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Katherine Caroline (Schnarre) Sparling, 83, of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed peacefully from this life on Wednesday, July 31 surrounded by her loving family. Katherine/Kate/Kay/Katy was born on January 30, 1936 in Fairland, Oklahoma to Alma Lena Amanda (Lobitz) Schnarre and Herman August Schnarre. After graduating with Will Rogers High School Class of 1954, she married her sweetheart Philip Leland Sparling at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tulsa. They made their home and raised their family in a number of communities across Oklahoma and Texas. She is survived by her children Connie Sue Swan (Robert Klunder) of Tulsa; Donald Philip Sparling (Terry) of Montgomery, TX; David Leland Sparling (Susan) of Sugarland, TX; and Steven William Sparling (Janelle) of Montgomery, TX; by grandsons Brett Michael Sparling (Jessica) of Dacula, GA; Kyle Philip Sparling (Amber) of Darwin, Australia; Grant Matthew Sparling (Julie) of Dacula, GA; Kevin William Sparling of Montgomery, TX; Connor Jason Swan of Boston, MA; Bruce Parker Lamb of NYC, NY; and Blake Douglas Lamb of Dallas, TX; by great-grandchildren Mia Giselle Sparling, Zoey Jade Sparling, Harrison Philip Sparling, and Reagan Brielle Sparling; and by her brother Harold Herman Schnarre. Katherine was preceded in death by her beloved Philip, and by her sister, Ann Louise (Schnarre) Fields. In the days before her passing, she smiled to say, "I've led a beautiful life, had four wonderful children, and was married to the best husband ever." An accomplished organist, she added that it had been her privilege to play in every church she attended. Her heartfelt faith in the goodness of God and abiding trust in Christ Jesus led her along paths of service all the days of her life. Viewing will be held on Tuesday, August 13 from 12 – 7:00PM at Floral Haven Funeral Home with family present from 6 – 7PM. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 14 at 10:00AM in the Floral Haven Chapel, followed by a brief graveside service and refreshments.



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AH

Amber Sharp (Maiden: Hill) posted:

She was such a supportive and loving woman. I graduated from nursing school and she came over with an azalea bush which I am extra happy about not killing;) such a sweet way to think of her often when I see it.

August 14 at 3:37 PM

DH

Dwayne And Anna Harris posted:

We asked GOD for a friend and he gave us Philip and Katherine. You have been a part of our life for so long, From high school to the present time, Cards, Pictures, Phone Calls, All the Memories with in our Heart. We will miss you. In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe. Psalm 4: 8

August 9 at 11:08 AM

SP

Sara Pilgrim posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all you Sparling kids and your families. I remember your parents very well. May your many happy memories give you peace and comfort.

August 8 at 11:12 AM

JP

Jeannette Taylor Pierce posted:

Don and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

August 7 at 5:48 PM

HW

Howard N. Wolff posted:

I remember her and her family as members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cushing Okla. in the early 70's. I did not know her especially well, but I knew her three oldest kids and thought the world of them. Their character was a reflection of her and her husband. They moved away from Cushing, and I had lost track of all but Don in Texas. Sad to hear of their loss.

August 7 at 9:54 AM



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Barbara Diel posted:

We are so very sorry to hear about Kay. Our WRHS classmates loved her very much. My husband and I have known her since childhood. She and I did many jobs together on our high school reunions. Our prayers and love are with all of you.

August 4 at 12:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Katherine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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