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**Thomas
Sparkman**

Services for Thomas E. Sparkman, 62, of Rusk were held Wednesday, August 1st at 10 a.m. at Eastside Baptist Church with the Bro. Albert Munsinger and Bro. Jack G. Mills, Jr. officiating. Burial followed in Russell Cemetery under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, Rusk.

Pallbearers were T.J. Cummins, Luke Sinclair, Harold Sword, Gerald Sword, Earl Minter, Tommy Beckham, Kris Sinclair, Kyle Sinclair, Clinton Dover and Jared Cummins.

Honorary pallbearers were Billy Palmer, L.E. Mullinix, I.K. Frazer, Martin Kinchen and Kent Holman.

Mr. Sparkman died Aug. 4 in a Tyler hospital.

He was born April 8, 1940, in Rusk and was a lifelong resident. He was co-owner of S&S Citgo and owner/operator of Thomas E. Sparkman Dairy. He was a member of Euclid Lodge 45, AF&AM and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Joyce Sparkman, Rusk; daughters, Janet Cummins and Dianne Sinclair, both of Rusk and Kelli Dover, Alto; sister, Glenda Clark, Frankston; eight grandchildren; one great grandson; nieces and nephews.

Mr. Sparkman was the brother-in-law of local resident Peggy Yates.