



Billy Hugh Sparks

April 10, 1931 - March 17, 2014

Billy Hugh Sparks, a leader and prominent citizen of the Parrottsville community, passed away at his home Monday, March 17, 2014, after a period of declining health. Sparks was born on April 10, 1931, the son of the late Hugh and Kate Sparks. As a young boy, he was introduced to the love of farming, a career that lasted throughout his life. He was named Chairman of the Tennessee State ASC Committee by US Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz in 1974, a position he held for 20 years. With the exception of two years when he served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, he owned and operated Heritage Farms his whole adult life. Sparks was manager of the Cocke County Farm Bureau for 17 years, served on the Board of Directors of Merchants and Planters Bank, was a member of Masonic Lodge #234, and was a lifelong Republican. He had 15 years of insurance experience and was president of the Cocke County Farmers Cooperative. Sparks was an avid sports fan and staunch supporter of UT athletics. He was a member of Parrottsville United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Jan Sparks Proffitt. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Patricia Nease Sparks of Parrottsville and daughter and son-in-law Kay and Bill Buda of Newport. He was a loving and doting "Grand-dad" to his grandchildren: Meredith (Dr. Travis) Fawver, Malerie (Robert) Bloomquist, and Weston (Tessa) Bailey and Morgan Christine Buda and to his great-grandchildren Bridgette and Mason Fawver. Sparks is also survived by his first cousins Gray (Jean) Sparks, Jr. and Reba Faye (Herbert) Sane, all of

Parrottsville, and a host of friends. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 21, 2014, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 5:00 p.m. at Parrottsville United Methodist Church. Pastors Rick Spell and David Neal will officiate. The family extends their sincere appreciation to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice for their care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Parrottsville United Methodist Church, 2037 Old Parrottsville Highway, Parrottsville, TN 37843. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.
Manes Funeral Home in charge

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *We just wanted to let you know just how sad we are that Billy Hugh passed away. He was truly a wonderful Christian man and he will surely be missed. He was so very nice. Lanny and Charlene*

Charlene Trentham - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Bryan & Cindy Gregg - March 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Lifting you in prayer.*

Cricket HALE - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Jason Frisbee - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Bill Sparks was an outstanding individual and contributor to our community. It was an honor and privilege to have known him. Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time.*

Jim Burnett - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Charlotte Ann Leibrock - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Pat we are so sorry for your loss. We really don't know how to put into words how we feel except to say may God comfort and keep you in his care. You and Billy Hugh have always been very special to us. We Love Ya.*

Victor and Edna Costner - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Pat, We are thinking about you during this time. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with you. Geraldine and Bill George*

Bill & Geraldine George - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ *To the Sparks Family We wish to offer our deepest sympathy. He was a wonderful person and will be sadly missed. He always had a smile on his face. We enjoyed knowing him and having him as a customer and friend. I will miss our talks about basketball the*

William Lancaster - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Sorry we couldn't make it to the service. We are praying for the family during this time. Love you all.*

Julie Berney Galyon - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our sincere condolences to all the family during this time. Please know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Reathel Mae and Reathel Ann Campbell - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our sincere sympathies to the family of Billy Hugh. Nedra Ottinger, Wally, Sheila & Brittany Coggins

SHEILA COGGINS - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Sorry for your loss. I'll always remember Billy Hugh because when Gary and I were teenagers, we could not get insurance when we started driving. But Billy Hugh gave us a chance because he was good friends with my dad. He was special in our book!

Freddy and Beth James - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Pat, We will miss Billy Hugh, our dear friend, and we are thinking of all your family with love. Bill & Charlotte

Bill & Charlotte Leibrock - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ To Pat and family, So sorry to hear about our long time friend and fondly remembering our fun times in high school. The girls and I send a lot of love your way from Fla. Farrell,Louise, and Betty.

Farrell Culberson - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My condolences to the Sparks family. I remember my lovely childhood memories of visiting the Sparks farm. You all were such wonderful friends to my parents. Especially my mother after my father passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Deb

Debra Proffitt Buchanan - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I always looked forward to visiting with Billy Hugh when he would come in for oil changes at the Ford store. He was always so friendly and kind. We at Rusty Wallace are really going to miss him!

April Wines - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Pat and family, With Sympathy to you and your family. You are in many heartfelt thoughts at this difficult time. Sincerely Betty McMillan

Betty McMillan - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ So sorry for your loss. Billy Hugh was always such a sweet and caring man. I always thought alot of him. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry I was not able to come by the church.

Amy Burnett Dorsey - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Billy Hugh Sparks

Dallas & Crystal Sane - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Pat and Family, Sorry for your loss.

Roy & Jeanenne Ownby - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Jo Ann and I always loved Billy Hugh and you. Hope you are doing well!

Ron Payne - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Sparks Family, I wish you comfort at this sad time. Mr. Sparks was serving on the FSA State Committee when I interviewed in 1985 and when I re-interviewed and was hired in 1986 into the Tennessee FSA County Operations Training Program. I remember h

Jennifer Grissom Wilson - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bill will be missed by so many. Trent Ottinger & family

Malinda Johnson - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear Mrs. Sparks, I am Kim Randolph, son of the late Hugh and Helen Randolph. I have very fond memories of the days at Farm Bureau and the privilege of knowing Bill. He was always held in high regard by my family. I still remember spending the night wi

Kim Randolph - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ He was such a wonderful person and was always so nice when we were at Merchants and Planters. We will be thinking of you and have you in our prayers

Phyllis Walker Combs - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We are here if you need us for anything Pat. We are so sorry for the loss of a great neighbor He will be greatly missed

Mr & Mrs Larry Gray - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I used to work at M & P Bank. I started in 1975 and always enjoyed seeing and talking to Billy Hugh. He was also a friend of my fathers. He was a wonderful caring person and I know he will be missed so badly. But we know her is in a wonderful place an

Pam Proffitt - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Todd, Tammy and Austin Binkley

Tammy Presnell Binkley - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Pat, we are sorry to learn of Billy Hugh's death. We always had a high regard for him. You and your family will be in our thoughts.
Morris & Gerry Gillespie

Morris Gillespie - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Pat, we are sorry to learn of Billy Hugh's death. We always had a high regard for him. You and your family will be in our thoughts.
Morris & Gerry Gillespie

Morris Gillespie - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ With our sympathy and prayers!

Rob and Lisa Myers - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Pat, Kay and all your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I have many great memories of Bill as we were all growing up and when I stayed at your house many times. Debbie Blazer Williams, Dennis, Gavin and Garrett

Debbie Williams - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Sorry for your loss.

Peggy W. Lane - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I could always count on papaw being at all our basketball games with the biggest smile on his face. I loved being around him. He was a special man and he will be truly missed. Rest easy papaw. I love you.

Nicole Ball - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Billy Hugh was a great man and always so kind. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Ashley (Hensley) Moody - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Pat and Kay; so sorry for your loss . Your family will continue to be in my prayers.*

eva rutherford - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Earl & Ila Ruth Edmonds - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of you! Love & Prayers Bud & Linda*

Bud & Linda Dawson - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Fred & Peggy Giles - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Pat, we are so very sorry to learn of Bill's passing yesterday. You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers. ~ Pat*

Pat (Starnes) and Tommy Smoak - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sorry to hear about Billy, he was a good man love farming and etc. Billy will be sadly missed.

Carolyn Ball Sklar & Family - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Ann and James Hall

James and Ann Hall - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Billy Hugh. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

LISA SANE GILES - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Billy Hugh Sparks

RANDY BLAZER - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Billy Hugh Sparks

Linda D Clark - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our Lord is no stranger to sorrow. He will cover you, Keep you in His care and bring to mind beautiful memories of the one you have loved and with whom you have shared so much of your life. God Bless You. With Deepest Sympathy, Jabo & Tammy Francis

Tammy Francis - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Billy Hugh. Your family will be in my prayers.

Sharon Gann Peters - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ sorry for ur lose he was a great man

john wilhoit - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Bob and I consider it an honor to have called Billy Hugh our friend. We loved him and will miss him greatly. We are thinking of you, Pat, and your family and feel your pain. Love, Shelby

Shelby & Bob Wagner - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ We're thinking of you in your time of loss.

Nancy Sams - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Bill Sparks....a good man.....sorry for your loss

Ray Fancher - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Billy Hugh Sparks

Randall and Connie Frisbee - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Pat

Twila Hughes - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Pat, In deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherrie Dillard - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our prayers are with you and the family. Wish we could be there for the service. Love you.

Bob & Sue Stephenson - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Our sincerest and deepest sympathy!

Bettye & Carl Jay Carver, Jr. - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Thinking of all of you! We just lost one of the good guys! Always enjoyed seeing Billy Hugh. He will be missed!

Tommy and Karen Smith - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Linnie Denton - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss. Your in our prayers. Bobby & Reva

Bobby Masoner - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Dale and Nancy Raines - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Melissia Ball - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Freddie and Norma Myers - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Steve Strom - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Billy, Kay, Pat and Family, please know that you are in our prayers in the loss of Billy Hugh. Haven't seen you guys in a long time but remember the "good old days".*

Johnny Miller - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Fred & Peggy Giles - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Billy Hugh Sparks*

Betty Harrison - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM