



## Patti Sue Sparks

March 2, 1938 - January 6, 2023

Patti Sue Sparks went to be with her Lord on Friday, January 6, 2023. Patti was born in Hadden Heights, New Jersey on March 2, 1938 to John and Helen Manning.

She is survived by her sister Judy Archbold, her three sons, Doug (Brenda) Sparks of Warren, John (Serena) Sparks of Columbia, S.C. and David (Kathy) Sparks of Indianapolis. She had 11 grandchildren: Justin, Melissa, Kent, Michael, Josh, Zach, Laura, Andrew, Nicole, Thomas and Ashley. She had 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard, brother-in-law Steve Archbold and a great granddaughter Allison Rose Sparks.

Patti married Richard Sparks on August 22, 1959 at Rose Methodist Church in Terre Haute, IN.

Patti was a graduate of Indiana State University. She was a teacher for 33 years- 10 years in LaPorte County, 5 years in Florida and 18 years at Southern Wells High School where she wrote the curriculum for Consumers Education for Indiana. She was sponsor at Southern Wells for the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) for many years and when they had the first male state officer for FHA.

She was one of the founding members of Southern Wells Community Church. She was a Gideon for 54 years, a member of TOPS and worked for many summers at Camp Good News. She was the Child Evangelism Director of LaPorte county. Patti was a devout Christian who lived every moment serving

God. She started teaching Sunday school at the age of 16 and continued doing this for 68 more years.

Service to celebrate her life will be held at 3 P.M. on Saturday, (Jan. 14, 2023) at Southern Wells Community Church Saturday, located at 9450 South 300 West, Poneto, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Southern Wells Community Church or to her grandson's kidney donation fund. This can be done at the service or online at: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/joshs-road-to-healing?member=24289269&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_email%2Binvitesupporters](https://www.gofundme.com/f/joshs-road-to-healing?member=24289269&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvitesupporters)

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Lemler Family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Etna Cemetery**

South St  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life Service**

JAN 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

Southern Wells Community Church  
9450 South 300 West  
Poneto, IN 46781

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patti Sue Sparks.*



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January 11, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *We went to church with Patti and she was one amazing woman. She tried to live her life with joy and had a positivity about her that every church needed. The Southern Wells Community lost a gem with Patti's death. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family and her church family. Steve & Karen Ezra*

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**Karen Ezra** - January 10, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Such a kind soul. She's now with Jesus. How glorious. Kelly F.*

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**Kelly F** - January 09, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss and will be praying for your family. David teaches at our school. Mr. Williams and I will definitely have you all in our prayers.*

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**Phyllis Williams** - January 09, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *So sad to hear of her passing. Prayers for her family.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Barbara Renner** - January 08, 2023 at 11:26 PM

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“ We will never forget Patti♥ My kids loved getting what we called Patti Mail. She always sent notes of encouragement to the kids when she saw something in the paper that they had done. Every child needs a person like Patti rooting for them in their corner. We will be praying for Patti's family during this difficult time. 🙏

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**Lisa boxell** - January 08, 2023 at 04:02 PM