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Richard Lee Sparkman Sr. was born May 9, 1932 to Otis L. Sparkman and Helen May Lambeth. He was the oldest of four children Pat Batchelder, Donald Sparkman, and William Sparkman. He graduated from Corona High School in 1950. On October 21, 1950, he married his sweetheart Patricia "Grammie" Gwen McClara. He worked as a mechanic for a Studebaker dealership and at the Mava Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor where he delivered ice cream products to local restaurants and schools. He lived most of his life in Corona, California and in 2006, he and his wife moved to St. George, Utah. He was an avid Nascar fan. He also enjoyed cars, boats, dirt bikes, and camping. He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia Sparkman. He is survived by his daughter Marilyn Thayer (Doug) of Cedar City, Utah and his son Richard Lee Sparkman Jr. (Cathy) of Cedar City, Utah as well as five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A private family service will be held in his honor. We love you Papa take care of Grammie!

Tribute Wall

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“ Love you papa. I will miss you. Now your with grammie. I love and miss you both. Love, Traci

Traci - July 05, 2020 at 11:46 PM

JM

“ My cousin, Dick was a fun loving guy who sometimes lived life on the edge. Once, we took his 12 ft ski boat to Catalina, along with 3 other boats, and were lucky to get back in one piece...the water was so rough. Art Brunston, Dick and I often on Wednesdays, took his boat to the back bay at Newport and skied. His wife, Pat, whom he married right out of high school was a wonderful, quiet lady whom we all loved. Dick took a job at the Mava after my Dad offered it when his folks' business (Studebaker Dealership) closed. He worked at the Mava until it closed. We will always remember him. Our hearts go out to his sister, Pat, brothers Don and Bill and children Mariyn and Rick.

Jim Morrell - June 09, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ Papa loved a good family gathering. He loved being around his family & was delighted to watch his beauty grand daughters play & have fun.
He was always welcoming & kind to us & made us feel like family too.
Until we see you again ❤️ Craig & Heather

Heather Miller - June 07, 2020 at 12:49 PM