



## **Richard Keith Sparger Eternal Patrol on October 28, 2023**

Richard "Rick" K. Sparger, 80, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2023, in his own home. He was born to parents Howard Sparger and Margaret Akin Sparger on April 11, 1943, in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Rick met Katherine "Kit" Rudisill in 1967. On October 5, 1968, in Columbia, SC they joyfully became Mr. & Mrs. Sparger. Together they had and raised two sons- Rick Jr. and Johnny. They have remained married for over 55 years.

Rick had a very long and distinguished military career. For over 32 years he served his country proudly and eventually retired from the US Navy in 1993. He served in the US Navy from 1961 – 1993. Accomplished rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer and served on several submarines such as SS-564, SSN-603, SSN-660, SSN- 682. He became Submarine Qualified in 1965 on the USS Trigger (SS-564).

Rick was a Life Member of the US Submarine Veteran Association-Charleston Base since 2003 and was inducted into the Holland Club in 2015. He was also an active member of The Fleet Reserve Association

In his free time Rick enjoyed various hobbies including hunting, fishing, and bird watching and passionately following Oklahoma Sooners as well as the Carolina Gamecocks Football Teams. His love for these activities and many more brought him great joy throughout his entire life.

Rick is survived by his wife, Kit. His son Rick (Eve) Sparger from Moncks Corner, SC. His brothers Howard (Stella) Sparger from St. Mary's, GA, and Joe (Sherrie) Sparger from Midwest City, OK. Also survived by two grandchildren Jonathon (Caroline) Johnson and Sarah Elizabeth Sparger. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters Harryette Lee Craig and Rita Anne Tanner. Painfully predeceased by his son- Johnny in 2015

The family has entrusted Parks Funeral Home with the final arrangements.

A Remembrance Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Location at 130 W. First North St, in Summerville, SC. Private Burial to follow. In lieu of flowers those who wish to remember Rick in a special way may make gifts in his memory to: Admiral Osborne Memorial Scholarship fund mail to: 217 Brailsford Rd. Summerville, SC 29485.

Arrangements by PARKS FUNERAL HOME, 130 W. 1st North Street, Summerville, SC 29483. [www.parksfuneralhome.com](http://www.parksfuneralhome.com)

To [send flowers](#) to the family or [plant a tree](#) in memory of Richard Keith Sparger, please [visit our floral store](#).



# Richard K. Sparger , TMCS(SS)



USSVI Life Member



Holland Club



Submarine Qualified  
50 years ago

## Personal Information

Nickname	Rick
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin	
Address	
Phones	
E-mail Addresses	
Doing Now	
Status	Changed on: 4/4/2023 Updated by Dennis C. Nardone ()

## US Navy Service Information


Years Served	Joined in 1961 left in 1993
Highest Rank - Rate	E8 - TMCS(SS)
Service Number	353 60 58
USN Retired	Yes in 1993
Naval Service Highlights	
Ships Served On	SS-564, SSN-603, SSN-660, ssn-682

## Membership in the USSVI



Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 2/13/2003
Primary Base	Charleston
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 11/29/2004
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1965 on the USS Trigger (SS-564)
Dual Membership	

## Membership in Charleston Base Information

Base Info	Joined Base on: 2/13/2003
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 2/13/2003 Holland Club Life Member since 11/29/2004
Title or Office	COB
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1965 on the USS Trigger (SS-564)
Other Assn's	FRA-BRANCH 269, NSL, USSVI, USSVI-CHARLESTON

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
<a href="#">CVS/CV/CVA-20</a> 	Bennington	TM3	1961-64		Weapons
<a href="#">SS-564</a> 	Trigger	TM3(SS)	1964-66		Weapons
<a href="#">SSN-603</a> 	Pollack	TM2(SS)	1966-68		Weapons
<a href="#">SSN-660</a> 	Sand Lance	TM1(SS)	1971-73		Weapons
<a href="#">SSN-682</a> 	Tunny	TM1(SS)	1973-75		Weapons

Name	Location	Rate/Rank	Years
FBMSTC	Charleston, SC		1968-71
US Naval Reserves, AS-40 Detachment	Charleston, SC		1977-93

Nickname	Association Name	Joined	
FRA-BRANCH 269 	Fleet Reserve Association - Branch 269	2000	
USSVI-CHARLESTON 	USSVI Base - Charleston	2003	COB