

# Sergeant William J. "Sparky" Sparks, Sr. (1958-2022)



Bill was born November 24, 1958.

At the age of sixteen, during October 1975, Bill joined the Fort Mitchell Police Department as a Police Dispatcher. He entered the Police Academy just prior to his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, graduated during December 1979, and was promoted to Patrolman. He was later promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Sparks transferred to the Independence Police Department as a Police Officer and was again promoted to Sergeant. In 2001, he transferred again to the Ludlow Police Department. Officer Sparks was simultaneously employed by the Kentucky Escort Service as a

funeral escort. He then joined the Ludlow Independent School District as their School Resource Officer and retired in 2020 with 46 years of service to Kenton County communities.

After a long battle with cancer, Officer Sparks died on November 11, 2022.

He was predeceased by his sons William J. Sparks, Jr., and Anthony Sparks. Officer Sparks is survived by his wife of 47 years, Angela "Angie" M. (Wigglesworth) Sparks; grandchildren, Cheyenne, Wyatt, James and Dalton; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Connie (Bill) Perkins and Debbie Patterson; and sister-in-law, Kim (John) Perry.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at [Don Catchen and Son](#) Funeral Home, 3525 Dixie Highway in Elsmere. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.