



Evelyn Nickels Kilgore Sparks

January 14, 2011

Evelyn Irene Nickels Kilgore Sparks, age 87 of Tazewell, VA passed away Friday, January 14, 2011 at her home. She was born October 10, 1923 at Dante, VA and was a daughter of the late John Thomas Nickels, Jr. and Mabel Clara Etter Nickels. Mrs. Sparks was of the Episcopalian faith and was a member of the Stras Memorial Church in Tazewell, VA. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge in Richlands, VA. She loved her church and enjoyed working with her outdoor flowers. Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Sparks had served for over thirty years as a dedicated teacher in the Tazewell County Public School system and with the Main Street United Methodist Church Pre-School. She was a lady who touched the lives of many and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Taft Kilgore; her second husband, John Leck Sparks; one sister, Beatrice "Bea" Nickels McInturff; three brothers, James Edward "Ted" Nickels, Elmore Clinton "Sam" Nickels and Jack Nickels. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Those left to cherish her memories include one daughter, Christine Kilgore Keene of Cedar Bluff, VA; three sons, Charles Nickels Kilgore of Pounding Mill, VA, Thomas Hugh Kilgore and wife, Trudy Altizer Kilgore of Richlands, VA and Lanny Sparks, Sr. and wife, Nancy Mustard Sparks of Claytor Lake, VA; eight grandchildren, James Gregory Keene and wife, Mary Krippendorf Keene of Roanoke, VA, Granville Scott Keene of Durham, NC, Cara Elisabeth Keene Smith and husband, Steve, Jessica

Kilgore Stone and husband, Greg, and Charles Nickels "Nick" Kilgore, II all of Raleigh, NC, Laura Kilgore Mosteller and husband, Jon of Hickory, NC, Blenna Sparks Patterson and husband, Mark of Radford, VA and Lanny "Chip" Sparks, Jr. and wife, Marywood of Abingdon, VA; ten loving great-grandchildren, Faith Nicole Smith, Alex Levi Smith, Kyle Joseph Stone, Ryan Gregory Stone, Madeline Kate Mosteller, Isaac Thomas Mosteller, Ryan Patterson, Leah Patterson, Monroe Sparks, and Jenna Sparks; special friends, Nannie White and Oakie and Phyllis O'Quinn all of Tazewell, VA; several nieces, nephews, other loving family members and many friends. Funeral services for Evelyn Irene Nickels Kilgore Sparks will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 17, 2011 at the Stras Memorial Church in Tazewell, VA with the Very Reverend Russ Hatfield officiating, assisted by the Reverend Emily Edmondson. Entombment will follow at the Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum in Richlands, VA. Mrs. Spark's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the Church after 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 17, 2011. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations be made to the Stras Memorial Church: PO Box 342, Tazewell, VA 24651.

Tribute Wall



“ *Evelyn Nickels Kilgore Sparks*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Evelyn Nickels Kilgore Sparks*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Chuck, Christine and Tom and all the family,*

Kirk and I want to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to all of you at this time. Mrs. Kilgore was such a delightful and lovely lady, whom we are honored and blessed to have known. May each of you be filled with peace and comfort that is bestowed divinely by our precious Lord Jesus.

*Love to all of you,
Anita and Kirk Gibson*

Kirk and Anita McGlothlin Gibson - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Christine: I am sorry to hear about your mother. I know this was just a total shock. The last time I saw you, I had just asked about her.*

Please accept my deepest sympathy to all of the family.

Phyllis Christian - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ My sincere sympathy to all the family. I loved Aunt Evelyn very much, she was so kind to my Mother, Dora Hankins. Lanny, you are the family member I know, so May God be with you and the Family in this time of sorrow.

Helen Rita Hankins Smith - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Tina, Chuck and Tom, I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was one of the kindest people I ever knew and I can still see that beautiful smile she always had. I will always remember my visits to your home with Aunt Ethel and our growing up years. The years may have parted us but memories will keep us close. We lost David on March 22, 2009 and it has been very hard for Mom but she continues to deal a little better with the grief. As she says it never goes away just gets a little easier to bear. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the days to come, hold your children and grandchildren close and your precious memories.
Love you all,
Opal, Sherrall and Arville

Sherrall Dingus - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Tom, Christine, and family members, We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She was such a wonderful person. I'm sure there are many adults now who remember her fondly as their teacher! She certainly will be missed. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Jack and Alice Pyott - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Christine and Family:
We were very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. We just found out today. Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

Clea and Linda Harris - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. She was a very special lady and will be missed.*

Ann Sparks McConnell - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *To ALL the Family I extend my heart felt sympathy. Evenyn was a dear, precious lady. You wil miss her very much.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness.

Carolyn Jewell Baldwin Walton - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM