



## Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger

February 8, 1929 - June 8, 2017

Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger, 88, of Schererville, Indiana, graduated to Heaven on June 8, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Donna Mae Sprunger; his daughters: Rebecca (Jay) Towne of Schererville, Indiana, and Rhoda (Robert) Smith of St. Philip, Barbados; his grandchildren: Ashley Towne, Laura (John) Barnes, Robert Smith, III and Rebecca Smith; and a great-grandchild to be born this December. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Gurley (age 97) of Massachusetts, and sister-in-law, Carol Sprunger of Berne, Indiana; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers: Robert, Donald, Edgar, Eugene, John and Roy.

Samuel was born on February 8, 1929 in Monroe, Indiana as the eighth child of Robert & Rhoda Sprunger. His parents owned a small grocery store in Monroe, but after the Depression, the business closed and the family moved to Berne, Indiana when Sam was a small boy. Berne became his hometown and he graduated from Berne-French High School in 1947. After attending Goshen College and then graduating from Bob Jones University, he married his high school sweetheart on September 2, 1951. He graduated from Bob Jones with a Pastoral Theology degree and took his first pastorate shortly after at the Saucon Mennonite Church in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. He went on to pastor three more churches: Abrams Community Chapel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; First Baptist Church in Eaton Rapids, Michigan; and Howardsville Gospel Chapel in Marcellus, Michigan. He and his wife were also the directors of a Children's Home in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. In 1976, he began teaching Bible at Hyles-Anderson College in Crown Point, Indiana, and his family became members of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. Sam taught a boy's Sunday school class for many years and also taught a "B" Adult Sunday school class. He was a vital part of the Fisherman's Club soul winning ministry for many years, and also took college young men to Chicago every Friday night to go street preaching. He was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 2002 from Hyles-Anderson College.

Dr. Sprunger had an infectious laugh and always had a smile on his face. He was well-known for his daily "corn" (jokes) as he started his classes. He was a loving husband,

father and grandfather and will be dearly missed. He spent his life serving the Lord and others, just as his Saviour did. I Corinthians 15:57-58.

The viewing will be on Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Jack Hyles Memorial Auditorium, 523 Sibley Street, Hammond, Indiana. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. A private entombment will be at Memory Lane Memorial Park, 6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), Crown Point, Indiana. Memory Lane Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be left on the website: [www.memorylanepark.com](http://www.memorylanepark.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com  
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 15.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
523 Sibley Street  
Hammond, IN 46320

## Service

**JUN 15.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Shirley Jane Lapham lit a candle in memory of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger



Shirley Jane Lapham - August 20, 2017 at 12:40 AM

SL

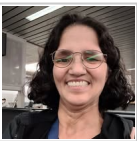
I am the daughter of John and Joan Lapham of wakelee. Our family met Pastor Sprunger and his family through Omer Sheteron when he was pastor at Howardsville Gospel Chapel. He would come to our home and visit. I was saved in December under Pastor Sprunger. When he and his family left it just wasn't the same. He was one of the kindest people I ever met and finding out he passed away I was shocked but I know he's celebrating with our heavenly Father and my parents as they have both passed away. The family will be in my prayers  
Jane Lapham

Shirley Jane Lapham - August 20, 2017 at 12:48 AM

CC

“ When I was a student working in the Activities Department of HAC, we put on a skit to promote our upcoming breakfast and bowling activity, "The Cereal Bowl." Each of us dressed as a box of cereal, and we asked Bro. Sprunger to join us as "Corn Pops." He was a great sport, and the student body loved it!

Christy Collins - June 17, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ He get my saved at age 20 I was having doubt and he was the best teach us on Sunday afternoon p and enjoyed the fellowship together

Mireya Rivera - June 16, 2017 at 03:51 PM

SS

“ Thank GOD FOR HEAVEN.BRO SPRUNGER WAS MY BROTHER STEVE SANDEFURS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.HE LOVED HIM !! May the holy spirit comfort you all.

Sheila sandefur - June 15, 2017 at 12:26 PM

GH

“ Dr. Sprunger (who is our uncle) married Rosetta and me almost 50 years ago on August 19, 1967. He was a godly man and we express our deepest sympathy to Donna Mae and the family.  
Gary & Rosetta Habegger

Gary & Rosetta Habegger - June 14, 2017 at 12:12 PM

DA

“ Del, Joyce and Stefanie Avery purchased the A Full Life for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



Del, Joyce and Stefanie Avery - June 14, 2017 at 09:54 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



June 13, 2017 at 01:22 PM

BH

“ What a blessing this man of God has been to our family and I know to many others through the years. His stature was not overshadowing and he was a humble soft spoken man. But it was obvious that this man had God's hand upon him as he always encouraging those with whom he spoke. The verse that immediately comes to mind when I think of Sam Sprunger is, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Indeed.

Bob and Janene Hnida

Bob Hnida - June 13, 2017 at 09:46 AM

EP

“ Erick Sprunger and Mary Jane Popp purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



Erick Sprunger and Mary Jane Popp - June 12, 2017 at 01:51 PM

MS

“ Bro. Sprunger counseled us as we were seeking God's direction to continue dating. I think he was delighted to be a part of the process. Our 26th anniversary is today. Carl and Mary Sylvester

Mary and Carl Sylvester - June 12, 2017 at 10:38 AM

TF

“ The Lascheid Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



The Lascheid Family - June 12, 2017 at 03:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



June 11, 2017 at 09:14 PM

MT

“ Brother Sprunger was like an older brother to me during college at Hyles-Anderson. Even though I had many demerits, and though he was loyal to enforce discipline, he always treated me with dignity, and took time to pray for me. He also shared with me the verse Phillipians 1:6 for the first time in my life (being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ) He encouraged me with my marriage and always was glad to hear from me. I will miss knowing that I cannot talk with him. Many sympathies to Mrs. Sprunger and family. So sorry, but looking forward to heaven with Doctor Sprunger.

Mike Trettel - June 11, 2017 at 06:39 PM

SS

“ Brother Sprunger has been a special blessing to the Shepherds. I (Rose) worked in the same Sunday School Department as him for several years. He was wonderful with those sixth grade children! Sam attended some of Br. Sprunger's classes at HAC and was always blessed and helped. Mrs. Sprunger, Becky, and Rhoda have been special to us, also. Rhoda taught our James in kindergarten!! You folks have a beautiful family. You are in our prayers as you say goodbye to your husband and Dad for a while. God bless you all!

Sam & Rose Shepherd - June 11, 2017 at 07:46 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



June 10, 2017 at 07:29 PM

CS

“ I ALWAYS LIKE HIS FUNNY JOKES, AND GOD CALLED ANOTHER GREAT ONE HOME!! HE WILL BE MISS BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!!! WE WILL MEET AGAIN IN HEAVEN!! CATHY SCHNYDER



CATHY SCHNYDER - June 10, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



June 10, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Samuel Frank Sprunger.



June 10, 2017 at 10:16 AM

EM

“ Bro. Sprunger was a true gentleman. He preached God's Word, and he was kind. He taught us transparency and taught us to work through things by talking about them. He and his wife were godly examples to the college students where he taught for many years. Good memories of traveling with the Sprungers, including their daughter, Rhoda. See you in Heaven, Bro. Sprunger. Say 'hello' to my Dad!

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**Elaine (Eddy) McDonnell** - June 10, 2017 at 01:05 AM

GW

God's everlasting consolation is with you dear friends. We chuckled as we read the reference to his "corn" in the obituary. That had crossed our minds.

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**Gerald and Nancy Walker** - June 10, 2017 at 07:00 PM

CI

The summer that I got to travel with Bro. and Mrs. Sprunger, Rhoda, and the other girls are some of my fondest memories of my college years. A sweet, sincere couple who spent their lives living for and serving Jesus Christ. It just doesn't get any better. God bless you, Sprunger family. Love and hugs.

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**Cindy** - June 12, 2017 at 02:23 PM