



Rovie Sparks

September 6, 1928 - April 13, 2009

Bluefield- Rovie June Sparks 80, died Monday April 13, 2009 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center. She was born September 6, 1928 at laeger, WV. She was the daughter of the late Henry Elbert and Elizabeth Jones Murphy. She was a lifetime member of Thompson Chapel United Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brother, Harry, Robert, Joe and Arthur B. Murphy; five sisters, Bessie Murphy, Wiley Riffe, Betty Stalnaker, Margaret Pennington, and Virginia Compton. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, George W. Sparks; two daughters, Eletha Swetnam and husband Thomas of Bluefield, WV and Brenda Strough of Catawba, VA; brother, Henry H. Murphy and his wife Ravenna of Rutledge, TN; five grandchildren, Thomas G. Swetnam, Jr. of Johnson City, TN, Lisa Harry and husband Steven of Princeton, WV, Staci Nicewander and husband Russell, Stephen Swetnam and wife Amy all of Bluefield, WV and Jonathan Strough of Catawba, VA; four great grandchildren, Gabrielle and Luke Swetnam of Bluefield, WV and Sydney and Alexis Harry of Princeton, WV; and numerous nieces and nephews who loved her and will miss her. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday evening, April 16, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday April 17, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. A. W. Skeens and Rev. D. Homer Stewart officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Princeton, WV. Serving as pallbearers will be Thomas Swetnam, Jr., Stephen Swetnam, Steven Harry, Russell Nicewander,

Jonathan Strough, Jeff Holt and James Bland. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations, if desired, be made to Thompson Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Box 750 Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Mrs. Rovie June Sparks.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rovie Sparks*

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“ *I will miss my mom very much!!! She was more like a mom to me! I will miss you very much mom!!! Love you forever! Gabrielle.*

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“ *George, Eletha, Brenda, & family, I was deeply saddened to hear of June's passing. Even after all these years of being away from Bluefield, I have the fondest memories of my growing-up years on Cumberland Road. And those memories are filled with so many special times in your home and June's love to all of us Baldwin "youngun's". I have a short video clip of June at our house circa 1958 taken with Dad's movie camera -- please contact me if you would like me to send you a copy of it (I have included my e-mail with this message). Hugs and prayers to you all -- wish I could be there. Love, Lynne*

Lynne (Baldwin) Dillard - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM