



Mr. Howard John Sprehe

September 5, 1935 - March 12, 2021

Howard John Sprehe, 85, of Centralia, Illinois passed away Friday, March 12, 2021 at his home, surrounded by the love and care of his daughter and family members.

Born September 5, 1935 in Hoyleton, Illinois, he was the son of Oscar C. and Lulu M. (Lampe) Sprehe.

Howard worked as a carman for the Illinois Central Railroad for 42 years. He was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia, having served as an usher, on the finance board and as a church Elder. Most important to his life was his family, and spending time together.

He was joined in marriage with Treva Mae Allison, July 2, 1954 in Centralia and she preceded him in death March 8, 2020.

Surviving are his children, Lonnie Sprehe and wife April of Horn Lake, Mississippi and Vicky McColpin and husband Steve of Byhalia, Mississippi. Also four grandsons, Avery Sprehe and wife Candy of Nashville, TN, Jason Sprehe and wife Amber of Woodlawn, Illinois, Jonathan McColpin and wife Susan of Byhalia, Mississippi, Matthew McColpin and wife Megan of Byhalia, Mississippi, along with three step-grandsons, Jeremy Gelsinger and wife Shannon of Vandalia, Illinois, Chad Gelsinger of Effingham, Illinois and Curt

Gelsinger and wife Tara of Vandalia, Illinois. Also three great grandchildren, ten step-great grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

Also left to mourn his passing are his sisters Wilma Cash of Lenexa, Kansas, Freida Hoelscher of Irvington, IL.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Marie Sprehe at birth. a brother Eugene of Boulder, IL and brother-in-law Vilas Hoelscher.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia with Pastor Miguel Torneire officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 9:00am until the service hour at the church. It will be important to wear a mask, and respect social distancing in accordance with the CDC and State of Illinois Phase 4 Revitalization guidelines. There will be no more than 72 people allowed to enter the church facility at any given time.

The family suggest memorials honoring Howard consider the Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia, and will be accepted by the Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home, 310 N. Broadway P.O. Box 97, Salem, Illinois 62881 (618) 548-1234, entrusted with the family's care.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **16.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Trinity Lutheran Church Centralia

Funeral Service

MAR **16.** 11:00 AM.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tribute Wall

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“ Vicky, It's been forever since we've seen each other (living on Marquis) but wanted you to know we are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Mark and Jerri Ann (Bateman) Miller

Jerri Ann Miller - March 17, 2021 at 10:41 AM

DH

“ Condolences to Howard's family and friends. A good man - enjoyed the times that I met him - good family man. May he rest in peace.

Dave Hrycewicz - March 15, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard John Sprehe.



March 14, 2021 at 12:43 PM

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“ Our sincere condolence to Lonnie and Vicki and the rest of our family. Uncle Howard and Aunt Treva were always fun to be around. Howard taught me a lot of things and always took time to explain anything I needed to know. He was a master mechanic and restored a lot of vehicles throughout his years. As we grew older we would always refer to him as our #1 Uncle, and he would call all his nephews by a #. If I did something special, like get him some black licorice which he loved to eat, he would call me his #1 nephew and at the same time he would call another of his nephews up and say they moved down a # to see the reaction they had. My cousin Scott and I got him so much licorice one year he had to tell us how much he appreciated it, but didn't want anymore. It was a competition between nephews and he loved it. We had a lot of fun doing that. One time my cousin Scott and I were in the car together and he came up to the car and said how's my #1 nephew to Scott. I told him I thought I was #1, he started stuttering and found a way to get through that one. I'll miss the fun we had doing that. He called my cousin Scott up one evening when I was up at Sycamore for a car show and I answered him on Scott's cell phone. He asked for Scott and I told him he called me instead, we messed him up playing that phone game back and forth and finally explained to him that I was up there with my cousin at the car show, unfortunately, that night, both Scott and me moved down several numbers on the nephew list. We still had a laugh later about that. Howard was like a dad to me and everyone that was around him. He will be surely missed.
Gary Sprehe

Gary Eugene Sprehe - March 13, 2021 at 09:25 PM