



Edward Sparkman Jr.

February 19, 1953 - June 17, 2025

In Loving Memory of Edward Gordan Sparkman Jr. February 19, 1953 - June 17, 2025

With hearts full of both sorrow and gratitude, we celebrate the life of Edward Gordan Sparkman Jr., who passed peacefully on June 17, 2025 at home with his family surrounded. A beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Edward was a man whose warmth, work ethic, and deep love for his family and community will be remembered by all who knew him.

Edward was the proud owner and operator of Flags and Poles by Lee since 1986. Working alongside his wife Earlene. He was a man whom his handshake was his word and promise. Through this business, he brought beauty and pride to countless homes, businesses, veteran memorials and communities across the United States-especially around Cedar Creek Lake and throughout the DFW Metroplex. He completed every project with the utmost professionalism and took great pride in a job well done. Whether installing a flagpole or carefully selecting the perfect flag, Edward approached each task with care, craftsmanship, and integrity. His work helped others fly their flags high, and became a quiet symbol of his love for his country and community.

Outside of work, Edward found joy and peace in nature. He was an avid deer and turkey hunter who treasured time spent outdoors. Whether in the woods or with family gathered around, Edward lived with presence, intention, and a steady sense of humor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Earlene Sparkman, as well as his children Cassie Sparkman, Christopher Sparkman, daughter-in-law Younghwa Sparkman, stepchildren Shannon Owens and April Owens, siblings Janet Louiver, Mary "Lisa" Westbrook, Pickens Kehrer and Mark Kehrer. He was known affectionately as 'Lucy' by his sisters.

Edward leaves behind a legacy of love and resilience in his grandchildren Shaina Little, Taylor Samples, Cami Samples, Casen Culver, Cadence Hartline, and Carley Hartline, and his cherished great-grandchildren Tobias Thedford and Lachlan Glory, whose lives he touched with gentle wisdom and unconditional support.

To know Edward was to know strength, kindness, and a quiet dignity. His life was marked by service-to his family, to his community, and to every customer he greeted with a smile. His flag may now be at half-staff, but his memory will fly high in our hearts forever.

A celebration of Edward's life will be announced in the coming days. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages all who knew him to take a moment to fly a flag in his honor, spend time outdoors, or simply share a story that makes you smile-just as he would have wanted.