His Legacy… Jerry Yates Sparling was born May 10, 1929 in Marion, Ohio to Jorusha Ray and William Sparling. Jerry passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 13, 2014 in Oroville, CA. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years Louise Sparling and his son Michael Sparling. Jerry had a heart of gold. He was dedicated to taking care of his family and had a love of fast cars. His latest passion was his '56 Ford Thunderbird race car. Jerry was gifted with a warm smile. He loved being with his children and grandchildren. He especially loved being with his great grandchildren, but all in all each one was special to him in their own way.

His Family… Jerry is survived by his daughters Kathy Brown of Sacramento, CA; Ronda Johnson of Oroville, CA; and step-son William King of Martinez, CA.; Grandchildren Jamie Brown of Layton, UT; Trina Sparling of Layton, UT; Michelle and Steven Brown of Sacramento, CA; Alyscia Burleson of Sacramento, CA; Jared and Justin Martinez of Oroville, CA; Raymond and Maulena Johnson of Oroville, CA; 23 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson.

His Farewell Service … A Visitation will be held Thursday, February 20, from 4 pm - 8 pm at Ramsey Funeral Home 1175 Robinson St Oroville, CA. The service to honor Jerry’s memory will be this Friday, February 21, 1:00 pm at Glen Oaks Memorial Park, 11115 Midway Chico, CA 95928. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.