



Walter Thomas Sproles

July 14, 1925 - December 26, 2020

Walter Thomas "W.T." Sproles, 95, of New Castle, formerly of Bristol, Virginia, departed this life on Saturday, December 26, 2020, at Henry Community Health in order to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

He was born on July 14, 1925 in Hiltons, Virginia, a son of the late Nelson James and Mamie S. (Moore) Sproles.

W.T. graduated in 1943 from Hamilton High School in Mendota, Virginia, and then enlisted in the US Army. He married his high school sweetheart, Alice Lee Dixon, on June 2, 1945 and they were blessed with 72 years of marriage until her death on November 10, 2017.

A kind and thoughtful gentleman who always placed the needs of others in front of his own, W.T. was a faithful and humble Christian. His contented and peaceful spirit exuded a calm presence. He loved gardening, canning, and keeping his homes freshly painted and pristine. He kept his mind sharp by working crossword puzzles and reading his Bible daily. He was a long-time member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W.T.'s career was marked by consistency and hard work. He was an excellent welder and a Boilermaker for the Tennessee Valley Authority assisting in building the South Holston, Boone, and Ft. Patrick Henry Dams, and the

Kingston Steam Plant. He then worked for Enterprise Corp. in Bristol, VA, welding coal cars for work inside the mines. W.T. retired in 1991 from Davis Pipe and Metal Fabricators after many years of employment.

Those left to cherish W.T.'s memory include his only child, Thomas Lee (Paula) Sproles of New Castle; four grandchildren, Connie Lee (Jeff) Richwine of Anderson, Thomas David (Mary Beth) Sproles, Leah Paulette DeArmond, and John Mark (Julie) Sproles all of New Castle; 12 great-grandchildren, Sarah Beth (David) Sanford, Lauren Michele (Jordan) Dodrill, Hannah Marie (Josh) Cravens, Emily Brooke Shults, (fiancé: Dylan Phair), Mark Evan Sproles, Ashley Caroline Shults, Ethan Andrew DeArmond, Katelyn Nicole Sproles, Daniel Thomas Sproles, Caleb Wayne DeArmond, Brooklyn Michelle Sproles, and Brayden Isaiah Sproles; one great-great-grandson, Benaiah Owen Sanford; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Rice of Mendota, VA and Mary Faye Sproles of Tullahoma, TN, and several nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Sproles; two brothers, William and Fred Sproles and two sisters, Nanie Lee Hudgens and Gladys Keegan.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, January 1, 2021 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Rev. Rollin Mitchell and Rev. Marc Dodrill officiating. Burial will follow at a later date in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition with Pastor Denny Neal officiating.

Friends may call from 12 pm until the time of funeral Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Fellowship of Christian Police Officers with envelopes available at the funeral home or you may Donate Here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>). You

may send a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Service

JAN 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 01, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SU

A beautiful service for a wonderful God fearing man.

Susan - January 01, 2021 at 03:03 PM

KL

“ *Tom and Tom,
Your father, grandfather and my dad enjoyed their time together while your family was designing a ramp between my and my parents homes on Spring Street several years ago. "WT" shaped the ramp rail, resulting in many safe trips to and from the houses and the car. Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful, joyful man with me and my parents.*

God bless your precious family. Kaye (Williams) Lindsey

Kaye Lindsey - January 11, 2021 at 07:39 PM

LB

“Walter was my neighbor for several years on Tuscan Drive. He was a gentle, caring individual. He guided me through many struggles I had as a single homeowner. He was sadly missed when he moved from the neighborhood. He was an inspiration to me and everyone he came into contact with. He may be gone to be with the Lord, but he will always be looking down on me. I will miss him and always be reminded of him when I step out my back door.

Leeann Broyles

Leeann Broyles - January 04, 2021 at 03:01 PM

TS

Thank you so much Leeann! And thank you for all the food and baked goods you brought him. He thought a lot of you. We appreciate it so much. Tom Sproles

Tom Sproles - January 06, 2021 at 12:44 PM

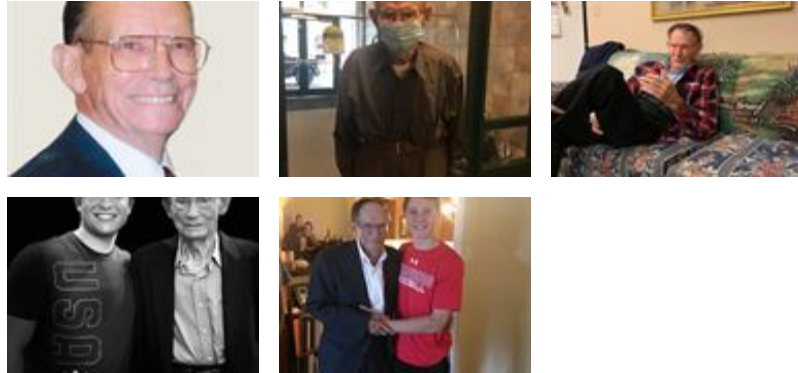
JD

“Although I only met him a time or two, I never got to really know him....but all of you, the Sproles family seem an extension of ours, the Walker family....and as you know, Dad will probably be following him in the next little bit. We Love you all and are so sorry for your loss, but knowing that he is in a much better place (and that is not just a cliché) What a time he is having right now. Love and prayers from all of us.

Jo Dahler - January 01, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ 220 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 01, 2021 at 09:43 AM

JU

Thank you for sharing. Beautiful family and memories.

Judi - January 01, 2021 at 11:13 AM

PH

“ *Phil Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles*



Phil Hamilton - December 31, 2020 at 10:33 AM

PH

“ *Tommy, I am sad to hear your Dad has passed. The sadness of his passing is lightened by understand he is now sharing his in the presence his Lord and the love of his life, Alice Lee.*

My prayers are with you and your Family. May God's peace be with you.

Phil Hamilton.

Phil Hamilton - December 31, 2020 at 10:30 AM

KU

“ *Sproles Family-*

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Patriarch. He was the leader of a truly special family and his legacy lives on through all of you. I shall keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Kevin Umbarger - December 31, 2020 at 09:05 AM

AN

“ *Alvin E Necessary lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles*



alvin e necessary - December 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM

BL

“ *Tommy and family Your dad was a man of his faith never heard a cross word from his mouth all time time I worked with him at Davis Pipie.GOD has a good angel. Bernard Lankford Bristol Tn.*

Bernie Lankford - December 30, 2020 at 07:57 PM

BL

“ *Bernie Lankford lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles*



Bernie Lankford - December 30, 2020 at 07:52 PM

TS

“ Terry And Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles



Terry and Brenda Smith - December 30, 2020 at 07:10 PM

TS

“ Tommy and family. I remember your Mom and Dad well. They were both fine, fine people. I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Please accept mine and Brenda's sincerest condolences. Terry Smith...

Terry Smith - December 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

RD

“ Ricky Davis lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles



Ricky Davis - December 30, 2020 at 06:10 PM

RD

“ Rev. Ricky Davis lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles



Rev. Ricky Davis - December 30, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Sproles.*



December 30, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Sproles.*



December 30, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Sproles.*



December 29, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *James & Susan Todd, Rushville, IN lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas Sproles*



James & Susan Todd, Rushville, IN - December 29, 2020 at 12:58 PM

SG

“ Dear Bro. Tom and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of someone so special in your family. Thanks for always being there for all of us. May you now feel all our love and the peace of our Lord.
Steve and Janet Geise
Guatemala

Stephen A. Geise - December 29, 2020 at 12:12 PM

AA

Tom, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss of your grandfather. May God grant you peace. Remember he is in a far better place than down here. Heaven has gained another angel.

Anita Abrell - December 29, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Sproles.



December 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Sproles.



December 29, 2020 at 10:54 AM

JP

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Sproles Family. May the comfort you so often give others, be yours today.*

James Plank - December 29, 2020 at 07:42 AM

BB

“ *John Mark, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this difficult period.*



Bryan Burke - December 28, 2020 at 11:27 PM