



# Sylvia H Sparkes

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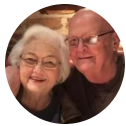
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**D**uring the early morning on Thursday August 27th, Sylvia Hudson Sparkes, loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother passed away at the age of 77 in Roswell, Georgia. Sylvia was born on October 21st, 1942 in Union City, TN. Sylvia graduated from Memphis State University with a master's in childhood education and worked for 38 years as an elementary teacher and guidance counselor for the Memphis City Schools. On June 23rd, 1963, Sylvia married William Alvis Sparkes. They had three sons, William Matthew of Atoka, Tennessee, David (Heather) of Milton, Georgia, and John (Cory) of Apollo Beach, Florida and four grandchildren, Hudson, Nicholas, Elizabeth, and Caroline.

Sylvia was a member of Colonial Park United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She had a passion for helping and teaching children and was active in educational organizations. She loved spending time with her sons and grandchildren and watching them develop. She was blessed with an abundance of loving friends which helped to keep her active throughout her years.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her father, Harry Caldwell Hudson, and her mother, Opal Arnett Roper. She is survived by her husband, her three children, her grandchildren, her brother Dennis (Nancy) of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and several cousins. A funeral service will be held on September 2nd, 2020 at 2:30 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis, TN with a visitation scheduled for 1:30. In lieu of flowers, the family ask for donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.



# Events

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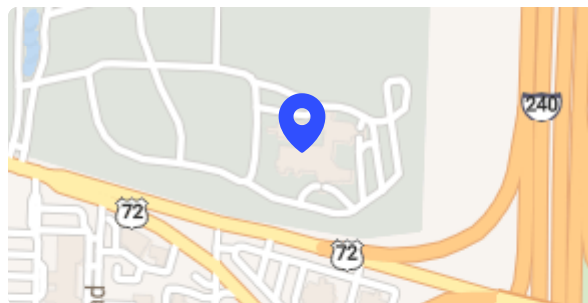
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## Gathering

 **Wednesday**, September 2, 2020


 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**  
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

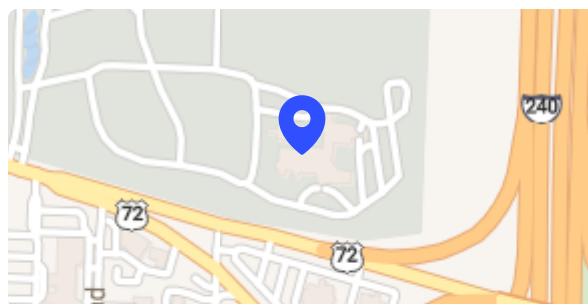


## Celebration of Life

 **Wednesday**, September 2, 2020


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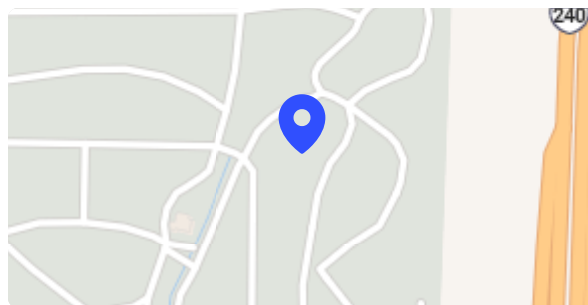
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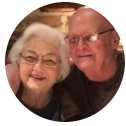


## Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119

 **(901) 445-8475**





## Tribute Wall

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RW

**Robert Wuench** posted:

Bill, old friend, I am so sorry for Sylvia's passing. But with Helping manage Gisela's dementia, I have a modest appreciation for the road that she, you and the family have traveled. At least Sylvia is at peace now, no longer mentally tormented. And I pray you may have the peace of mind of knowing that you helped her fight the good fight. God Bless, Larry (& Gisela)

September 3 at 5:15 AM

BC

**Betty Wallace Copley** posted:

I believe I went to school with her at Westover in Union City. I moved away but I have a picture of her. I'm the 4th grade I have saved. Her father worked at the court house. Sorry I never got to see her later. Sounds like she has a great life and family. Sorry for your loss!!

September 2 at 1:02 PM

JP

**Judy Posner** posted:

In all the years that I have known Sylvia and in various settings (working together at White Station Elementary, being members together of Alpha Delta Kappa teacher sorority and Floral Friends garden club), I have always noted the consistency that she showed. Sylvia was consistently sweet and kind to everyone, no matter who they were or what their view point was. She respected everyone. Sylvia was always a safe port in the storm. She also had a delightful sense of humor that could brighten your day. Heaven is all the richer. Fly high, Sylvia!

September 2 at 10:28 AM



**Lanae Plagman** posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss, prayers for the family, I'm Aunt Annie's great-granddaughter Sybil Lanae Morris Plagman, my grannie was Mary Sybil Wingo Osteen. May God give you comfort and strength through this difficult time. Aunt Opal was one of my favorite Aunt's. I'm sure I met Sylvia at one point, but I just don't remember.

September 1 at 8:31 AM



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