



Mitzi LeLane Sparks

November 27, 1959 - January 31, 2025

Mitzi LeLane Sparks was born on November 27, 1959, in Tachikawashi, Japan. On December 24, 1959, she came home to be with her family as one of the best Christmas gifts. Her parents, George Perry Sparks and Lillian (Warham) Sparks were stationed in Japan due to George being in the military. They stayed in Japan for four years before coming to Lebanon, Missouri in 1965.

Mitzi grew up in Lebanon where she attended school and graduated from Lebanon High School with the Class of 1977. She continued her education at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield and while there worked at Service Merchandise retail store.

In the early 1980's, Mitzi decided to move to New York City where she worked as a nanny and continued her education. She came back to Missouri in 2006 and settled in Waynesville where she remained the remainder of her days.

After coming to Waynesville, Mitzi began working for Wal-Mart and stayed there several years before beginning to work for the Pulaski County Tourism office. She lovingly served all of her customers no matter where she worked, and she loved visiting with them.

In her spare time, Mitzi loved spending time with her beloved kitty cats who

were like her children, Frankie, Sassie, and Mufasa. She was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan and liked watching the games.

Mitzi was a very giving and community minded person who loved to volunteer with many different community projects. She had made a profession of faith and was a faithful member of the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Robert where she served on different church boards and also as a Sunday School teacher.

Mitzi went home to be with her Lord Friday, January 31, 2025, in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 65 years. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sister, Linda Schmitz of Waynesville, MO; nieces and nephews: Dawn Merrill (Kenneth), Lillian Massie, James Mayfield II, Holland Shaughnessy (Michael), Brenda Gray (Mike), George Schmitz (Sandy), and Jennifer Robertson (Danny); fifteen great-nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other family members and many friends.

In addition to her parents, Mitzi was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, George Schmitz.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Mitzi's loving and giving spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 10, 2025 in the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Robert, Missouri with Pastor John Perling officiating. Serving as escorts were George Schmitz, Kenny Merrill, Mike Gray, Mike Shaughnessy, Cody Gray, and Colton Schmitz. Serving as honorary escort was James Mayfield II. Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri. Services were under the care and

direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
981 Hwy Z
St. Robert, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mitzi LeLane Sparks*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 14, 2025 at 11:20 AM

TO

*When I moved to Lebanon, I lived right next to her on the same lot that her house was. Her and I became very close and very good friends. I would come back to Springfield on a plane. I know I met her at least three times in the airport or at the mall. She was always the same big smile and then we would talk for a long time. I would always come to her rescue if she needed help. I love you Mitzi!!!!!! I will always be there for you. Just holler. I'll be there. I'll see you there someday.
Terry Oz*

Terry Ozborn - April 15, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ *49 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 09, 2025 at 02:28 PM

TC

Such a kind and gentle soul, I never heard a harsh word for anyone from her. She was always willing to step up and help. We should all be more like Mitzi.

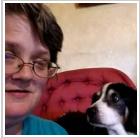
Tim Cruise - February 10, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Deborah Zuk lit a candle in memory of Mitzi Sparks*



Deborah Zuk - February 08, 2025 at 10:46 PM



“ *A wonderful friend and coworker you will be so missed my condolences to ur family and my prayers for all*

Tracy Yount - February 05, 2025 at 04:45 PM

MS

“ *Sympathy to family and may our GOD wrap HIS arms around you and bring you comfort and peace. She was truly the sunshine of everyday, a beautiful, awesome, kind, loving, generous, person. Her life was in community service, what a loss. My heart goes out to Beth and staff at Visitors Center. ❤️*



Marge Scott - February 04, 2025 at 01:46 PM

JH

“ Her faith was a beacon that was reflected in her smile, her personality and her love for people! I shall not forget her!



Joan Houser - February 04, 2025 at 11:01 AM

JJ

“ Mitzi was the most kind sweet person you would ever wanna meet. She had a heart full of love for everybody. She will be truly missed.



Jenny Walters Intres - February 04, 2025 at 08:35 AM

RP

“ Rosalind Pride lit a candle in memory of Mitzi Sparks



Rosalind Pride - February 04, 2025 at 01:16 AM

MH

“ Mary Haas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mitzi Sparks



Mary Haas - February 03, 2025 at 11:03 PM

TM

“ *Mitzi worked for me at Baruch College- she went on to work at Queens College - always eager to get the job done. It still doesn't seem right. She always commented so graciously to my posts.*

Timothy Moreland - February 03, 2025 at 10:30 PM

YB

“ *Yvonne Brussel lit a candle in memory of Mitzi Sparks*



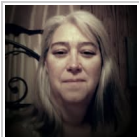
Yvonne Brussel - February 03, 2025 at 09:09 PM

HW

“ *Mitzi my dear caring friend! You and I have been through so many things in the past 20 years!! You are my most loyal client at the salon! I will miss you and I love you always!!!*



Heather Wages - February 03, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ *Dianna Smith lit a candle in memory of Mitzi Sparks*



Dianna Smith - February 03, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SR

“ *Susan P Rostad lit a candle in memory of Mitzi Sparks*



Susan P Rostad - February 03, 2025 at 07:13 PM

LC

“ *Lorie Cerda lit a candle in memory of Mitzi Sparks*



Lorie Cerda - February 03, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DM

“ *Dawn and Robert McKee lit a candle in memory of Mitzi Sparks*



Dawn and Robert McKee - February 03, 2025 at 10:01 AM

CD

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Mitzi. She was a wonderful lady she will be missed by so many.*



Catherine & Dennis - February 02, 2025 at 09:37 PM