



Patricia "Pat" Sparks

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Pat, age 90, went peacefully to be with the Lord on January 9, 2024. She was a treasured mother, grandmother, wife, and friend. She was dedicated to her community- a faithful member of Parrottsville United Methodist Church, former educator in the Cocke County school systems, and founding member of the alpha Delta Kappa teacher's sorority, along with other numerous civic clubs. She graduated from ETSU with an elementary education degree, and married Billy Hugh Sparks of Parrottsville, Tennessee, July 3, 1953—5 years to the day after their first date. They had two daughters, Jan and Kay, and lived at Heritage Farms in Parrottsville for most of their 60 years of marriage. But her most fulfilling role was that of dedicated grandmother and great-grandmother. As an avid sports fan attending the games are for grandchildren were "some of the best times of my life". From chasing great- grandchildren on the farm to rocking babies to sleep, she was delighted in her role as "Grandmom".

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Fern Neas, her brother, Charley, her sister, Frances, her husband, Billy Hugh, Sparks, and beloved daughter, Jan Proffitt. Pat is survived by her loving daughter, Kay Buda, grandchildren: Meredith and Travis Fawver, Malerie and Robert Bloomquist, Weston and Tessa Bailey, and Morgan Buda and Erin Dush, along with nine great grandchildren! She is also survived by her sister, Dorothy Bibee, and

brother, Marcus Nease. She loved the Lord and is now in her Heavenly Home. She was fiercely loyal, hard-working, energetic, and loving and will be missed very much.

The family will receive friends from 2 pm – 3:30 pm Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Manes Funeral Home.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia "Pat" Sparks*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 12, 2024 at 09:33 AM

DC

I like the songs I am so sorry for your lost. I just saw this. I am really sorry. Pat was always there for me. She was a great lady I am glad to know her. Rest in peace my friend Pat.

Donna Coakley - February 23, 2024 at 01:38 PM

KD

“ *Kay, we are so sorry to hear about Aunt Pat. Love & prayers to you & your family for peace & comfort.*

Keith & Dionne - January 20, 2024 at 12:46 PM

GF

“ *Gail. Frisbee lit a candle in memory of Patricia Sparks*



Gail. Frisbee - January 14, 2024 at 03:46 PM

GF

“ Kay and all the family, I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Pat was a special person and teacher. She was my daughters third grade teacher and one of my teachers in seventh grade. at Parrottsville School..May God be with all of you in the coming days. Gail Frisbee

Gail. Frisbee - January 14, 2024 at 03:32 PM

BC

“ Our sincerest condolences to all the family.
Bettye & Carl Jay Carver

Bettye & Carl Jay Carver - January 13, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JW

“ Your mom was a special hard working lady. A dedicated teacher. So... here's a story. A friend and I left the school grounds at lunch time when we weren't suppose to . Thought we would catch a burger at the tire recapping shop restaurant beside the school. Mrs. Sparks happened to be there too. She just smiled at us and went on. Well... after returning to school and settling down in our next class it wasn't long before over the intercom..."Jeff and friend..report to the office". Well..Mr Hixon the principal gave us a posterior reminder in the hallway outside the office as to why we should not leave the school grounds. A lesson it taught me. Your mom never saw us out again.

Jeffrey Winter - January 13, 2024 at 10:52 AM

MV

“ Our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort are with you today and in the days to come.
Harry & Mary Anne Vick

Mary Anne Vick - January 13, 2024 at 08:05 AM

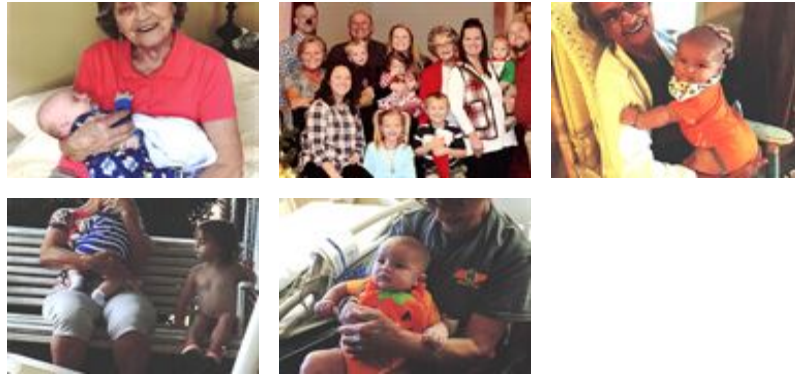
DO

“ *Kay and Family:
My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of Pat. I have many fond memories of them, especially in the days of Farm Bureau in the 1950-1960s. In later years I enjoyed Pat's witty comments at our Retired Teachers meetings.*

Duay O'Neil - January 12, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 12, 2024 at 09:28 AM

JB

“ *Pat and Billy Hugh Sparks two of the best of the best pillows of our community. They just don't make them like they used to! Our deepest sympathies from the Bell family.*

John A. Bell

John A. Bell - January 12, 2024 at 03:16 AM

RB

“ Kay, Meredith, Malory, Wesley, Morgan and family, Pat was a beloved friend and mentor for many years. I grieve the loss of that friendship, but know that she is celebrating with sweet Billy Hugh. My sincerest sympathy, love and prayers are with you all.
Becky and Charlie Boggan

Rebecca N Boggan - January 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

PB

“ Kay- Larry had your mother twice in school- first in elementary and then she must have moved to high school. Later they would work together at Parrottsville. He appreciated thst she made students toe the line.

Later his two boys had her snd the affectionately named her “Mrs. Sparky Larky”!
We enjoyed hearing escapades from her classroom at the supper table.

phyllis blazer - January 11, 2024 at 07:22 PM

KB

“ Kay, Your mother was such a special person. As my 3rd grade teacher in 1969, she made a positive impact on my life, both academically and personally. I'll never forget how she would occasionally bring clothes that you and Jan had outgrown to share with her students, and I was the happy recipient of a particular brown skirt that I loved. It's the small kindnesses that make a difference, and she was full of kindness. Thankfully, I had opportunity as an adult to personally thank her for the sacrifices she made for her students. May you find comfort in your precious memories.

Kathy Willis Brooks - January 11, 2024 at 06:57 PM

LD

“ Sending my deepest, heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Kay, may you be comforted knowing how much your mother loved you, and for all your precious memories with her. Meredith, I know how much you, and all of your siblings, and all your children, loved your beautiful grandmother, and how much she loved you. Her love will always be with you all. My prayer will be for God to bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Meredith, I never really realized how much you look like your grandmother until I saw this younger picture of her. Beautiful! I love all of you. God Bless!



Matthew 5:4

*With Love,
Linda Dawson*

Linda & Bud Dawson - January 11, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MN

“ So sorry for your loss Kay and family. Praying for peace and comfort. 🙏💜



Montye and Jeff Neas - January 10, 2024 at 04:02 PM

SO

“ Kay and family: I am so so sorry to hear that Pat has passed away. Mom and dad sure thought a lot of your parents, and Margaret and Reva Faye loved her soooo much. They were all great friends. Pat was so beautiful inside and out. She was kind, witty, and had that beautiful smile. Everybody loved Pat. I'm praying for you Kay. I am so sorry. God be with all the family. Rest In Peace Pat Sparks. You were one fine lady 💔



Susie O'Dell - January 10, 2024 at 03:38 PM

 Carol Burgin

“ I loved Pat (and Billy). I was in service dept at Stinnetts for several years and got to know them. Pat was a very special lady and a joy to be around. Heavens gain.

Carol Burgin - January 10, 2024 at 03:14 PM

SD

“ Remembering a beautiful loving friend. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Sherrie Dillard - January 10, 2024 at 12:55 PM

KP

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family remains in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Gregg Parker - January 10, 2024 at 12:16 PM

JB

“ She was a lovely lady and has been missed for some time. My prayers and thoughts are with the family! Jeanne Wilson Birdwell

Jeanne Birdwell - January 10, 2024 at 11:48 AM

SS

“ Kay, I was in your mom's third grade class 50 years ago at the old Parrottsville Elementary school building. Even though it was so long ago, I still have memories from her classroom and learning. She was so instrumental in my early school years of getting a solid foundation for learning.

May you draw strength and joy from all the memories of your mom and the lives she touched during this difficult time.

Steve Strom - January 10, 2024 at 11:28 AM

CI

“ So sorry for your loss.
With deepest sympathy
John F. Frazier

cindy - January 09, 2024 at 07:47 PM

SC

“ Kay, Im sorry to hear about your mom, but we both know she is rejoicing with her new body and hugging all her family again especially your dad and Jan. Prayers for comfort and peace. Your mom was a special lady. Love you, Sheila

Sheila & Brittany Coggins - January 09, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DM

“ May her memory be eternal.



Diana McGaha - January 09, 2024 at 06:22 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - January 09, 2024 at 05:09 PM

AR

“ Sorry for your loss , I had your mom as a teacher at Parrottsville I thought a lot of her she was always really good and help to me. Prayers for you and your family

Alma Jean Reed - January 09, 2024 at 04:12 PM

GM

“ So sorry for the loss of this special lady. My thoughts and condolences are with the family at this difficult time

Geraldine & Tommy Manis - January 09, 2024 at 03:05 PM

LO

“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Prayers for Peace & Comfort during this difficult time.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Ralph & Lula Ozmun*

Lula Ozmun - January 09, 2024 at 02:58 PM

TF

“ *May God's loving Presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss. Remember, we cannot lose someone we love, for whoever touches our hearts deeply is a part of us forever. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"...*

Matt 5:4

*With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis*

Tammy Francis - January 09, 2024 at 02:44 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of your loved ones passing. Your amily will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

With my deepest condolences

Cindy wise

cindy wise - January 09, 2024 at 02:05 PM