



## Patsy Ruth Montgomery Sparks

April 8, 1943 - May 8, 2009

Patsy Ruth Montgomery Sparks, 66, Russellville, AL passed away on Friday, May 08, 2009 at her residence. The visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 10, 2009, at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2009 at Spry Memorial Chapel. Friends and family will speak at her funeral. Interment will be in Knights of Pythias Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luster & Roberta Tompkins Montgomery and her sister, Bobbie Jean Hites. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Wm. Christopher Sparks; step-daughter, Juliann Riley (husband, Stan); grandchildren, Emma Riley, Rachel Riley, Harrison Riley; sister, Janie Deaton (husband, Eddie); nephews, Dan Hites (wife, Dru), David Hites (wife, Penny), Matt Deaton, John Deaton (wife, Kristen); niece, Paige McWilliams (husband, Barry); great-nephews, Andy McWilliams, Clay Hites; great-nieces, Megan Hites, Michelle Hites; great-great niece, Sjaan McGargar. The pallbearers will be Dan Hites, David Hites, Barry McWilliams, John Deaton, Andy McWilliams, and Clay Hites. Honorary pallbearers will be LeRoy Willis, Jerry Knight Grissom, Bobby Bolton, Eddie Deaton, Harold Hites, and Matt Deaton. She is best remembered for all the years she taught at Colbert Heights High School

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Patsy Ruth Montgomer Sparks*

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**Price McDonald** - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Like others here, Patsy was one who played my trivia games as well as played trivia games with me and others. She was a wonderful player, good soul who enjoyed sharing her knowledge. Patsy and I also shared that we both were/are teachers. We believed in helping the students their best potential. I will miss our Patsy in trivia, but when folks are having fun with the game, I know wherever Patsy is, she is too. My sympathies to the family, you are in my thoughts.*

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**Polly/Enya** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *mrs. sparks was a well respected teacher. i'm very sorry for your loss c/o 89*

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**kathy fuller** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ To Mrs. Sparks' family: I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady.

*I was a student of Mrs. Sparks at CHHS. I was just telling my kids this past weekend about her and what a great teacher/friend she was to me. I told them stories about class and how she'd sometimes bring two tangerines and give me one to eat with her at the end of the school day. In the eleventh grade, I had her for homeroom, AP History, and journalism. She had a reputation of being a tough teacher and I was scared going into my junior year. She turned out to be, by far, one of the greatest teachers I ever had and I have great memories of her. I signed up for journalism my senior year just to be in her class again. My only regret is not keeping in touch with her after I graduated. She was a very special teacher and I'll never forget her.*

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**Tomika Woodall** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Patsy was a superb online games player, very intelligent. I was not surprised to learn that she was a fellow high school teacher.

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**Bob Brunet** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I knew Patsy from online trivia games. She was a very nice intelligent person who never said a bad word about anyone. She will be missed. My condolences to her family.

*Mike Frey*

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**Mike Frey** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I've had the honor and joy to have Patsy as one of my most loyal and favorite players in trivia games I host on AOL. She was one of the brightest players around, winning many games I've staged. She will be missed by me and all of the other players we've been around online.

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**Brian Richardson** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I know "Sparkly" from the trivia room. Truly a class act. She never complained. We were all so concerned about her.

*My deepest heartfelt sympathies to all of her family and friends.*

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**Rachel** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ To all the members of Patsy's family, my deepest condolences. Very best wishes and light to all.

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**Moe** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ AOL has an active trivia community and we all enjoyed Patsy's participation in the games. She was so bright and funny and always brought extra energy to the trivia chat rooms.

*Patsy was one of our very favorite people and we will miss her mightily.*

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**Jan Verrey** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ It was a pleasure playing trivia games with you, you shall be missed. ((((((sparks))))))

*My sympathies to your family and friends.*

*Mel*

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**Melanie Rosenblatt** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ i will miss Sparky... very much. i hosted games on AOL and whenever i saw her pop into the room to play a trivia game i knew butts were about to be beat! that woman was so very very smart and she always made me smile. rip Sparky {{{{}}}}

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**becca** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Hi

*Patsy played most all the games i was part of online. When she went away we as the trivia community lost a great big part of our online Family.*

*I am so sorry for your loss. The family is in my prayers*

*Sincerely  
Jennie*

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**Jennie** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ SHE WAS ALWAYS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TEACHER'S ALWAYS FAIR AND CARING

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**DONNIE RODEN** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Patsy was a regular player in my trivia games, and a joy to all of the trivia community at Egghead. We will miss her great sense of humor and quick mind. My thoughts are with you now as you remember this delightful woman. I hope you find comfort in the number of people she touched, not face to face but over the internet.

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**Joan Radell** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I a sorry for your loss. Mrs. Sparks was a great teacher. I had fun in her class and learned alot.

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**Stacy (Griffin) Phillips** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Juliann  
I'm so sorry about your mother. I just found out Monday morning that she had passed away. You all are in our prayers.  
Tara

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**Tara Oliver** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Praying for the family at this time. Ms. Sparks was my teacher at Colbert Heights in 1990-91.

*You are in my thoughts and prayers and may God Bless!*

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**Pam** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I met Sparkie, as I called her in the trivia room. She always was respectful and concerned for others.  
May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort your family now and in the days ahead. I am so very sorry for your loss.....Jan

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**Jan Kennedy** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I was saddened this morning to learn of Patsy's passing, and yet relieved for her transition to a place without suffering.

*Patsy was an online friend, whose picture I never saw, and about whom I knew only what she chose to divulge. It's difficult for people who don't participate in online chat rooms to understand how deeply I came o feel about Patsy. She disclosed to me some months ago that she was battling the same disease that robbed me of both my mother and my beau of twenty years. She let me know that she was married, and that she had children and a step-daughter. The rest of what I understood about her came via her online persona, which I think was exactly the person she really was. No pretense. Wickedly smart. Brilliant, actually. Possessed of a dry and hilarious wit. Introspective and private. These were all traits for which I and others came to truly love her in AOL's trivia game rooms. She won far more games than she lost, and I have a feeling that we were a great source of friendship and support for her. Her stamina amazed those of us who knew she was ill.*

*I shall ever and truly miss Patsy for the truly remarkable person she was.*

*My condolences to her far-flung and extensive family. I wish you all a very great measure of peace.*

*Anita Trenner*

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**Anita Trenner** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Patsy. She always enjoyed playing our trivia games on AOL, and was one of the smartest players. Her presence will be missed here, and I hope her family will find some comfort in knowing that others share their grief. It is ironic that you can form very strong friendships with people on computers that you may never ever have the opportunity to meet in person. Patsy was one of those people. Rest In Peace my Friend.

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**Joy Gorman** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ I will miss you, Patsy.

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**Grace** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Our sincere condolences to all the family. We were students at CHHS when Ms. Patsy first began her teaching career.

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**Gatus & Sue Cheatham** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EI

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Patsy in the AOL game/chat rooms. She was always fun to be around, and I was constantly amazed by her knowledge of so many subjects. She will be missed by her online friends.

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**Eileen** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Patsy was one of my "fellow trivia players" in AOL's Zone Trivia. She was always so cheerful and fun (and SMART!). She will truly be missed. My condolences to your family.

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**Terri Kotchevar** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EG

“*Mrs. Sparks was my high school teacher. She was a wonderful teacher. I always think about that AP History class she taught my senior year.*

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**Erin Schweighardt Gray** - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM