

## *Psalm 23*

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art  
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD for ever.*



**While processing to the cemetery, please be  
sure to turn on your lights and hazards!**

## *In Loving Memory of*



# *Dorothy June Sparks*

*October 9, 1929*

*December 17, 2024*

# Dorothy June Sparks

Dorothy June Sparks, 95, of La Monte, MO, passed away on December 17, 2024, at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center in Sedalia. She was born on October 9, 1929, in Warrensburg, MO, the daughter of Herman Joseph Rieckhoff and Lillie Olga (Dallman) Rieckhoff, who preceded her in death.

On May 9, 1948, in La Monte, MO, she was united in marriage to William Charles Sparks, who preceded her in death on March 5, 2011.

Dorothy was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sweet Springs in May 14, 1942. She was also a charter member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sedalia in June 5, 1960. She graduated from Bleak Mound Grade School in May 1942, LaMonte High School in May 1946 and attended Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, after high school. Dorothy taught two years at Crystal Springs Rural Grade School in LaMonte, MO, and one year at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Sedalia. She then went to work for Federal Civil Services at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster. After 28 years of service she retired to enjoy spending time with family, watching her grandchildren and great-grandchild grow, reading, shopping, growing flowers, watching the birds -- especially the cardinals -- and sending cards to family friends and neighbors for any event or holiday that occurred. She was an active volunteer for 4-H activities and Friends of the Library.

Dorothy is survived by two children, Gordon (Kay) Sparks and Charla (Alvin) Jording both of LaMonte; three grandchildren, James Sparks of LaMonte, Alissa (Steve) Bruner of Warrensburg, and Jamie (Steve) Dehan of Lenexa, KS; five great-grandchildren, Peyton, Alayna, and Hadley Bruner of Warrensburg, and Elijah and Samuel Dehan of Lenexa, KS, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Besides her parents, and husband, Dorothy was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eldon and Wayne Rieckhoff; two brothers-in-law, Jewel Sparks and George Riddle; four sisters-in-law, Patricia Rieckhoff, Scotty Scotten, Nellie Riddle, Lillian Sparks, and a niece, Stacey (Rieckhoff) Davis.

# Celebration of Life Service

11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 27, 2024

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Sedalia, MO

## Officiant

Pastor Andrew Tessone

## Organist

Debbie Mueller

## Special Music

*“Amazing Grace”*

*“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”*

*“God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”*

## Inurnment

La Monte Cemetery

La Monte, MO

## Honorary Bearers

James Sparks, Mark Rieckhoff, Dwayne Rieckhoff,

Paul Rieckhoff, Zach McCoy, John Fowler,

Zach Trauschke, Jerry Blakely

## Memorial Contributions

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