



Mildred Crowder Sparks

July 12, 1914 - November 29, 2012

Mildred Crowder Sparks, 98 of Salisbury passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at Genesis Eldercare of Salisbury.

Mrs. Sparks was born July 12, 1914 in Rowan County to the late Pearl Bias and Goode Crowder. She was the oldest of six children and was educated in the Rowan Schools.

She married her husband, James A Sparks Sr. in 1935 who preceded her in death September 23, 1980. Also preceding her were two sisters Frances Sigmon, Jane Monroe, and two brothers, Goode Crowder and Dick Crowder.

She had a great love of life and family. She also treasured the times with her book club, bridge club and her circle at First Baptist church. She never met a stranger and never saw a child that she did not love.

She is survived by her sister Rachael Crowder Whalen, of Salisbury, son James A Sparks, Jr. (Andy) and his wife Jennie of Salisbury, daughter Ann Sparks Thomas and her husband Grady of Charlotte, granddaughter Christy Howey and her husband Stan, grandsons Slater Sparks, Trey Thomas, Jay Thomas and his wife Aimee, five great grandchildren, Jack and Jim Spencer, Katy, Ginny, and Harrison Howey. Our special thanks go to the caring staff of The Genesis Elder Care, where she presided for the last eight years. She had

many fond memories of the loving staff and activities, and was proud of being named resident of the year.

A family graveside service will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 11 AM at Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Nazareth Children's Home, PO Box 1438 Rockwell, NC 28138

Tribute Wall



“ Slater and Mrs Sparks,

So sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with your families.##imported-begin##Lynda Leonard Maguire##imported-end##

December 07, 2012 at 05:47 PM



“ Ann and Andy,

I recently learned about the loss of your mom, and a very long time ago our former next door neighbor. I am so sorry for your loss. But as you surely realize, you were blessed to have her with you for such a wonderfully long time. Although it has to have been at least 50 years since I last saw Mildred, my thoughts of her seem so very fresh. She was always so kind to us kids, always smiling, always friendly and welcoming. Your mom and Jimmy, plus my favorite next door neighbors Ann and Andy added a lot to my memory bank of growing up in Salisbury. My thought and prayers are with your families during this time of sadness. Mildred was a special Southern Lady and will stay in the memories of all the many hearts that knew her. With best regards, Tom Miller##imported-begin##tom miller##imported-end##

December 06, 2012 at 07:11 PM



“ Andy and Jennie,

I just saw this about Mildred and wanted to send a little note. I thought she was a very special and wonderful woman. She gave me so many laughs every time that I saw her. She was such a joy to be around I miss her and Rachel also. They were both so much fun. I miss seeing both you also. I will say a very special prayer for you and your family. But she is heaven having way to much fun.

Love and thoughts

Kitty##imported-begin##Kitty Fairley##imported-end##

December 04, 2012 at 08:18 PM



“ Andy,

I remember your mother from long ago. She was a geat lady. Baxter##imported-begin##Baxter Mowery##imported-end##

December 02, 2012 at 09:11 PM



“ Andy and Jennie,

Andy, your Mom was a blessing to many. She had a long, good life. The good Lord decided it was time to bring her home. I also treasure my past times at First Baptist Church when my Mom and your Mom were so active. Presently, I still cherish my time at First Baptist and our church family will miss your Mom.

Love to you and Jennie,

Tom Kiger##imported-begin##Tom and Judy Kiger##imported-end##

December 02, 2012 at 03:52 PM