



Darlene Sparks

July 20, 1955 - July 22, 2025

DARLENE SPARKS, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2025, at the age of 70. Born on July 20, 1955, in Baltimore, Maryland, Darlene was a cherished daughter of the Late Delores Allen and James Sparks.

She was one of five siblings, growing up surrounded by the warmth and laughter of a close-knit family. She carried that spirit of love and togetherness throughout her life, always known to speak her mind and never afraid to tell it like it is!

Darlene dedicated many years of service before retiring from Johns Hopkins Book Press, where she worked diligently and formed bonds with her colleagues. One of her favorite pastimes was sitting on her porch trying to mind her business. She also enjoyed music, loved to dance, and was always happy to find a good bargain! She had a witty and honest sense of humor. She made you laugh and cursed you out at the same time!

She was a devoted mother to her only child, Dartagnan Norton, and took immense pride in her growing family, which includes five grandchildren, Dartagnan III, Dionta, Terron, Denver, Lenox and seven great-grandchildren.

Her memory will be forever cherished by her partner, friend and confidant Douglas Richardson. Her spirit will be carried eternally by her son Dartagnan and her niece Malikah. Her legacy will be carried on by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and her love will forever reside with her siblings Linda Williams and Zakki Allen, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of family and friends. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast for Funeral on Darlene Sparks in memory of Darlene Sparks*



March Funeral Homes - July 28, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *Levy Ford and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darlene Sparks.*



Levy Ford and Family - July 31, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Darlene Sparks.*



July 31, 2025 at 12:36 AM



“ *From Mabray and Grice family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Sparks.*

From Mabray and Grice family - July 30, 2025 at 11:28 AM

FF

“ From Mabray and Grice family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene Sparks.



From Mabray and Grice family - July 30, 2025 at 11:28 AM

HP

“ HFS and Hopkins Press purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Darlene Sparks.



HFS and Hopkins Press - July 29, 2025 at 11:38 AM

WH

“ Our deepest condolences to Dartagan Norton and The Sparks Family. My peace finds its way to the hearts of those who are grieving. From The Horton Family 🙏

Walter Horton - July 28, 2025 at 03:48 PM

DM

“ Gramma, Den and Len will miss you so much. They loved you so. Prayers for the family.

Doreen Mason - July 27, 2025 at 10:08 PM

WH



Walter Horton - July 28, 2025 at 03:49 PM

TG

Dee, our hearts prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. May you find peace in the blessings of being in her path for the time given. All love, T.T. & Jay

Tanya Mabray Grice - July 29, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 25, 2025 at 11:02 AM

DC

Wonderful family honored to be able to be a small part

Darlene Clark - August 06, 2025 at 07:13 PM