohio where he raised a large blended family. After retirement from Ohio Gasket & Shim in Akron, he spent a few years as a snowbird between Ohio and Alabama and eventually moved to Jeffersonville, Indiana for 8 years before settling into his final residence near the beach in Gulf Shores.

Remaining to cherish Harold's memory are his spouse, Charlotte; children, Chris (Alexis) Sparks, Rhonda (Jason) Rice, Raquel Collett, Greg (Cathy) Sparks, Ronnie (Lisa) Winters and Shaun (Stephanie) Sparks; 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; mother, Violet (Jean) Donahue; brother, James Sparks; sisters, Juanita Ullman and Debra Sparks and many nieces/nephews and friends.

Preceding Harold in death are his father, Hayden Sparks and brother, Charles Sparks.

Harold was a kind and gentle man who always had a smile for everyone. He loved his Ohio sports and especially his Cleveland Browns. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and watching them grow up. Honoring Harold's wishes will be cremation and Military Honors in Ohio.

"He loved us and we loved him. The heart never forgets."