



## Nita Sparks

July 18, 1930 - July 12, 2020

Nita Page Forehand Sparks.....The Heavenly choir has gained another voice in the alto section. Mrs. Nita Page Forehand Sparks passed away on July 13th at home, surrounded by her family after an extended illness. She was born in Conway, SC, on July 18, 1930, daughter of Dewitt Forehand and Nina Moore Forehand.

Predeceased by Gene O. Sparks, her beloved husband of 65 years, also by her siblings, Norwood Forehand, Doris Vereen, Elva Thomas, Ronald Forehand and Louise Forehand.

Sparks graduated from Conway High School and attended Winthrop College.

She is survived by her children Reneé Sparks Defalco (Jeffrey) of Conway, John Marshall Sparks of Myrtle Beach, Alan Norwood Sparks (Kristi) of Mt. Pleasant, and Mary Grace Sparks of Conway. She loved her grandchildren, Page Louise Curry, and Jacob and Katie Sparks.

Nita was a member of First Baptist Church Conway, and sang in the Chancel Choir for most of her life. Generations of Lovell Child Care Kindergarten and Sunday School students remember how they benefited from her dedication to their nurturing education. She was an influential community member in Ivy Garden Club, winning awards for her arrangements; in CAP (Churches

Assisting People); in TOR (Theatre of the Republic) as performer; and as volunteer; on the Horry County Foster Care Review Board, advocating for adoption. Children and adults gained literacy from her volunteer tutoring work. Nita and Gene enjoyed dancing, playing Bridge, and adventures with their family.

Her passion for gardening, nature and animals will thrive as her progeny continue her legacy. Her loyalty and care was, and will be cherished by her closest friends and extended family who are invited to a private graveside memorial service which will be held by Goldfinch Funeral Home on Sunday, July 26th at 4:00 PM at Lakeside Cemetery.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Nita Sparks.* ”



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July 26, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” – Maya Angelou* ”

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will miss her.*

*Love, Lyndal, Teresa, and Mary Lou*



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**Lyndal Haddox** - July 26, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Alison Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Nita Sparks* ”



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**Alison Goodwin** - July 26, 2020 at 12:13 AM

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“ *Kenny Oliver lit a candle in memory of Nita Sparks*



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**Kenny Oliver** - July 23, 2020 at 05:48 AM

BM

“ *BELINDA MILLS lit a candle in memory of Nita Sparks*



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**BELINDA MILLS** - July 21, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DS

“ *Love and prayers to all the family. Nita and Gene were some of the most loving and beautiful people I have ever met. Just ask the many Foster kids they brought into their home and into their hearts. I loved working with them at the theatre of the Republic. God bless you all in this time of sorrow.*

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**Diane DeVaughn Stokes** - July 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SR

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you. May the Peace and Love of our Heavenly Father be with you at this time and in the days ahead. Your Mom and Dad were a wonderful, loving couple who contributed much to our community.



*Sylvia and Jane Richardson*

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**Sylvia Richardson** - July 18, 2020 at 07:17 PM

TH

“ There was never a Wednesday evening meal at FBC that her smile did not touch. She was a true blessing to be around.

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**Tara Haines** - July 18, 2020 at 09:19 AM

FH

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I enjoyed my many years at Lovell Day Care with Nita she always had a smile on her face and loved each child in a special way that came through the door. I will be thinking about each member of your family but know your mother has gone to a better place and is out of pain.

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**Faye Hickson** - July 18, 2020 at 08:53 AM

NB

“ I was saddened upon reading of the passing of Mrs. Sparks ... and then immediately began to smile as memories of the kindness and caring expressed by this family - especially when we first moved to Conway. Nita, Gene and Alan welcomed us in the 1980s and made us feel like this was a good place to reside. May God send his angels to surround this family and give them comfort during this difficult time.



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**Nancy and Bill Burton** - July 18, 2020 at 07:46 AM

CM

“ I just heard about the passing of Mrs. Sparks. I am so sorry! I taught with her for several years at Lovell Child Care. She was a special lady who was talented in so many ways. I know that you have many precious memories to hold in your hearts. Both of your parents made a difference in the lives of so many people. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you strength during this difficult time!

*Cindy Magrath*

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**Cindy Magrath** - July 17, 2020 at 07:36 PM

BP

*Mrs. Nita was a very sweet soul, and the word beautiful would be an understatement. My thoughts and Prayers will be continuously lifted for her loving family.*

*Bonnie W. Peoples*

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**bonnie peoples** - July 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM

DW

“ Growing up in First Baptist Church, Mrs. Nita was my choir teacher for many years. She also taught my sister Theresa. She was a wonderful dedicated teacher.  
I remember wearing the white starched choir robe with the big black bow. Mrs. Nita was so proud of us when we perform in front of our parents. Oh what wonderful memories!  
With sincere sympathy,  
Diane Richardson Williamson

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**Diane R Williamson** - July 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM

PO

“ Johnny and Renee: I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. She was always quick with a big smile every time I saw her. I am sure she is elated to be healthy again and with a healthy "Mr Gene". Prayers for her memories to keep you comforted.

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**Patrick Oliver** - July 17, 2020 at 12:38 PM

PO

Oh and Alan, too, for whom I haven't seen in quite a while. So sorry.

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**Patrick Oliver** - July 17, 2020 at 12:43 PM

MS

Mrs. Nita was a special lady and I feel blessed to have known her. She always had a smile and a warm hello whenever I saw her. She was a lady of much love and care for others. Marti Smart

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**Marti Smart** - July 25, 2020 at 01:41 PM