



## Mary Louise Sparks

January 10, 1939 - October 10, 2019

I am writing this myself so that my family will be relieved of one more chore in dealing with my death.

My name is Mary Louise Sparks and I passed away from Ureter Cancer on October 10, 2019. I was born in 1939 in a tiny little town called Weldon, not far from Lovelady, Texas. My parents were Nellie Starnes Koch and Max William Koch who both passed away in 2001. I had a younger sister named Lela, who died when she was thirty-five. My brother named Max William Koch Jr. lives in Lillian, Texas with his wife Darlene.

We moved to Richmond when I was about five into a big house where my mother told me A.P. George was born. I still have many memories of that big old house. My grandmother and three aunts all lived with us, so there was always a lot going on. My dad was called to serve in the Navy at the end of World War II, while we were there and my mother had to go to work in a belt factory in Stafford until he came home. Times were really hard! We moved to Rosenberg when I was in the fifth grade, so then, I had friends in both Richmond and Rosenberg; some of whom are still living here. As soon as I graduated from high school in 1957, I went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and married James Eugene Sparks from Katy years later. He was a junior at Texas A&M College and I later moved there to be with him for his senior year. It was there that our only daughter, Kelly, was born. When he graduated, we moved to Leakey, Texas where he taught school for two years and where our oldest son, Bo, was born, actually, his father

delivered him along about Concan. From there, we moved back home where our youngest son, Chad, was born and where we have lived for the rest of our lives, except for seven years we lived in Lexington, Kentucky, where we were breeding and selling thoroughbreds.

We moved back home in 1980 and I went to work for The Texas Department of Public Safety and then Fort Bend County Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Office where I met and enjoyed so many wonderful people. I finally decided to give up my job with the county to help my husband Jimmy with his taxidermy business. In 1987 we opened a taxidermy studio which we operated until 2015.

Through all those years, we met and enjoyed so many wonderful people. It was always a pleasure to visit with them and sometimes meet their families and hear their stories about their adventures. It was really hard to close the studio but our declining health kept us from continuing. Then, last year, I was given the devastating diagnosis which ended everything.

I regret leaving behind my true love Jimmy whom I have loved for over sixty-three years, my wonderful daughter Kelly, my two exceptional and loving sons, Bo and Chad and all their children: Bo Bowen and Luke Bosworth (children of Kelly), Trey, Tara and Carson Sparks (children of Bo) and Starr Sparks (daughter of Chad) and my daughter-in-law Nancy and her daughter Hunter (wife and step-daughter of Chad). I was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Derek, Dominique, Hunter, Destiny, Chance, Trinity and Madison Bowen (Children of Bo Bowen) and Jaxon Bosworth (son of Luke Bosworth).

I'm sorry I won't be here to meet the ones who will come later.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Louise Sparks*



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**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - October 14, 2019 at 03:10 PM



*Please make sure that her son, Chad, is mentioned in this video slide. He made it. He spent countless, heartbreaking hours scanning photos to make this. We appreciate what y'all did for us and the family, but please acknowledge us, as the family, and give credit where credit is due. Thank you again.*

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**Nancy Sparks** - October 17, 2019 at 09:29 PM

LB

“ *Dear Kelly and Family- So sorry to hear of your loss. May your memories, love and time help ease the pain. With the forethought to write her own obituary I can tell this wife, mother, sister, grandmother WILL ALWAYS be with you.*

*Liz. Brietzke*

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**Liz. Brietzke** - October 17, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Sparks.*



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October 14, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Sparks.*



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October 14, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *Paul and I are so sorry for your loss. We all had a great time together at the Corbett. Mary will be greatly missed. Love to you and your family.*

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**Christine DeBolt** - October 13, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. Prayers during this difficult time.*

*Danaji*

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**Danaji Gonzalez** - October 12, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ *Lots of good memories of Mary. I'm so sorry Jimmy, Chad and family. Love, Lee Smith*

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**Lee Smith** - October 12, 2019 at 12:02 AM

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“ *Condolences Jimmy and family  
Know you are in many peoples Prayers during this difficult time!* ❤️  
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*God Bless  
The Ondrush's  
Mary and John*

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**mary ondrush** - October 11, 2019 at 06:42 PM

BG

“ *Mary was a shining light in the Class of 1957 at Lamar  
Consolidated. She will be missed until we all get together again.*

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**Bert Gubbels** - October 11, 2019 at 04:08 PM

DD

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We shared many laughs at  
my beauty shop before I retired. She was a beautiful sweet woman  
who I enjoyed knowing  
My condolences to the family on your loss. RIP Mary*

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**Darla DeFord** - October 11, 2019 at 09:36 AM