

Sparks Family
Scrapbook
June 2005

*This Sparks Family book is dedicated to the
memory of Cheryl Koppang Kumm*



**Cheryl on her wedding day
March 17, 1979**

*"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe,
call it a family.*

*Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you
need one"*

JANE HOWARD

Note from Judy

Scrapbooks are a lot like life – there may be mistakes, missing pieces of information, typos, fuzzy photos, etc. This sometimes happens when gathering this volume of information, but we all do the best we can. I hope you enjoy this book.

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Our Sparks
Ancestors

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**William Andrew Sparks
1833 - 1872**

Family Chart

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 Dates: 18 Dec 1693 - spell out June & July
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 (Town, County, State)(Town, Province, Country)
 b = Birth date w = Where
 m = Marriage date # = Pedigree code
 d = Death date

Other spouses & marriage dates

Hus. # Isaac Sparks
 b 1756 w Ireland
 m
 d age 102 1858 w

Parents

Wife # Mary Eleanor McLean
 b 1758 w Born on ship coming to America
 d age 100 1858 w from Ireland

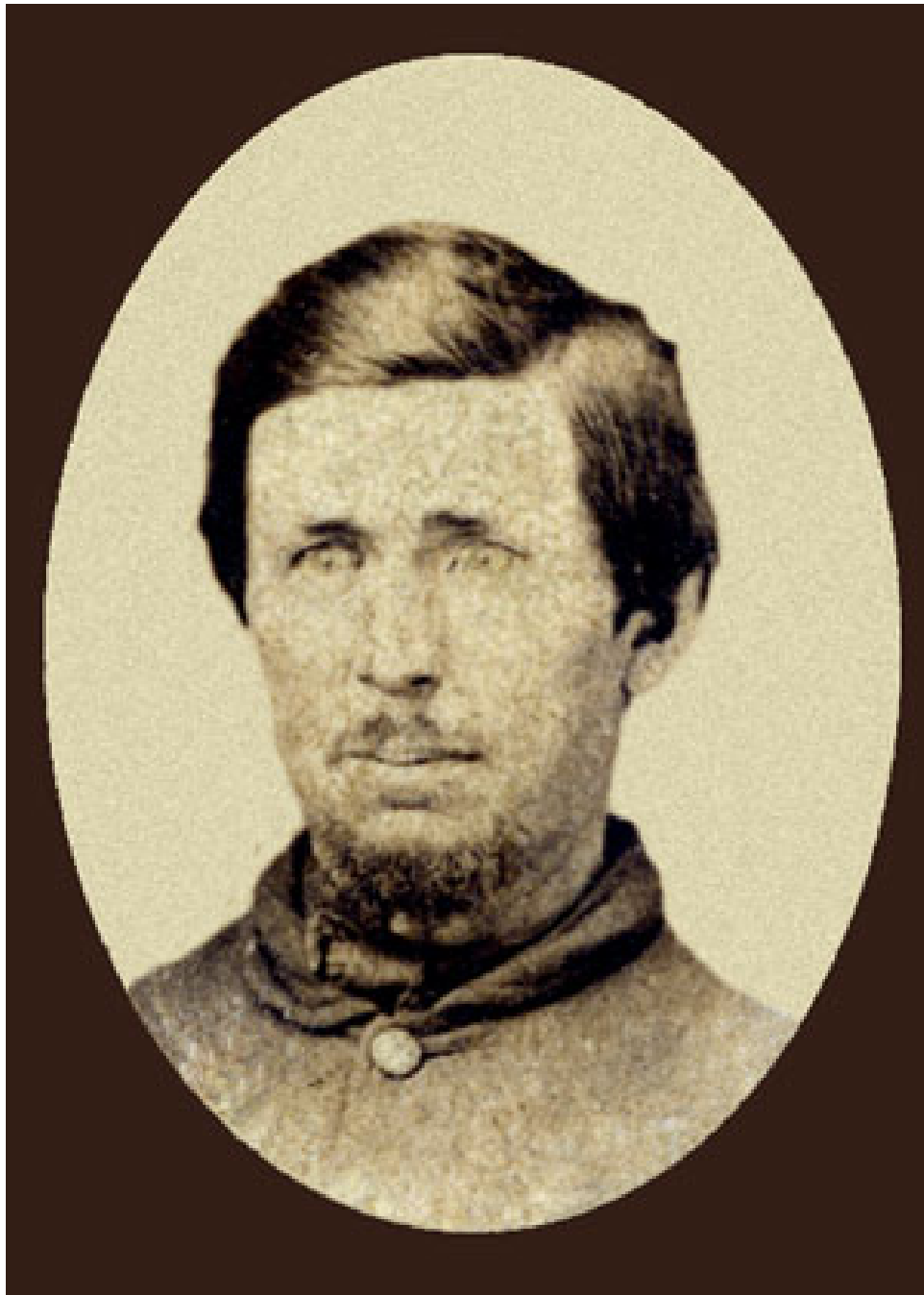
parents

Children in order of birth

1	William Andrew Sparks	b 2 Nov 1833 m 4 Nov 1854 d about 1875 15 Aug 1872	w to Colista Priscilla Corp w Michigan, Bloomingdale, Van Buren Co
2	(William had 11 brothers and sisters according to some accounts unverified)	d d	w to w
3		b m d	w to w
4		b m d	w to w
5		b m d	w to w
6		b m d	w to w
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10		b m d	w to w

Sources & explanations Date:
 Sarah May (Sparks) story Nov 1985

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William Andrew Sparks in Civil War uniform

Wm. Andrew Sparks Civil War Pension Record

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W Div.
F Ex'r.
Enrl. No. *444.922 -*
Wm Sparks,
1681 Minors

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *June 20, 1891*

SE:

314207
It is alleged that *Wm Sparks* enlisted *July 13th, 1868*
and served as a *Pri* in Co. *E*, *152* Reg't *Ind Inf*
also *44* in Co. _____ Reg't _____

and was discharged at _____, 18____

It is also alleged that while on duty at _____
on or about _____, 18____, he was disabled by _____

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, locations, and dates of treatment are as follows: _____

In case of the above-named soldier the War Department is requested to furnish an official statement of the enrollment, discharge, and record of service so far as the same may be applicable to the foregoing allegation, together with full medical history. Please give the rank he held at the time he is claimed to have incurred the disability alleged, and if records show that he was not in line of duty during that period, let the fact be stated.

Very respectfully,

John B. Kamm

Commissioner.

The Officer in Charge of the
Record and Pension Division,
War Department.

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Wm. Andrew Sparks Civil War Pension Record

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
DEPENDENT ORIGINAL

NO. 444922

APPLICANT: *Esther A. Sparks*

Wm. Andrew OF

VETERAN: *William Sparks*

CAN. NO. 1519

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Colista Priscilla (Corpe) Sparks
1831 - 1888

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Other spouses & marriage dates

Hus. # Harvey W. Corpe
 b w Boston, Mass
 m w Vermont
 d w
 Parents

Wife # Fannie B. Durkee
 b w Vermont
 d 1867 w Middlebury, Indiana
 parents

Children in order of birth

1	Andrew D. Corpe	b 4 April 1826 m d	w Portage County, Streetsboro, O to w
2	Phebe D. Corpe	b 29 July 1827 m d	w Portage County, Streetsboro, O to w
3	Sarah L. Corpe	b 9 Nov 1829 m d	w Portage County, Streetsboro, O to w
4	Collisto Priscilla Corpe	b 15 June 1831 m 4 Nov 1854 d 20 Jan 1888	w Portage County, Streetsboro, O to William Andrew Sparks w Russell, Minnesota
5	Albert A. Corpe	b 15 March 1833 m d	w Portage County, Streetsboro, O to w
6		b m d	w to w
7		b m d	w to w
8		b m d	w to w
9		b m d	w to w
10		b m d	w to w

Sources & explanations Date: March 1985 Compiler: Howard F. Bier
 History of the Phillips Family
 by Sarah May (Sparks)Potter Drake
 Mesa Geneological Library
 Microflich Ohio

WILLIAM ANDREW SPARKS AND COLISTA PRISCILLA (Corp) SPARKS FAMILY

I have heard two stories of William Sparks' younger years handed down by different descendents. One story, remembered by the descendents of Frank Albert Sparks, youngest son of William, recalls that Isaac Sparks died when William was about nine years old. William's mother was an invalid and he was left with a little sister to help care for.

The other story remembered by Sarah May (Sparks)Potter Drake, eldest daughter of William, is as follows: Quote—"My grandfather on my fathers side was born in Ireland coming to America with his parents when but five years old, his name Isaac Sparks. My grandmother, Mary Elanor McLean, was born on boat coming from Ireland altho her parents were Scotch. They were friends of the Sparks family. They all settled in Pennsylvania, later grandfathers people came to Indiana. Grandmother was born on the same ship that grandfather came to America on, and after the McLeans had been in Pennsylvania they also came to Indiana and they met again and were married she being but fifteen years old and they always lived near the place where they first went to keeping house. They raised a large family of twelve children. Their lives were uneventful and lived very happy and lived to be very old grandfather 102 years and grandmother 100 years and died just a few days apart.

My parents William Sparks only lived to be thirty seven years old and my mother Colista Sparks fifty three years old." My mother Colista Priscilla Corp was born in Ohio 14 June 1832 was married to William Sparks on 4 November 1854. They had nine children." *unquote*

William and Colista lived in Indiana after their marriage as I have records of Sarah, Diantha, Milo, and Ella May being born there. My Uncle Ray Bier told the story, heard from his mother Diantha Loretta (Sparks) Bier, of her father coming home one day during the Civil War looking rather blue. When asked by his wife what was the matter, he replied, "Colista, I've enlisted!" Loretta, a little girl, threw her arms around their legs and joined in the cry without really understanding the reason.

After his discharge from the Union Army they lived in Michigan. Esther was born there and probably Charles and Frank. William died quite young from a service contracted disability, something to do with his lungs, according to Uncle Ray Bier's recollections. June Westphal had heard he died in 1875 of Civil War wounds and is buried in Michigan. Sarah May (Sparks) says he died at 37 years of age.

I have tried to get William's Civil War Service Record from the National Archives but have been unable to locate it with the information I was able to give them for their search.

Colista, after William's death, married a man named ~~M.~~ H. Lemunyon. June Westphal has heard the story that Colista had remarried but it was not a happy one, so she, along with Charles and Frank, came to Marshall, Minnesota in 1886. After about seven months she got sick with cancer and a year later died. Uncle Ray Bier mentioned she lived at Homer's and came to visit D. P. and Loretta Bier's family while sick. Charles died in 1893 from Scorfula (TB of the glands of the neck). June Westphal has visited Colista and Charles graves in Island Lake Cemetery near Russell, Minnesota.

Another Narrative about the Sparks Family from Howard Bier's History Book

HISTORY OF THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

(Aunt (Aunt)
(Sarah May Sparks)

This is the family history of Mrs. Thos. B. Drake's ancestors and is incomplete as she died before finishing the history. She was Maude (Potter) Wantock and Frank Potters mother and an aunt of Leon M. Phillips on the mothers side.

My Grandfather, Harvey Coros was born in Boston, Massachusetts, his parents were English people that came to America in 1750 and settled in Vermont later moving to Boston, Massachusetts. After he was grown up he went to Vermont where he met my grandmother and was married. Her name was Fannie Durkee who was born in Vermont. Her mother also being a native of Vermont. Her ancestors were decendants of the Pilgrim Fathers having come to America in the Mayflower. General Durkee being a great, great uncle of my grandmothers. Harvey Coros and Fannie Durkee were married in Vermont she being but 15 years old at the time. In about a year after they were married they decided to go west and at the time Ohio being the far west. They went with others and all drove ox teams taking with them a bred cow, several sheep, as at that time every ones clothes depended on their own work, they carded the wool and would spin and weave their own cloth to make their clothes also for all they wore. They took some chickens and pigs also and loaded in wagons and started out west. They also took garden seeds, corn, rye, flax, buckwheat and when they arrived there they planted some of the seeds among the trees but that year did not raise very much as they were late getting seeds planted. Indians were numerous and not very friendly. They build a log cabin with dirt for a floor and hewed out shakes and covered it before winter set in. Wild game of all kinds were plentiful and came near them at all times. There were deer, bear and all kinds of game, wild turkeys and many others that were good for food. At any time they wanted them could kill them. They killed bear for meat and lard. One time before their cabin was covered grandfather heard a scream and looking up on the top of the logs saw a large panther just ready to jump down on them. He took his gun from the side of the bed where he kept it at nights and shot the panther and the next morning it was dead near the door. They were fifty miles from a town now Cincinnati, Ohio, and when they needed things they did not raise grandfather would go after them. It took days to make the trip and much worry as one never knew he would get home or not or lose his scalp. The indians never drove off his stock or done them any harm as he treated them kindly but grandmother and the children were very much afraid of them. The Indians would often come and ride their ponies around and around the house and make a terrible noise to frighten them. After living there a number of years they again decided to go west settling where Middlebury, Indiana now stands, where grandmother died in 1867. They raised eleven children.

My mother Colista Priscilla Corp was born in Ohio on June 11th 1832 was married to William Sparks on November 4th 1854. They had nine children Sarah M., Homer Isaac, Loretta D., Harvey (who died when one year old), Milo G., Ella May, Charles H., Esther A., and Frank Albert. I was born August 28th 1855 in Middlebury, Indiana. I was married to John D. Potter July 30th 1871. Three children Ena Maude, Minnie Undine and Frank Eugene. I was married to Thos B. Drake August 28th 1895, two children were born to us, Elsie Irene and Ethel Mae.

Old Family History – continued

(This is a true ancestor's story.)

My grandfather on my fathers side was born in Ireland coming to America with his parents when but five years old, his name Isaac Sparks. My grandmother Mary Eleanor McLean was born on boat coming from Ireland altho her parents were Scotch. They were friends of the Sparks family. They all settled in Pennsylvania, later grandfathers people came to Indiana. Grandmother was born on the same ship that grandfather came to America on, and after the McLeans had been in Pennsylvania they also came to Indiana and they met again and were married she being but fifteen years old and they always lived near the place where they first went to keeping house. They raised a large family of twelve children. Their lives were uneventful and lived very happy and lived to be very old grandfather 102 years and grandmother 100 years and died just a few days apart.

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Note by Leon W. Phillips:

"My mother Ella May Phillips was a sister of Mrs. Drake and from the words of my uncles and aunts William Sparks was the only man in the community in which he lived that enlisted for service in the Civil War and fought for the North and the exposure that he encountered was the main cause of his death after his release from service."

Note by Elvin E. Phillips (3rd son of Leon W.):

"The cap pouch that my father gave me to be passed on to his grandson, Kenneth (first son of my brother Ray) was used by the William Sparks as noted above. Due to the death of Kenneth I believe it would be the wish of my father that it be given to John Phillips, Kenneth's younger brother.

This cap pouch when given to me to be passed on to my children but if I did not have children then my father asked that it go to Kenneth.

My brothers and I remember this cap pouch as having been in with various other belongings of our father. My first recollection of it was when it held some "caps" for shotgun shells. At that time it was lined with lambs wool, since eaten away by moths.

This pouch went through some of the floods of the Sacramento River when our father and his family lived on the banks of that river."

Mrs. Thos B. Drakes story has been retyped in its original form without editing as to grammar or punctuation. I thought it would be more interesting to do it this way.

Elvin E. Phillips
Elvin E. Phillips



Anders Engebretsen and Maren Andersdatter
Photo taken in Norway

Anders Engebretsen was born on November 4, 1832 in Jevnaker, Hadeland, Norway. His parents were Engebret or Ingebrigt Morka, who was also born in Norway and Karie Marie (no last name listed), who was also born in Norway.

Maren Andersdatter was born in 1836 in Jevnaker, Hadeland, Norway. Her parents are unknown to us at this time however, her father's first name was Anders.

Anders and Maren were married July 10, 1855, at Jevnaker, Oppland, Norway.

They immigrated to America on May 12, 1880, crossing at Quebec, Canada to Ste. St. Marie, Michigan.

Their children who survived to adulthood and immigrated to America:

Elise

Elise married Ed Jensen and lived in Duluth, Minnesota

Andrea (our ancestor)

Married Milo Sparks and lived in Kintyre, North Dakota

Mathilde Karoline

Married Gilbert Johnson, lived in Hendricks, Minnesota

Anna Marie (known as Mary)

Married George Johnson, lived in Hendricks, Minnesota

Engebret

Married Gena, grew up in Hendricks, moved first to Clearwater, South Dakota and then to Minneapolis. He was a pharmacist.

About the Engebretsen's

Elise Engebretsen Jensen (known as Lizzie)



The Ed and Elise Jensen Family
(the tallest girl is Ella Jensen, other girl is Gena)

Elise married Ed Jensen and lived in Duluth, Minnesota. Ed was a police officer in Duluth, Minnesota. They had four children Arthur, Gena, Ella and Elmer

Arthur married Anne Erickson

They had five sons – Ernest, Lawrence, Ralph Arden, John Odell, and Robert Phillip

Gena and Ella never had children.

Elmer Jensen died at age 21 and was buried the same day as his father, Ed.

Mathilde Karoline Engebretsen Johnson

Married **Gilbert Johnson**, lived in Hendricks, Minnesota

They had five children, **Margaret, Gilmar, Luella, Carl and Ruth**

Anna Marie (known as Mary)

Married **George Johnson**, lived in Hendricks, Minnesota.

They had two children, **Loyd** and a daughter named xxxx who died as a small child.

Engrebret Engebretsen married **Gena**. He grew up in Hendricks, moved first to Clearwater, South Dakota and then to Minneapolis. He was a pharmacist. Engebret and Gena Engebretsen had three children. **Mora** (a daughter) and two twin sons, **Elden** and **Aldon**. Later on, the two twins changed their last name from Engebretsen to something more "American" for professional reasons.

Contact Information:

(Descendents of Mathilda Engebretsen Johnson)

Robert and Irene Johnson
1120 320th Street
Hendricks, Minnesota 56131-4037

Or

Mrs. Sherwin Singsaas (Carolyn)
2970 High Point Curve
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

Engebretsen Norwegian Census Document – 1865

Searching the 1865 census document.

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Olav



Information on domicile



Data on domicile:

- Census year: **1865**
- Municipality: **Jevnaker**
- Municipality number: **0532**
- Name of domicile: **Kvelsrudstuen**

Number of persons in this domicile: 5.

*one household:
husband, wife,
2 daughters
one maid.*

Name	Family status	Marital status	Occupation	Birth year	Birth place	Ethnicity
Anders Engebretsen	hf	g	Husmand med Jord	1832	Jevnaker	
Maren Andersdatter	Hans Kone	g <i>his wife</i>		1836	Jevnaker	
Elise Andersdatter	Deres datter	ug <i>Their daughter</i>		1861	Jevnaker	
Karen Marie Andersdatter	Deres Datter	ug <i>Their daughter</i>		1865	Jevnaker	
Lise Iversdatter		ug <i>Tjenestepige maid.</i>		1852	Jevnaker	

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*g = married
ug = unmarried*

Engebretsen Norwegian Census Document - 1875

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Information on domicile



Data on domicile:

- Census year: **1875**
- Municipality: **Jevnaker**
- Municipality number: **0532**
- Name of domicile: **Nordre Haugen under Hauger**

Husband owns some real property and works for the Brewery in Hønefos

Number of persons in this domicile: 8.

Name	Family status	Marital status	Occupation	Birth year	Birth place	Ethnicity
Anders Engebretsen	hf	g	Husmand m./Jord og Arbejder ved Bryggeriet i Hønefos	1832	Jevnaker Hovedsogn	<i>Community. Main area of Jevnaker.</i>
Maren Andersdatter	hu	g	Husmoder	1836	Jevnaker Hovedsogn	
Elise Andersdatter	d		Hjælper Forældrene	1861	Jevnaker Hovedsogn	<i>Helping the parents</i>
Andrea Andersdatter	d			1867	Jevnaker Hovedsogn	
Mathilde Karoline Andersdatter*	d			1870	Hønefos	<i>= small city West of Oslo</i>
Anna Marie Andersdatter*	d			1873	Hønefos	
Johan Johannesen	Tjener <i>servant</i>	ug	Tjener for Løn <i>servant for pay</i>	1857	Lunner Anneks Jevnaker	
Andreas Andersen	Gjæst her; Husmoderens Broder	ug	Bryggeriarbejder i Hønefos <i>working at the brewery in Hønefos</i>	1853	Jevnaker Hovedsogn	<i>He is a guest at this household. He is the wife's brother</i>

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<http://draug.rhd.isv.uit.no/ftsoek/ftsoek.asp?kommando=bosted&ftaar=1875&spraak=enge...> 7/14/2004

Anders Engebretsen's Naturalization Document

STATE OF MINNESOTA MINNESOTA COMMISSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Alien Registration and Declaration of Holdings

18
SERIAL NO.

This registration blank to be forwarded to J. A. O. Preus, State Auditor, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Lincoln County Andricks ~~Town~~
~~Village~~
~~City~~

1. Full name of Alien Registrant. Anders Engebretsen.
2. Street Address, Postoffice Box or R. F. D. Route _____
3. Village, City or Town Andricks
4. Length of residence at the foregoing place 17 1/2 years.
5. Give Age Last Birthday 85
6. To what country do you claim allegiance? United States.
7. Where Born Jernaker, Hadeland, Norway.
8. Date of Birth Nov. 4, 1837
9. Port of entry to United States Quebec Canada x St. St. Marie, Mich.
10. Date of Arrival in United States May 12, 1880
11. Married? Widower 12. Is Wife living? _____
13. Residence of wife, if living _____
14. Do you speak and write English? No.
15. Have you a trade or profession, and what? No.
16. In exactly what line of work are you at present engaged? Nothing.
17. Give names and ages of all living children, and state which are attending public schools
Yes. Andrea 50 years, Mathilde, 39 years,
Maria, 36 years, Engebret 40 years.
18. Have any of your male relatives taken part in present war either for or against the United States and its allies?
If answer yes, give name, relationship, and state which country served? No.
19. Did you register under selective draft, and if so, where? No.
20. What is your serial number? _____
21. Did you claim exemption from military service and why? _____
22. Have you ever taken out first papers of naturalization in the United States? If so, state where and date.
Yes at Embury, Fellows Medicines Co., 1883
23. If you have taken out first papers of naturalization why have you not taken out second papers?
No reason.

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Anders Engbretsen Naturalization Document, Page 2

24. If you have never taken out first papers of naturalization, why have you not done so? _____
25. Do you own or have interest in any farm lands in any County of Minnesota? If no give legal description, approximate value of your equity, and state whether you are resident thereon No.
26. When did you acquire interest in above described lands? _____
27. Do you own or have interest in any city lots or other real estate in State of Minnesota? If so give legal description and approximate value of your equity therein Lot 11, Block 19, City of Mendocino \$1500.00
28. When did you acquire your interest in above described property? Spring of 1900
29. Do you own or have equity in any farm or city property outside of State of Minnesota? If so give legal description and approximate value of such equity. _____
30. Do you own any stocks, bonds, or other securities? If so give name of corporation and amount owned. No.
31. Is any person holding in trust for you any Minnesota farm or city property? If so give name of person, description, value of such property, and how long held in trust. No.
32. Give legal description of all real and personal property held by minors for which you may be guardian, stating when property acquired and relationship of minor? _____
33. Do you own any personal property such as cattle, sheep, horses, autos, farm machinery, etc.? If so, what, and approximate value? _____
34. Have you sold or transferred any property since the United States declared the existence of a state of war with Germany? If so, give description and to whom sold or transferred? No.
35. Have you a safe deposit vault, and if so, where is it located? No.
- Miscellaneous remarks _____

Date Feb. 26 1918.
 Enrollment Taken and Card Issued.

John Kinsneck
 Agent, Minnesota Commission of Public Safety.

witness to
 mark

I do solemnly swear that the answers to Questions Nos. 1 to 35 inclusive as above recorded are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anders Engbretsen
 Signature of Registrant

Anton Skovly



**Andrea Engrebretsen Sparks and Milo George Sparks
with baby May, taken ~ 1890**

Family Chart

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Other spouses & marriage dates

Hus. # Milo George Sparks
 b 30 Sep 1861 w LaGrange, Indiana
 m 20 Sep 1887 w Lynd, Minnesota
 d 25 Apr 1932 w Kintyre, ND
 Parents William Andrew Sparks--Colista Corp

Wife # Andrea Engebretson
 b 28 Nov 1868 w Holland, Norway
 d 8 May 1935 w Sioux City, Iowa
 parents

Children in order of birth

1	Etta ^{Ella} May Sparks	b 01 May 1889 m 31 Dec 1916 d 26 Nov 1975	w Lynd, MN to Byron Zuver (1885-1939) w Fremont, CA
2	Roy Anders Sparks	b 12 Aug 1891 m 4 Jan 1916 d 30 June 1976	w Clark Range, Fentress Co., Tenn. to Lulu Ferguson at Ashland, Ohio w Benecia, CA
3	Hilda Marian Sparks	b 13 Apr 1893 m d 1962	w Clark Range, Fentress Co., Tenn. to Roe Wert w Monmouth, Oregon
4	Lee Arthur Sparks	b 18 Apr 1896 m ^{5 Mar 1923} 6 Dec 1928 d 8 Nov 1973	w ^{Gobelsville, Michigan} (1) Esther Brockmueller to (2) Viola Bailey w Salem, Oregon
5	Elon William Sparks	b 11 Feb 1899 m d 6 Apr 1979	w Lynd, Lyon Co., Minnesota to (1) Eunice w (2) Gladys Moffit Pennington w Wahpeton, ND
6	George Milo Sparks	b 17 Nov 1901 m 12 May 1923 d 18 Mar 1989	w Lynd, Lyon Co., Minnesota to Mabel Stubbs w Merrill, ND
7	Anna Mildred	b 28 Apr 1908 m d 30 May 1913	w Braddock, ND to w Kintyre, ND
8		b m d	w to w
9		b m d	w to w
10		b m d	w to w

Sources & explanations Date: March 1985 Compiler: Howard F. Bier
 Betty Jane Sparks Luntz
 George Sparks

MILO GEORGE and ANDREA (Engebretson) SPARKS

Milo George Sparks (b. 30 Sep 1861-d. 25 Apr 1932) son of William and Colista Sparks, was born at La Grange, Indiana. The family probably lived in Indiana for several years but moved to Michigan after William returned from Civil War service in the Union Army. William died in 1875. Milo was still in Michigan in 1880 according to a letter his older brother Homer had written that year. He apparently came out to Minnesota, near Lynd, some time after that letter, and worked with Homer on a homestead. The Government would not allow two names on a Homestead Patent so Homer gave him \$1000 for his share.

Milo married Andrea Engebretson at Lynd, Minnesota on 20 Sep 1887. Andrea had come with her parents as a small girl from Holland, Norway. The Engebretson family were rather disappointed that Andrea didn't marry a Norwegian! Their first child, ~~Etta~~ ^{Eda} May Sparks, was born 01 May 1889 at Lynd, Minnesota.

They moved to Tennessee where Milo bought a farm. Roy Anders Sparks was born 12 Aug 1891 at Clark Range, Fentress County, Tennessee and Hilda Marian Sparks was born 13 April 1893 there also. Life on the farm in Tennessee was awfully hard. May was bitten by a rattlesnake but recovered. After five years they moved back to Michigan, first near Milo's sister Esther, and then to Gobles, Michigan. Milo worked in a Cider Mill and as a carpenter. He walked five miles back and forth to the job and received 25¢ a day. Lee Arthur Sparks was born 18 April 1896 in Michigan. Milo sold the Tennessee farm to A. B. Bradford on 7 May 1903.

Andrea had never wanted to leave Minnesota and somehow managed to save \$20 which she put away. It was this \$20 that brought them back to Minnesota. Milo got a job as Foreman on the O. C. Gregg Farm (an experimental farm) near Lynd, Minnesota. Milo's nephew, Floyd Bier, worked there also.

Elon William Sparks was born 11 Feb 1899 at Lynd, and George Milo Sparks was born 17 Nov 1901 at Lynd also.

In 1902 Milo came out to Bismarck, ND, rented a horse and rode down to Braddock to his sister Loretta (Sparks) Bier's place. D. P. and Loretta Bier showed him available land and he filed on a homestead on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ -12-134-75. He returned to Minnesota, loaded his machinery and cattle into an emigrant box car and together with Roy came back to the Homestead. They immediately set to work building a sod house, granary, and barn and were soon joined by the balance of the family.

On Christmas Day 1903, while having dinner at his sister's house, (Ed and Esther (Sparks) Clark had homesteaded a quarter of land just north of Milo's homestead) their sod house caught fire and burned down. George Sparks, a tiny boy at the time, still remembers all the smoke. Roy said all they were able to save was a washing machine near the door. The wood floor under the heating stove caught fire and the stove finally fell into the cellar. Roy recovered the deed to the Tennessee land--a piece of sod had fallen on top of it and kept it from burning.

The children stayed with relatives and neighbors for the next few days while everybody pitched in to fix up the granary with bunk beds and a little furniture for them to live in. It was a cold winter--George remembers the chillblains he got from frozen feet.

They rebuilt the sod house and lived in it until 1912. Anna Mildred Sparks was born in the sod house 28 Apr 1908. About this time Roy was offered a job teaching in a rural school near Fredonia. He later became a rural mail carrier out of Braddock.

In 1912 Milo sold the homestead quarter and bought two quarters several miles northeast in Tell Township. Lee and Elon were old enough to help and George could herd cattle. May taught school in the Lincoln and Logan School Districts from about 1909 to 1917. In 1917 she married Byron Zuver of Fredonia, North Dakota.

Anna Mildred Sparks died 30 May 1913.

Hilda Married Roe Wert and they farmed with Milo for a short time before moving to Sioux City, Iowa.

Lee served in the Army in WWI--was injured in Siberia--and came home to farm with Milo after the war.

George married Mabel Stubbs who was teaching school in the area. They moved to a farm at Michigan, North Dakota in 1923.

Elon grew up on the farm and eventually moved to Sioux City, Iowa where he worked in a meat packing plant.

About 1929, Milo suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed and unable to work. Milo and Andrea bought a house in Kintyre, North Dakota and moved off the farm. Milo died 25 Apr 1932 at Kintyre. In 1934 Andrea went to Sioux City to live and died there on 8 May 1935.

Obituaries

MRS. ANNA SPARKS

Mrs. Anna Sparks, 65, 1705 Wright, died Wednesday night in the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Wert, Stevens, S. D., with whom she had been visiting.

Mrs. Sparks was born November 28, 1869, in Norway. She had lived in Sioux City one year, coming here from Kintyre, N. D., where she had lived 20 years.

Surviving are four sons, E. W. Sparks, in whose home she lived; Roy of Braddock, N. D.; Lee of Barney, N. D.; and George of Michigan, N. D.; two daughters, Mrs. P. B. Zuber of Kintyre and Mrs. Wert; two sisters, Mrs. George Johnson and Mrs. Gilbert Johnson of Hinrick, Minn., and a brother, E. A. Englebritson of Minneapolis, Minn.

The body is in Perasso Brothers funeral home.

*May Sparks Zuver
Family*

Descendents of May Sparks



Emma Heim and May Sparks



Roy and May Sparks
Brother and Sister

May Sparks Zuver Photo Album, Part 1



May Sparks (in dark dress) with other teachers – 1916



May, baby Ann and son, Milo, Kintyre, ND



May and Byron in Canada - 1925

May Sparks Zuver Photo Album, Part 2



May Sparks



Unknown person, Ella Jensen, May Sparks



May's husband, Byron Zuver - 1925

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 Names: In full - for women use maiden surnames
 Dates: 18 Dec 1693 - spell out June & July
 Places: Smallest unit first then to next larger units
 (Town, County, State)(Town, Province, Country)
 > = Birth date w = Where
 m = Marriage date # = Pedigree code
 d = Death date

Other spouses & marriage dates

Hus. # Byron Zuver
 b 25 Nov 1885 w Adams, Nebraska
 m 31 Dec 1916 w Bismarck, ND
 d 26 Feb 1939 w Bismarck, ND

Parents

Wife # May Ella Sparks
 b 1 May 1889 w Lynd, Minnesota
 d 26 Nov 1975 w Fremont, California
 parents Milo George Sparks-Andrea (Anna) Engebretson

Children in order of birth

1	Elizabeth	b 5 Feb 1920 m (1) June 1942 d (2) 1970 (3) Fred Flores	w Fort Vermillion, Canada to (1) Stan Bangert w (2) Elsworth Howell (Divorcee 1955) (3) Fred Flores
2	Milo	b 20 July 1922 m (1) Dec 1943 d (2) 21 Mar 2000	w Fort Vermillion, Canada to (1) Kate Rivers w (2) Vivian w. OZARK, AL
3	Anna	b 5 May 1924 m 20 June 1942 d	w Adams, Nebraska to Drew Whitehead at Sioux City, Ia. w
4	Martha Lu	b 14 Feb 1928 m d	w Braddock, ND to William Rieg at Long Island, NY w
5	James	b 26 Feb 1931 m Oct 1951 d 1987	w Kintyre, ND to Peggy Black at El Centro, CA w
6	Ella May	b 2 May 1933 m d	w Kintyre, ND to w
7	Fairhope Funeral Home Fairhope, 982-9555 Milo P. Zuver	Army during World War II. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Unit Badge.	w to w
8	Mr. Milo P. Zuver, 77, a native of Lakeview, Wash., and a resident of Bay Minette, died Tuesday, March 21, 2000.	He is survived by one son, James Byron Zuver, Green- wood, S.C.; one daughter, Kathryn Zuver Lee, Ozark; two sisters, Ann Whitehead, Union City, Calif., and Ella May Zuver, Gresham, Ore.; four grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.	w to w
9	A memorial service for Mr. Zuver will be held Tuesday, March 28, at 1 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church in Ozark.		w to w
10	Mr. Zuver served in the 101st Airborne Division of the	m d	w to w

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 Anna (Zuver) Whitehead
 Betty Jane (Sparks) Luntz

*Elizabeth Nancy
Zuver Howell
Family*

Elizabeth Nancy (Zuver) Howell



1920 - 1988

How was Elizabeth a Sparks?

Elizabeth was the daughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver and the granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Elizabeth

Elizabeth Nancy Zuver was born on February 5, 1920 at Vt. Vermillion, Canada. She was the first child of Byron and May Zuver.

Elizabeth grew up in Canada and later moved with her family to Braddock, North Dakota when she was four years old. Elizabeth attended the schools in the Emmons school district and specifically the Kintyre Schools, graduating from Kintyre High School. She taught school in the North Dakota area, specifically in the Emmons School District.

She married Stan Bangert of Sioux City, Iowa in June of 1942. Stan was killed in action during WWII. Elizabeth moved to California and later married Ellsworth Howell of San Francisco, California.

Elizabeth and Ellsworth have three children; Sandra, William, and Patricia. They also had a daughter named Charlotte, who died in infancy.

Elizabeth died in 1988, in Fremont, California, after a lengthy illness.

A few comments about my Aunt Betty by Judy Whitehead Borman: *"I remember my Aunt Betty as a warm, engaging person who was friendly and always talked with you, not at you, even though you were a child. I remember when I was four years old and we traveled to her house in Monterey when we first moved to California. I remember how beautiful Monterey seemed through the eyes of a four year old. So many family members remember the house she built there, overlooking the ocean with a panoramic view of Monterey Bay. It was the biggest house I had ever seen. Now days, everyone goes there to search for the house we all fondly remember. It turns out the City changed the streets in the town, and it is where the fire station now stands in Seaside, California. I remember Aunt Betty teaching us to do things and letting us try it on our own. She was very patient with us. My cousin Sandy and I made the infamous green cake that we were so proud of and when we presented it to her, she didn't even laugh. It was okay. Aunt Betty could do lots of things. She was a great cook and could sew and crochet. She made the cutest little sundresses for me and Sandy (her daughter). One time, I was trying to learn to crochet and she really helped me as I struggled, she simply said, "You are making this harder than it is". A good lesson for future endeavors. I remember her garden. She knew how to grow everything and I distinctly remember how she recruited all the kids in the activities around the house. If we were having string beans for dinner, we all went out and brought them in from the garden, and helped clean and prepare them. She made these things fun, and at the same time, we were learning. When I think of her now, I smile."*

Sandra Howell
Noland Family

Sandra (Howell) Noland



How are you a Sparks?

Sandra Noland is the daughter of Elizabeth Zuver Howell and Ellsworth Howell, the granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Sandy

Sandy Howell was born in Oakland, California in October of 1945.

Sandy lived with her parents in Monterey, California and later on in Missouri.

Sandra Noland married Elmer Noland of Urbana, Missouri.

Sandy and Elmer have five sons, Elmer, Jr. (Sonny), David, Daniel, Donald and Douglas. Here is some information about their sons and their families:



Doug, Dave, Grandma Virginia, Sonny, Elmer, Dan, and Donny Noland

Sonny Noland



Lois and Sonny

How are you a Sparks?

Elmer Lewis Noland, Jr. is the son of Sandy (Howell) Noland and Elmer Noland. He is the grandson of Elizabeth (Zuver) Howell and Ellsworth Howell. He is the great grandson of May Zuver and Byron Zuver. He is the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Sonny

Sonny Noland (Elmer Noland, Jr.) was born on May 1, 1961 in Oakland, California. He grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area with his parents and four brothers. Later, they moved to Missouri where his father's family lives.

Education: High School Tarkio, Missouri, some college courses Trenton, Missouri.
Professional Catering Classes

Profession: Caterer & Wife adorer (Lois put this in!)

Sonny's Family Life

Marriage: Sonny married Lois Wallace on May 20, 1978 in Tarkio, Missouri.

About Lois

Lois Jean Wallace was born January 13, 1960. Sonny and Lois live in Missouri. Sonny and Lois have their own, business, a catering establishment. Lois is an elected official, she is a county administrator.

Education: Fairfax, MO High School, Child Development Associate, Macon

Profession: Lois was elected Macon County Public Administrator in 2004. She serves as Guardian, Conservator or both, for around 70 citizens in their county.

Lois was named activity director of the year for Kansas and Missouri region.

Sonny's Favorites

Hobbies: Golf, Boating-rides a mean tube, Hunting-Deer, turkey

Claim to Fame: Macon, MO's best caterer, Military Achievement award - US Army

Favorite Quote: "When going through hell, keep going." Sir Winston Churchill

Favorite Book: Love and War, John Jakes

Favorite Song: Anything by Bob Seger

Favorite Movie: Dances with Wolves

Lois' Favorites

Hobbies: Playing tea party with 3 lovely granddaughters, shopping

Claim to Fame: Outstanding Young Missourian 1999-an honor given by the Missouri JayCees at their state convention.

Favorite Quote: "As you do unto the least of these, you do unto me also." Jesus Christ

Favorite Book: Morning Glory by LaVerle Spencer

Favorite Song: 'Remember When' by Alan Jackson-He wrote that for us.

Favorite Movie: The Notebook--On Golden Pond

Sonny and Lois Noland Family



Bryan, Olivia, Sonny, Lois and Erin

Sonny and Lois have three children; **Bryan, Olivia and Erin.**

Bryan Eric Noland



Bryan Eric Noland was born on September 15, 1978. His wife is **Angela Dawn Argotsinger Noland**.

Bryan graduated from University of Missouri at Kansas City and has a Bachelor's degree in secondary education.

Bryan and Angela have three children; **Delaney Jade Noland**, who was born February 16, 1999 and **Kaeden Grace Noland**, who was born in 2002, and their baby son, **Bryson Lee**.

Erin Elizabeth (Noland) Koch



Erin Elizabeth (Noland) Koch was born on February 26, 1980. Her husband is **John Walter Koch**. They have one child, **Riley Glenn Koch**, who was born in 2001.

Olivia Jade Noland



Kyle Bealmer and Olivia Noland

Olivia Jade Noland was born on August 02, 1983, and is an elementary school teacher. She is engaged and will be married on July 02, 2005 to **Kyle Bealmer**.

David Noland

How are you a Sparks?

David Noland is the son of Sandy and Elmer Noland. He is the grandson of Elizabeth Zuver Howell and Ellsworth Howell. He is the great grandson of May Zuver and Byron Zuver. He is the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About David

David Noland was born on September 9, 1962 in Oakland, California.

David is married to Anita and they have two sons; Trey and Coby.

Daniel Noland

How are you a Sparks?

Daniel Noland is the son of Sandy and Elmer Noland. He is the grandson of Elizabeth Zuver Howell and Ellsworth Howell. He is the great grandson of May Zuver and Byron Zuver. He is the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Daniel

Daniel Noland was born June 13, 1964 in San Leandro, California.

Daniel is married to Terri and they have three children; Morghan, Dustin, and Dillon.

Donald Noland

How are you a Sparks?

Donald Noland is the son of Sandy and Elmer Noland. He is the grandson of Elizabeth Zuver Howell and Ellsworth Howell. He is the great grandson of May Zuver and Byron Zuver. He is the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Donald

Donald Noland was born December 31, 1970 in Hayward, California. Donald is married to Christi and they have two children; Rhett and Michan.

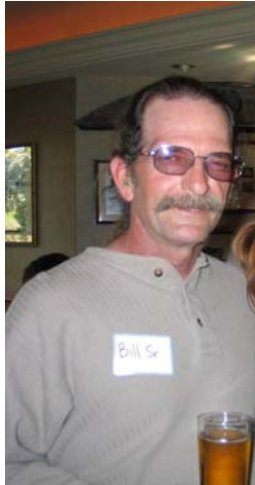
Douglas Noland

How are you a Sparks?

Douglas Noland is the son of Sandy and Elmer Noland. He is the grandson of Elizabeth Zuver Howell and Ellsworth Howell. He is the great grandson of May Zuver and Byron Zuver. He is the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks. Douglas Noland was born November of 1974 in Fairfax, Missouri.

William Howell
Family

William Howell



How are you a Sparks?

Bill is the son of Elizabeth Zuver Howell and Ellsworth Howell and the grandson of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver and the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Bill

Bill was born in 1952 in Monterey, California.

Bill lives in Nebraska.

Profession

Bill is a mechanic for large semi trucks.

Patricia (Howell) Crisell (no photo submitted)

How are you a Sparks?

Trisha Noland Crisell is the daughter of Elizabeth Zuver Howell and Ellsworth Howell, the granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Trisha

Trisha Noland was born on April 26, 1951 in Carmel by the sea, California at Monterey Peninsula Hospital.

Trish grew up in the Monterey and San Francisco Bay Area with her parents and her siblings, Sandy and Bill.

Trisha is married and lives in Fresno, California.

Milo Plympton
Zwer Family

Milo Plympton Zuver



1922 - 2000

How was Milo a Sparks?

Milo was the son of May Sparks Zuver and Byron Zuver and the grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Milo

Milo was born on July 20, 1922 at Fort Vermillion, Canada. When he was six years old, he moved with his parents to the North Dakota area where he grew up. He attended the rural schools around the Braddock/Kintyre area.

When his family was dispersed due to the death of his father, and the long term hospitalization of his mother, he joined the Army.

Mickey served in the 101st Airborne Division of the Army during World War II. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Milo graduated from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina and received a Bachelors' degree in Agriculture.

He was employed as a teacher of Agricultural by Madison County Schools and Swain County Schools. Later he was the Agricultural agent for the North Carolina Extension Service.

Family Life

Milo married Kate Rivers of Chesterfield, North Carolina in December of 1943.

They had two children together, Katherine Nell and James Byron Zuver and four grandchildren.

Milo (Mikey) and Kathryn (Kate) lived in Asheville, North Carolina.

Kathy Zuver Lee's Comments about her father:

"Daddy was extremely intelligent and the kindest person I ever knew. He always stood up for the underdog in any situation. He was a wonderful and patient father, and he spent a lot of time doing things with my brother and me. He is missed terribly by his children and grandchildren."

Milo Plympton Sparks Photo Album, Part 1



Mickey – through the years



Byron, Milo (Mickey) and Kathy - 1996



Mickey – Kintyre – 6 years old

Kathryn (Zuwer)
Lee Family

Kathryn Nell (Zuver) Lee



How are you a Sparks?

Kathy is the daughter of Milo (Mickey) Zuver and Florence Kathryn (Kate) Rivers, the granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May (Sparks) Zuver, and the great, grand daughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Kathy

Kathy was born on October 02, 1944 in Chesterfield, South Carolina. Kathy grew up with her parents and brother, Byron in Asheville, North Carolina.

Education

Kathy graduated from East Yancey High School in June of 1962. Kathy graduated from the University of North Carolina at Asheville in 1973 and received a Bachelor's degree in Education and Special Studies. Kathy received a Master's degree in Special Education from Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. Kathy also has an Education Specialist Degree from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama which she received in 1993.

Profession

Kathy is a Special Ed elementary school teacher.

Kathy's Family Life



Kathy married James Daniel Lee on November 14, 1971 in Burnsville, North Carolina. Kathy and Jim have two children, Christopher and Alicia and four grandchildren.

About Jim

Jim was born on March 11, 1933.

Education

Jim graduated from Asheville Biltmore College in Asheville, North Carolina and received a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies. Jim received a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Jim was a professional librarian at the University of North Carolina, Cumberland County Library at North Carolina and Rucker's Army Base at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Jim was an Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Jim is now retired.

Kathy's Favorites: My family and my cousins, by the dozens

Claim to Fame:

Biggest feet of any woman in the family and maybe some of the men!

Favorite Movie: "The Yearlings"

Favorite Song: "Love Me Tender"

Favorite Quote: "Act like you has got good sense", by her mother, Kate Rivers Zuver

Favorite Book: The Bible

Kathy is a member of Christ United Methodist Church

Jim Favorites

Jim's hobbies: bluegrass mandolin, revolutionary war re-enactments

Favorite Movie: Any with John Wayne or Clint Eastwood

Favorite Song: "To a Wild Rose", and "Mule Skinner Blues"

Favorite Quote: "Don't cry over spilt milk – it could have been whiskey".

Favorite Book: Any history books relative to North Carolina or colonial

Kathryn Alecia (Lee) Carter



How are you a Sparks?

Alecia is the daughter of Kathy Zuver Lee and Jim Lee, the granddaughter of Milo Plympton Zuver and Florence Kathryn (Kate) Rivers Zuver, the great granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May (Sparks) Zuver, and the great, great, granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Alecia

Alecia was born on Feb 14, 1964, in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. She grew up in the Asheville, North Carolina area with her parents and brother, Chris.

Education

Alecia attended Appalachian State University.

Family Life

Alecia married Brian Carter, from Palo Alto, California. Brian is an architect. They have two children, Christopher and Katelyn, and live on Vashon Island in Washington state.

Alecia's Hobbies

Alecia has a mini-farm with chickens, ducks and horses. She raises and trains her own horses.

Brian's Hobbies

Brian is an avid golfer and loves Jazz music.

They both love anything their children have learned to play on a musical instrument.

Christopher J. Lee



How are you a Sparks?

Chris is the son of Kathy Zuver Lee and Jim Lee, the grandson of Milo Plypton Zuver and Florence Kathryn (Kate) Rivers Zuver, the great grandson of Byron Zuver and May (Sparks) Zuver, and the great, great, grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Chris

Chris was born on December 28, 1965 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Chris married Tara Callaghan in Clemmons, North Carolina.

Chris has two children, Robert Shay Wyatt and Colin Thomas Lee.

Education

Chris graduated from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina and received a Bachelor's degree in Business. Chris received a Master's degree from High Point University in High Point, North Carolina.

Profession

Chris is the Vice President of Commercial Loans for BBT Bank in Wilson, North Carolina.

Tara works for GMAC in their insurance division.

Hobbies: Chris grows rare type cactus and belongs to a wine tasting club.

Their son, Shay is attending school in Ozark, Alabama training to become an airplane mechanic. Shay's hobby is girls!

*James Byron
Zwer Family*

James Byron Zuver



Margaret, Greg, James Byron and James Byron, Jr.

About James

James Byron Zuver was born on June 8, 1946 in Seneca, South Carolina. Byron grew up in the Asheville, North Carolina area, living with his parents and sister.

Byron graduated from North Carolina State University and received a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He received a Master's degree from Western Carolina University.

Byron is a math teacher and principal in the South Carolina School System and also has been a teacher for the South Carolina Prison System.

Byron married Margaret Harris Plemmons on February 8, 1974

Byron and Margaret have two children, Dr. Gregory Scott Plemmons, who is a pediatrician and teaches pediatrics at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Greg is single and lives in Nashville, Tennessee. Greg's birthday is April 29, 1965. Greg's hobby is writing fiction. Some of his work has been published. Additionally, he has also had published articles for medical journals.

Their second child, James Byron Zuver, Jr. was born December 20, 1974. He died February 7, 2004. He was a private pilot and a glass blower.

Byron's hobby is fishing. Margaret's hobby is cooking.

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*Anna Winifred
Zwer Whitehead
Family*

Ann (Zuver) Whitehead



**Anna Winifred Zuver Whitehead – 1944
Sioux City, Iowa**

Ann Zuver Whitehead Photo Album, Part 1



Ann at four years old



Ann and Albertine Herzog – Kintyre, ND - 1938



Ann ~ 18



Ann with her cousin, Norman Wert

Ann Zuver Whitehead, 80th Birthday Party - Group Photo
May 01, 2004
Del Mar, California



Ann (Zuver) Whitehead



Ann Whitehead at her 80th birthday party

How are you a Sparks?

Ann Whitehead is the daughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Ann

Ann was born on May 05, 1924 in Adams, Nebraska, a town named for her father's family, the first white settlers in the Nebraska Territory. There is an historical house there that belongs to her father's family that is the National Registry of Historic Places.

Ann grew up in Kintyre, North Dakota, living until age 13 with her parents, Byron and May Zuver and her grandparents, Milo and Andrea Sparks and her siblings; Elizabeth, Milo (Mickey), Martha, Jim and Ella.

Upon her father's death in 1938, she and her siblings became displaced persons and Wards of the State of North Dakota. Her surviving parent, her mother, May Sparks Zuver was committed to Jamestown State Hospital, and this caused the displacement of she and her siblings.

This was such a painful period for all the Zuver children, to lose their father, their home, and then one another. At first, Ann was sent to a farm near Barney, North Dakota to work for the summer. She did not see any of her other family members until the fall of that year, at which time she went to live at the home of her Uncle Lee and Aunt Viola. Her brother, Jim and sister, Ella also came to live there. Ann stayed there for about two years. Then she, Jim and Ella moved to her Uncle Elon's house in Sioux City, Iowa, where she lived until she graduated from high school in 1942. Immediately upon her graduation, she married Drew Whitehead.

Ann graduated from Central High School in Sioux City, Iowa in June of 1942.

Ann's Family Life



Marriage

Ann married Drew Whitehead on June 20, 1942

About Drew

Drew Whitehead was born on November 13, 1922 in Sioux City, Iowa, where he grew up. His parents were Charles Harrison Whitehead and Inez Marie Mott Coppinger Whitehead. Charles was born in Sweetwater, Texas but his family was from Mena, Arkansas. Inez was born in Cherokee, Iowa.

Drew and Ann moved to California in the early 1950's.

They have five children; Jim, Judy, Mike (Drew), Patrick and Janet

Drew died in 1986.

Ann's Hobbies: Sewing, Baking, Making Candy, Cake decorating, Arts and Crafts, Square dancing

Claim to fame:

Still able to fit into the dress she got married in.

Favorite Book: "The African Queen" by C.S. Forester

Favorite Movie: "Gone with the Wind"

Favorite Song: "Sentimental Journey", by Les Brown and Doris Day

Favorite Quote: "I've got a sneaking suspicion"

Children of Drew and Ann Whitehead



Mike, Judy, Janet, Jim and Pat
1970's

As small children



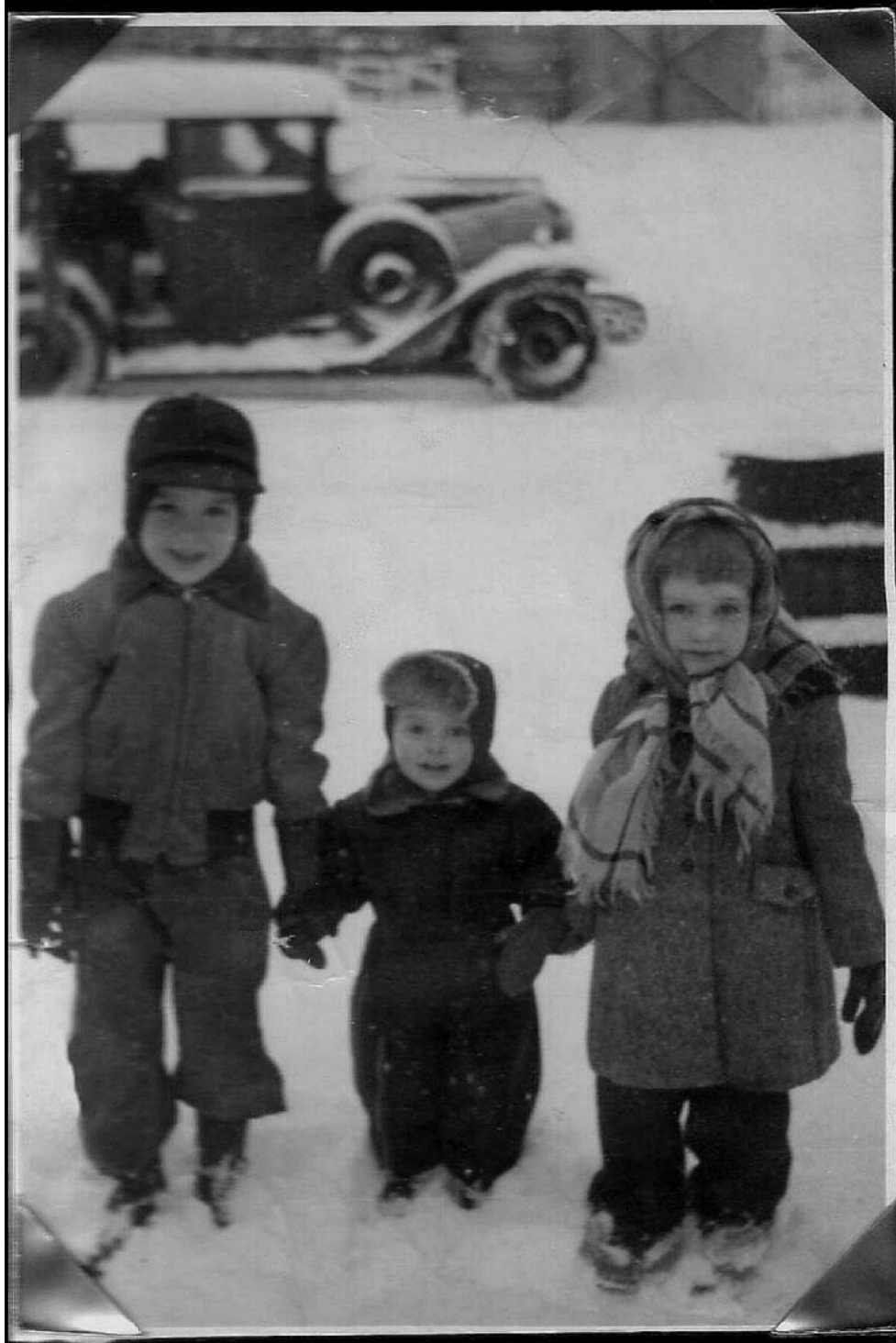
Judy, Mike and Jim



Patrick



Janet



Leaving Sioux City, Iowa - 1950
Jim, Mike and Judy

James Theodore
Whitehead Family

James Theodore Whitehead



Jim Whitehead, in the town of Whitehead, Northern Ireland, 2000

How are you a Sparks?

Jim Whitehead is a Sparks descendent; he is the son of Drew Whitehead and Ann Zuver Whitehead, the grandson of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Jim

Jim Whitehead was born January 9, 1944 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

Jim grew up in San Lorenzo, California with his parents, Drew and Ann Whitehead, and his younger siblings, Judy, Mike, Patrick and Janet.

Jim graduated from Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo, California in June of 1961.

Jim attended the University of Washington.

Jim is retired and living with his wife, Bonnie in Down East Maine.

Jim's Family Life



Marriage

Jim married Deanna Avelina Fuentes on June 13, 1965 in Carson City, Nevada

About Deanna

Deanna Fuentes was born November 17, 1946 in San Francisco, California. She grew up in San Lorenzo, California with her parents and siblings. Deanna graduated from Arroyo High School in June of 1964.

Jim and Deanna lived in San Jose, California when Jim worked for IBM and later in Everett, Washington, when Jim worked for Boeing. Later, they returned to California and lived in the central valley.

They have one child, a son, James Drew Whitehead, they adopted, who was born on March 26, 1970 in Kent, Washington.

Jimmy and Deanna have two grandchildren, Michael and Heather Whitehead.





Jim married Bonnie Mathews December, 1999

Bonnie was born on June of 1940 in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from San Francisco State University, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

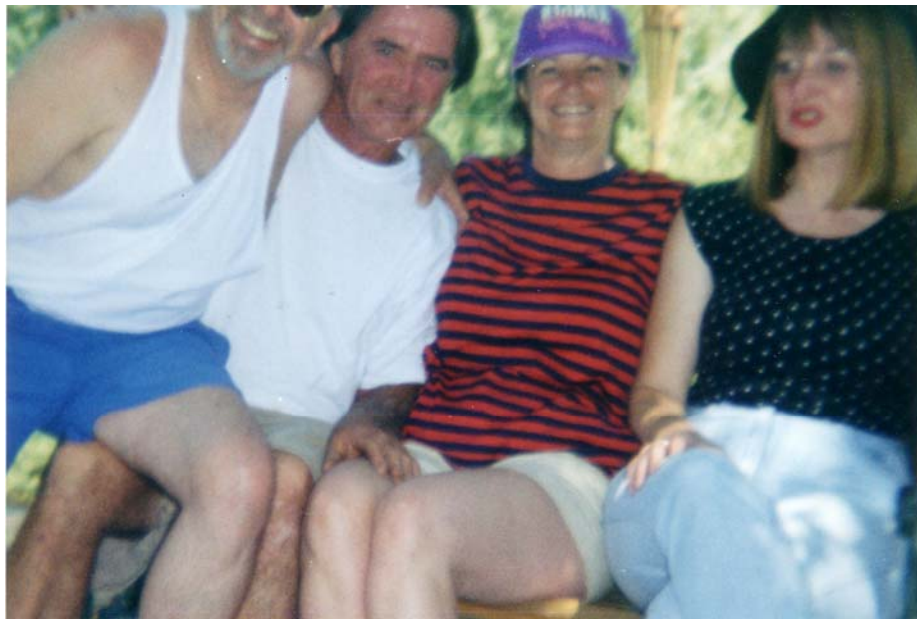
Jim and Bonnie live in Down East Maine

Jim's hobbies:

Travel, cooking, restoring old houses, painting on canvas, sailing

Bonnie's hobbies:

Travel, cooking, gardening, writing, sailing



Mike, Jim, Bonnie and Judy, Grass Valley, California

James Drew Whitehead



Jimmy married Darlene on January 4, 1993 at Minden, Nevada

About Jimmy

James Drew Whitehead was born on March 26, 1970 in Kent, Washington. Jimmy grew up with his parents, Jim and Deanna. He was an only child.

Jimmy and Darlene were married on January 4, 1993 in Minden, Nevada

Jimmy and Darlene have two children, Michael Vincent Whitehead, who was born on May 18, 1991 in Modesto, California. and Heather Nichole Whitehead, who was born July 31, 1994 in Merced, California.



Michael



Heather

*Judy Ann
Whitehead
Borman Family*

Judy Ann (Whitehead) Borman



San Diego Harbor - 2004

How are you a Sparks?

Judy Borman is the daughter of Drew Whitehead and Ann Zuver Whitehead, the granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Judy

Judy was born on September 18, 1946 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

She grew up in San Lorenzo, California, living with her parents, and her brothers, Jim, Mike, Pat and her sister, Janet.

Education:

Graduated from Arroyo High School in June of 1964. Attended Chabot College, Hayward, California, Los Positas College, Livermore, California and the University of California, Berkeley, California. Judy has a teaching credential and has taught computer classes in both the public and private sectors.

Judy is a Senior Manager at Qualcomm, Inc., in La Jolla, California, where she has been employed for the past nine years.

Judy's Family Life



Marriage

Judy married Bruce Clifton Borman on October 3, 1964 in Reno, Nevada



Bruce, Judy, Jennifer, and Janet

About Bruce

Bruce was born on September 02, 1943 in Cincinnati, Ohio and moved to California at age six, when his father was transferred with his firm. Bruce grew up in Hayward, California, where he lived with his parents, Harold and Alma Borman, and his younger siblings, Linda and Dale. Bruce was an altar boy in the Catholic Church and an eagle scout. Bruce was the sports editor for his high school newspaper and Yearbook editor. He also received a varsity block in tennis. Bruce graduated from Chabot College and California State University. He was an engineering coordinator at Lawrence Livermore National

Laboratory and worked extensively at the Nevada Test Site coordinating underground nuclear explosives tests, until his untimely death. Children of Bruce and Judy are Janet Linda, born August 21, 1964 in Castro Valley, California and Jennifer Ann, born November 2, 1968 in San Leandro, California.



Janet Linda Borman



Jennifer Ann Borman

Their four grandchildren are Michael and Kieran Mustafa (Janet's children), and Taylor and Bailey Hintz (Jennifer's children).



Bruce and Judy

Judy's Grandkids



Judy with Michael David



Judy and Kieran, Christmas morning 2004



Judy with two of her granddaughters, Bailey and Taylor Hintz, Christmas 2004

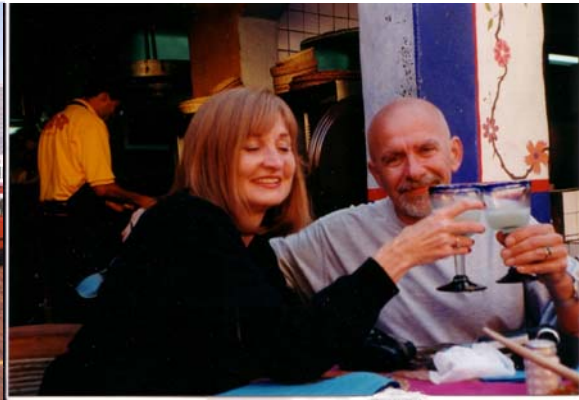


Rick, Ann, Judy, Janet and Jennifer, Christmas 2004
At Jennifer's house, Davis, California

Judy and Mike Tomillo



Judy and Mike, Sausalito, California



Judy and Mike in Rosarito Beach, Baja, Mexico



Mike and Judy– Christmas party



At home - Judy, Sydney, Janet, and Ashley – Nov 2004

About Mike

Michael Anthony Tomillo, Jr. (Mike) was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 13, 1947. Mike grew up in Brookfield, Illinois with his parents, Michael and Mary Tomillo and his sisters, Barbara and Janet.

Education

Mike graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School in June of 1965. Mike graduated from Triton College in River Grove, Illinois.

Mike was a Green Beret in the United States Army Special Forces. Mike trained Special Forces and Ranger personnel in jungle warfare in Panama. For a ten year period, Mike was a professional musician (lead singer and guitarist) performing throughout the greater Chicago area. Later, Mike moved to California when he transferred with his company, ADP, in 1983.

Mike has one son, Brian Anthony Tomillo, who was born July 21, 1981. Brian graduated from Milliken University in Decatur, Illinois with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He is employed as an engineer for a firm in the greater Chicago area.

Mike is a Staff Engineer at QualComm, Inc. in La Jolla, California, where he has been employed for the past eight years.

Where do you live?

Judy and Mike live in Cardiff-by-the-sea, California, a coastal community, in Northern San Diego County.



Our home
1961 Oxford Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-sea, California 92007

Judy's Hobbies: Family History, Decorating the House, Shopping, Travel, Dance, Doll Collecting, Cat and Animal lover

Favorite Song: "One More Try", by George Michael and, "The Last Resort" by the Eagles and probably many more....

Favorite Book: "Pillars of the Earth", by Ken Follett

Favorite Quote: "Work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching."

Favorite Movie: "The French Lieutenant's Woman"

Claim to fame: I am related to two women who can still fit in the dress they got married in; my mother and my daughter, Jennifer.

Mike's Hobbies: Music, Motorcycles, Travel, Sailing, Automobiles, Computer Games, Cat Lover

Favorite Song: "Open Arms", by Steve Perry

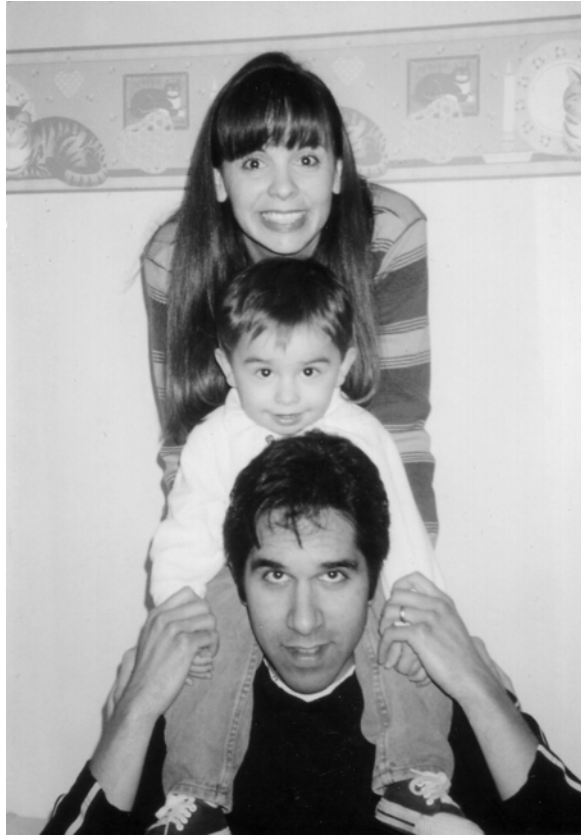
Favorite Book: "Stranger in a Strange Land", by Robert Heinlein

Favorite Quote: "Nobody's getting out of this alive" author unknown

Favorite Movie: "Rocky"

Claim to fame: Survived serious motorcycle accident (2002) with C1,C2, C4, C7, T8, T9 fractures, head injury and three broken ribs.

Janet Linda (Borman) Mustafa



Janet, Michael and Rick

How are you a Sparks?

Janet Mustafa is the daughter of Judy Ann Borman and Bruce Clifton Borman, the granddaughter of Drew Whitehead and Ann Zuver Whitehead, the great granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great, great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Janet

Janet was born on August 21, 1965 at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, California. She grew up in Livermore and Pleasanton, California, living with her parents, Bruce and Judy and her sister and only sibling, Jennifer.

Janet graduated from Granada High School, where she was a cheerleader. She played soccer in the Livermore City leagues and enjoyed many other hobbies such as snow skiing, horse back riding and ice skating.

Janet graduated from San Jose State University in 1990 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Janet received a Bachelor of Nursing Science degree from San Jose State University in 2005. She is a Registered Nurse, specializing in labor and delivery.

Janet's Family Life



**Janet married Rick Mustafa
June 16, 1994 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada**

About Rick

Rick grew up in Livermore, California. His father is a nuclear physicist at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. Rick's father has a PhD from Yale University and his mother has a Master's degree from Alberta Magnus in New Haven, Connecticut.

Rick graduated from the University of California at San Diego in 1995. He received a Bachelor's degree in Communications. He is an account representative for a financial firm in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Where do you live?

Rick and Janet live in Brentwood, California with their son, Michael David, age eight and their daughter, Kieran Nicole, age one.

Janet's Favorites

Hobbies: Scrap booking, decorating her new house, doing jigsaw puzzles, making porcelain dolls, doll collecting

Claim to fame: 1. Janet claims she has the largest Barbie doll collection in the family numbering about 100 to date.
2. Delivered a baby when she was a student nurse

Favorite Book: "Anna Karenina", by Leo Tolstoy

Favorite Movie: "Braveheart"

Favorite Song: "Red Hill Mining Town", by U2

Favorite Quote: "We do the best we know how until we know better": by Maya Angelou

Rick's Favorites:

Hobbies: Painting on canvas, hiking, camping, music

Claim to fame: Met David Hasselhoff

Favorite Book: "Lord of the Rings", by JRR Tolkien

Favorite Movie: "PHX1138" and "Apocalypse Now"

Favorite Song: "Everybody got to learn sometime" by Beck

Favorite Quote: "Life is what happens when you're making other plans" by John Lennon

Other Photos of Janet





Janet Cheerleading – Granada High School

Janet's Children

Michael David Mustafa



Photos of Michael

Michael's Favorites

Claim to fame: his family

Favorite Book: Comic Books

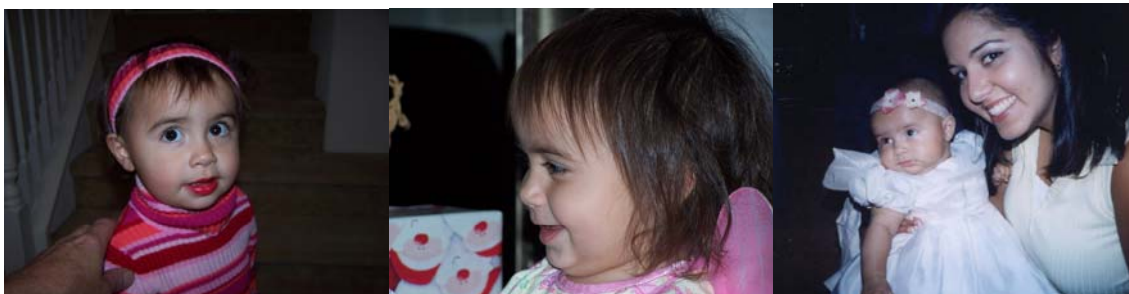
Favorite Movie: "Sonic the Hedgehog"

Favorite Song: "I feel So", by Boxcar Racer

Favorite Quote: "Here goes nothing"

Award: "Great Participant" award for his class

Kieran Nicole Mustafa



Photos of Kieran

Kieran's Favorites

Hobbies: drawing, playing with her dolls, dancing

Claim to fame: Dancing queen

Favorite Book: "Dora's Fairytale Adventure"

Favorite Movie: "Dora's Fairytale Adventure"

Favorite Song: "The Jimmy Neutron Theme Song"

Favorite Quote: "Mine"

Jennifer Ann(Borman) Hintz



**John, Jennifer, Bailey and Taylor
Hawaii 2004**

How are you a Sparks?

Jennifer is the daughter of Judy Ann Borman and Bruce Clifton Borman, granddaughter of Drew Whitehead and Ann (Zuver) Whitehead, great granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great, great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Jennifer

Jennifer was born on November 2, 1968 at San Leandro Memorial Hospital in San Leandro, California.

She grew up in Livermore and Pleasanton, California, living with her parents, Bruce and Judy, and her sister, and only sibling, Janet.

She graduated from Granada High School where she was cheerleader. She played soccer in the Livermore City leagues and enjoyed many other hobbies such as snow skiing, horse back riding and ice skating.

Jennifer graduated with honors from Sacramento State University in 1991, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, with a minor in Peace and Conflict Resolution. Jennifer has done extensive social work with the homeless, elderly and troubled youth.

Jennifer's high school senior trip was to Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii with her fellow senior classmates. After graduation from college, she toured Europe and went to Holland, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy with her college roommates.

Jennifer is the Executive Director of Human Resources for her company, Families First, Inc. She has been with that organization since 1996, where she started as a counselor.

Jennifer's Family Life



Marriage

Jennifer married John Hintz on March 12, 1994 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada

About John

John grew up in Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii and in Carmichael, California with his parents, John and Ellen Hintz and his older sister, Jennifer. His sister, Jennifer is a high school German teacher.

John graduated from St. Mary's College in Moraga, California in 1991. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Administration. He is a Manager and Staff Tax Analyst for an investment firm in Sacramento with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts.

Where do you live?

Jennifer and John live in Davis, California with their two daughters, Taylor Anna, age seven, and Bailey Linda, age two.

Jennifer's Favorites

Her Hobbies: Painting on canvas, decorating her house, member of adult soccer league with her husband, jogging, sports, shopping, working out

Jennifer's Claim to fame: Can still fit in her wedding dress (same claim as her grandmother, Ann Zuver Whitehead)

Favorite Book: "Pillars of the Earth", by Ken Follett

Favorite Quote: "A job is not meant to entertain you", the writer shall remain anonymous.

Favorite Movie: King Arthur

Favorite Song: "Only You", by Yaz

John's favorites

John's hobbies: snow skiing, golf, movies, soccer, computer games, gourmet cooking, shopping, musicals, ice skating, interior design

John's Claim to fame: fashion diva

Favorite Book: Autobiography of Rock Hudson

Favorite Quote: "You can never be too thin or too rich"

Favorite Movie: Star Wars, The Birdcage

Favorite Song: YMCA and anything by Barbra Streisand

Other Photos of Jennifer





Jennifer (top of photo) Cheerleading Team at Granada High School

Jennifer's children



Taylor Anna and Bailey Linda Hintz – through the years....



Taylor in dance attire



Delaney Noland and Taylor, May 01, 2004

Taylor's Favorites

Claim to Fame - I'm funny

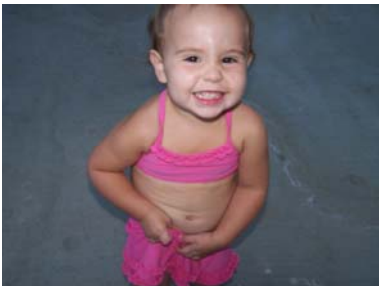
Favorite Book - The Magic Tree house Book Series

Favorite Movie - Now You See it

Favorite Song - Anything from Greenday

Favorite Quote - I Love You

Taylor is fluent in Spanish and attends a Spanish immersion grammar school, the Caesar Chavez School in Davis, California.



Bailey in swimsuit



Bailey, playing dress up



Bailey's Favorites

Claim to Fame - My gymnastics

Favorite Book - The Fox and the Grapes

Favorite Movie - A Princess

Favorite Song - Stacey's mom

Favorite Quote - Shush up Taylor

*Drew Michael
Whitehead Family*

Drew Michael Whitehead



**Jeni, Mike, and Jessica Whitehead
May 1, 2004**

How are you a Sparks?

Mike Whitehead is the son of Drew Whitehead and Ann Zuver Whitehead, the grandson of Byron and May Sparks Zuver, and the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Mike

Drew Michael (Mike) Whitehead was born on May 20, 1949 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mike grew up in San Lorenzo, California and lived with his parents, Drew and Ann Whitehead and his siblings, Jim, Judy, Pat and Janet.

Mike graduated from Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo, California in June of 1967. He was very active in sports and received a varsity block in wrestling. Mike took the State Championship for wrestling in 1967. Mike won a hot-dogging surfing contest in Santa Cruz, California in 1968.

Mike attended Chabot College.

Mike is a business owner in Jackson, California.

Mike's family life



Marriage

Mike married JoAnne Mead of San Leandro on March 07, 1980

About Joanne

Joanne was born on July 17, 1958. She grew up in San Leandro, California and lived with her parents, Albin and Gertrude Mead. Joanne is an only child.

Mike and Joanne have three children; Jeni, Jessica and Danny.

Where do you live?

Mike lives in historical, Jackson, California, the "mother lode" country.



Downtown Historical Jackson, California
875 Main Street, #17
Jackson, California 95642

Mike's Favorites

Mike's Hobbies are: snow skiing, fishing, kayaking, car racing

Favorite Quote: "

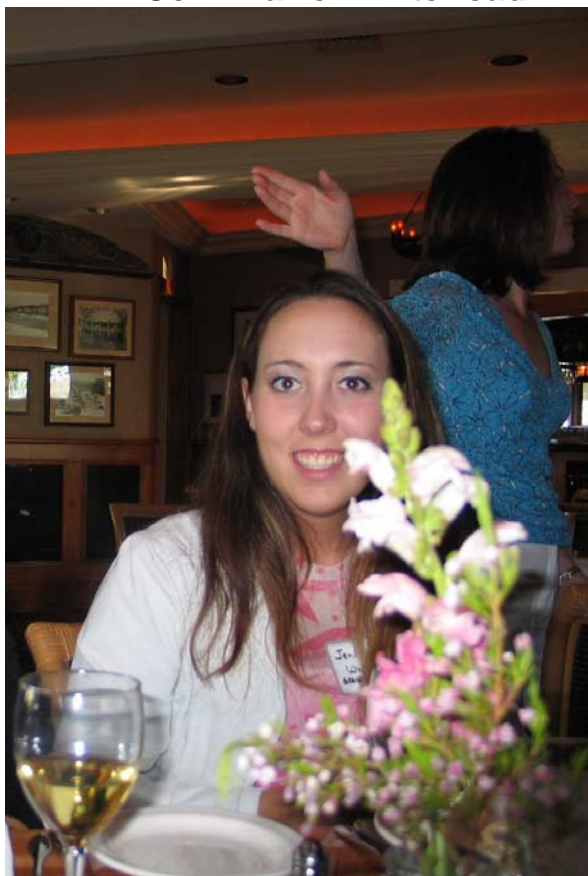
Favorite Song "Love will Keep Us Alive", by the Eagles and "Wonderful Tonight", by Eric Clapton

Favorite Book "Shogun" and anything by Tom Harris

Favorite Movie Jurassic Park

Mike's Claim to Fame: My chili verde, which I believe was the main factor in me being accepted as a member to my car racing team.

Jeni Marie Whitehead



How are you a Sparks?

Jeni is the daughter of Michael and Joanne Whitehead, the granddaughter of Drew and Ann Whitehead, the great granddaughter of Byron and May Sparks Zuver, and the great, great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Jeni

Jeni was born on December 4, 1981 at Doctor's Hospital in San Leandro, California.

Jeni grew up in Mokelumne Hill, California with her parents and sister, Jesi and brother, Danny.

Jeni graduated from Calaveras High School in 1999.

Jeni graduated in June of 2003, Cum Laude, English Department Honors, from the University of California at Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Literature and Culture and a minor in Political Science.

Jeni is currently teaching middle school for the Los Angeles County School District. This Spring, Jeni will receive a Master's degree through Loyola-Marymount.

Jeni is planning on going to law school and so far, has been accepted to USC law school.

Jeni lives in Hollywood, California.

Jessica Nicole Whitehead



How are you a Sparks?

Jesi is the daughter of Michael and Joanne Whitehead, the granddaughter of Drew and Ann (Zuver) Whitehead, the great granddaughter of Byron and May (Sparks) Zuver, and the great, great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Jesi

Jessica was born June 27, 1983 at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, California.

Jesi grew up in Mokelumne Hill, California with her parents and sister, Jeni and brother, Danny.

Jessica graduated from Calaveras High School in 2001.

Jessica attended San Diego State University.

Jessica is currently employed as a graphic designer for Jackson Rancheria in Jackson, California

Jesi lives in Martel, California.

Daniel Patrick Whitehead



Danny in Hawaii

How are you a Sparks?

Danny is the son of Michael and Joanne Whitehead, the grandson of Drew and Ann Whitehead, the great grandson of Byron and May Sparks Zuber, and the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Danny

Danny was born February 19, 1986 at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, California.

Danny grew up in Mokelumne Hill, California and lived with his parents and two sisters, Jeni and Jesi.

Danny graduated from Calaveras High School in 2004.

He is currently working in his father's business.

Danny lives in Glencoe, California.

*Patrick Elon
Whitehead Family*

Patrick Elon Whitehead



Pat Whitehead

How are you a Sparks?

Pat Whitehead is a Sparks descendent; he is the son of Drew Whitehead and Ann Zuver Whitehead, the grandson of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Pat

Pat was born at Monterey Peninsula Hospital in Carmel-by-the-sea, California on April 23, 1951.

Pat grew up in San Lorenzo, California where he lived with his parents, Drew and Ann Whitehead, and his four siblings, Jim, Judy, Mike and Janet.

Pat graduated from Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo, California in 1969. He received a four year varsity letter in football, baseball and wrestling.

Pat attended Chabot College in Hayward, California and California State University at Hayward, California.

Pat is a business owner in Valley Springs, California where he resides with his wife and son.

Pat's Family Life



Pat married Donna Lee Costanzo on July 19, 1981 in Reno, Nevada.

About Donna

Donna was born on December 6, 1950 in Reno, Nevada. Donna grew up in San Lorenzo, California with her parents and brother, Robert.

Donna is a high school teacher's assistant.

Pat and Donna have one son, Andrew Whitehead, who was born on November 11, 1987 in San Francisco, California.



Photos of Andrew

Pat and Donna live in Valley Springs, California.

Pat's Favorites

Pat's hobbies:

Sports, dirt bike riding with his son, snow skiing, golfing, bowling

Favorite Quote: "I've got your sign"

Favorite Song: "In-a-gadda-da-vida", by Iron Butterfly

Favorite Book: "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck

Favorite Movie: "Brian's Song"

Claim to Fame: As a cancer survivor, making it to age 50

Donna's hobbies: sewing, arts and crafts, reading, gardening, bowling

*Janet Marie
Whitehead Family*

Janet Marie Whitehead



Janet Whitehead
May 01, 2004

How are you a Sparks?

Janet Whitehead is a Sparks descendent; she is the daughter of Drew and Ann Whitehead, the granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May Sparks Zuver, and the great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Janet

Janet was born on February 10, 1953 at Berkeley, California. She was the fifth and last child of Drew and Ann Whitehead.

Janet grew up in San Lorenzo, California, living with her parents and her brothers, Jim, Mike and Pat and her sister, Judy.

Janet graduated from Arroyo High School in June, 1970. Janet graduated from a technical/trade college in Fremont, California and received a Certificate of Completion.

Janet works as a supervisor of dispatchers for a transportation company in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has been with that firm for ten years.

Janet's Family Life



Marriage
Janet married Dennis Brown in Livermore, California

About Dennis

Dennis was born in Yale, Oklahoma in 1947 and grew up in San Lorenzo, California. Janet has two sons, Bryan Keith Brown, born July 30, 1970 and Steven John Noriega, born July 11, 1980.

Janet's Favorites

Hobbies: Sewing, Decorating the house, swimming

Claim to fame: Incurable Optimist

Favorite Book : "Pride and Prejudice", by Jane Austin

Favorite Movie:

Favorite Song": "Midnight Train to Georgia", Gladys Knight

Favorite Quote: "Beam me up Scotty" from Star Trek

Other Photos of Janet



Bryan Keith Brown

Bryan Brown is the son of Janet Whitehead and Dennis Keith Brown, the grandson of Drew Whitehead and Ann (Zuver) Whitehead Zuver, the grandson of Byron Zuver and May (Sparks) Zuver, and the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Bryan

Bryan was born on July 31, 1970 in Redwood City, California. He grew up in Hayward, California with his parents, Janet Whitehead Brown and Dennis Keith Brown. Later his parents were divorced, and he lived with both his parents, between Fremont, California and Kona, Hawaii.

Bryan graduated from High School in Florida. Bryan attended and graduated from a computer technical school.

He is employed as a sales rep. for a travel company in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Bryan married Liz Catlin of Fremont, California on June 6, 1996

Liz is employed at Fremont Bank in Fremont, California.

They reside in San Lorenzo, California with their two daughters, Alexis, age 6 and Jade, age 5.

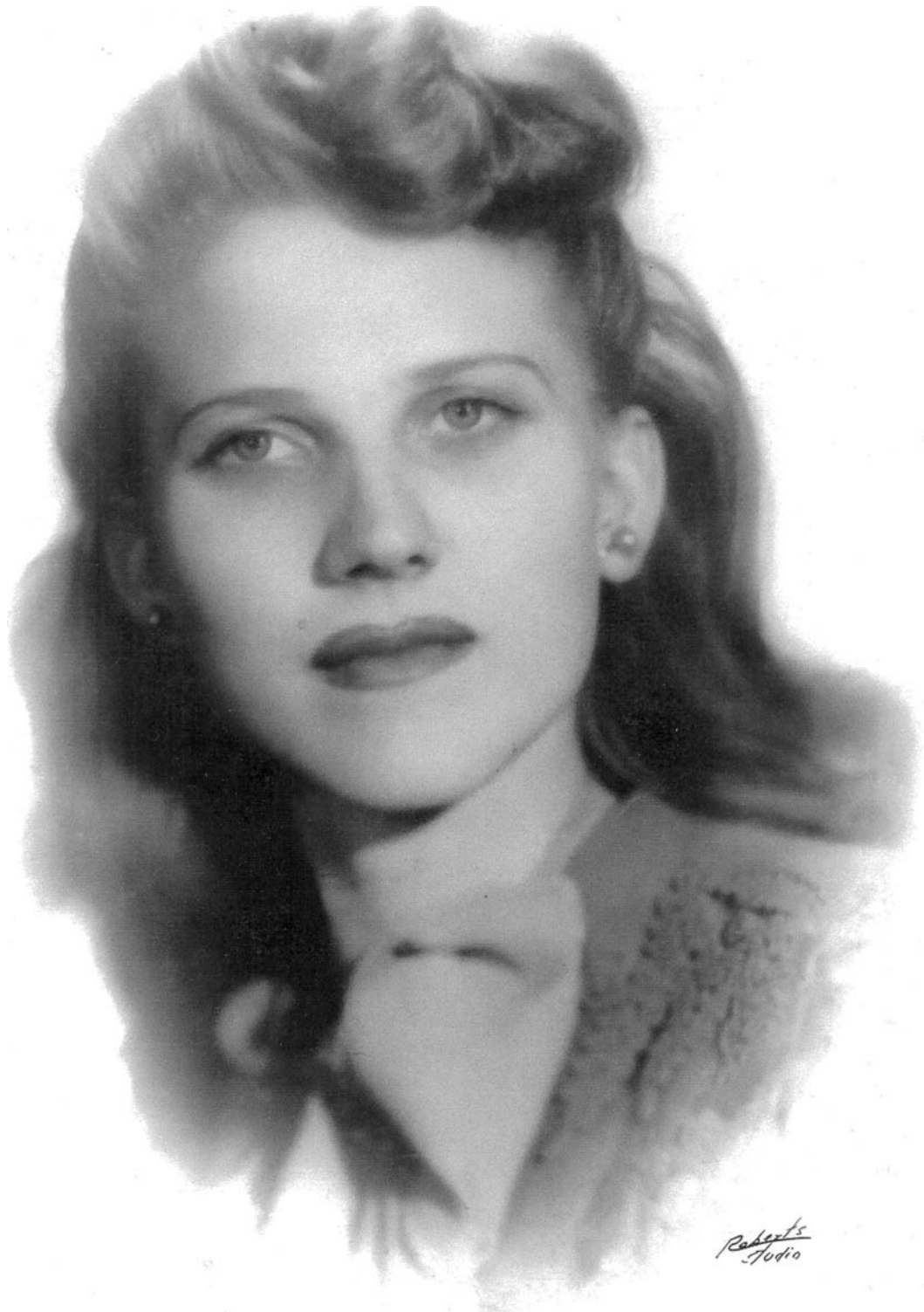
Alexis was born on December 8, 1998 at Fremont, California and Jade was born on May 7, 2000 at Fremont, California.



Jade and Alexis Brown

*Marthalu Marian
Zwer Rieg Family*

Marthalu Marian Zuver Rieg



1928 - 1993

How was Martha a Sparks?

Martha was the daughter of May Sparks Zuver and Byron Zuver, and the granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Martha

Martha Zuver Rieg was born February 14, 1928 at Braddock, North Dakota. She attended the rural grammar schools in the Kintyre area until 10 years of age.

At age 10, she went to live with her aunt, Martha Zuver Whittemore in Adams, Nebraska.

Martha went to California to live with her sister, Elizabeth and met her future husband, William Rieg of New York there.

Martha Zuver and William Rieg were married in Reno, Nevada in 1945.

Martha and Bill remained in California, in the San Francisco Bay Area, where they raised their family.

Martha and Bill had three children; Billie Ann, Stephen Henry and Theresa.



**The Rieg Family – 1956
Theresa, Mart, Billie, Stephen, and Bill**



Stephen and Billie as small children



Theresa –about 6 years

Mart and Bill Grandkids



John and Barbie Roberts, Nicole Rieg

Billie Ann Rieg
Sposeto Family

Billie Rieg Sposeto



November 2004

How are you a Sparks?

Billie is the daughter of Martha Lu Zuver Rieg and William Rieg. She is the granddaughter of May (Sparks) Zuver and Byron Zuver. She is the great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Billie

Billie Ann Sposeto was born on June 7, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York.

Billie grew up in Fremont, California with her parents and younger siblings, Stephen and Theresa.

Education

Billie graduated from Irvington High School in Fremont in June of 1964. Billie attended Chabot College in Hayward, California.

Profession

Billie is the Owner and President of Vanguard Construction Company, which employs over 100 people in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Billie's Family Life



**Billie married John Duane Roberts
February 01, of 1964
St. Leonard's Catholic Church, Fremont, California**

Billie and John have two children, John Anthony Roberts and Barbara Kathleen (Roberts) Welch.

Current Photo Page



Billie (Rieg) Sposeto with her husband, Frank Sposeto



About Frank

Frank is retired. Prior to his retirement, he and his family owned several businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Billie married Frank Sposeto, a long time family friend of both the Rieg and Whitehead families. They were married on February 05, 1972 in Reno, Nevada. They have one son together, Dominic William Sposeto who was born May 10, 1973 in Livermore, California.



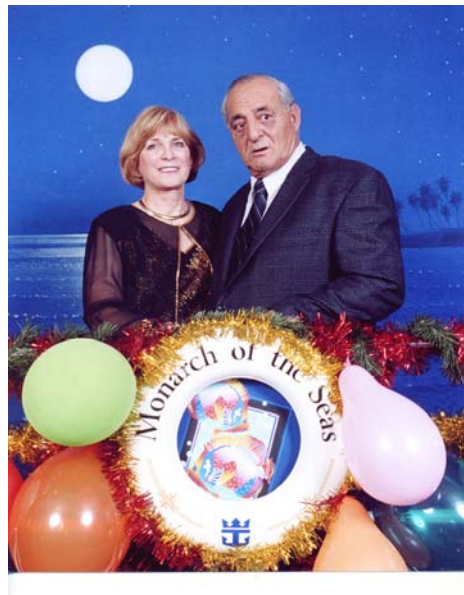
**Children of Billie and Frank
John Roberts, Angelo and Frank Sposeto, Barbara Roberts and Dominic Sposeto
November 2002**

Billie and Frank travel extensively for leisure throughout the world, going on trips about once every three months.

Billie and Frank reside in Livermore, California.



**Family Cruise
New Year's Eve - 2004**



**Billie and Frank
New Year's Eve 2004**

John Anthony Roberts



John and his grandfather, Bill Rieg

How are you a Sparks?

John is the son of Billie Ann (Rieg) Sposeto and John D. Roberts. He is the grandson of William Rieg and Marthalu Marian (Zuver) Rieg and the great grandson of Byron Zuver and May (Sparks) Zuver. He is the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About John

John Anthony Roberts – Broker/CEO

John was born on December 25th, 1964 in Santa Clara, California to Billie Ann (Rieg) (Roberts) Sposeto and John Duane Roberts. He was the couple's first child, and the first grandchild of Martha Lou (Zuver) Rieg and William Stephen Rieg.

John was a very inquisitive and mechanically inclined child and was given many "How and Why" books by his grandmother Martha in order to address his thirst for knowledge. By the age of five his grandparents bought him his first toolbox, which marked the beginning of his passion for automobiles.

John saved the down payment for his first home by buying dead cars from people, fixing and turning them around for a profit. John has owned over 100 cars in his lifetime.

John graduated from Livermore High School in 1983. From that moment on, his profession in life, for the most part, has been Entrepreneur. Although, he worked for P&F Construction and other contractors on and off as a laborer, driver and mechanic for approximately 12 years.

In 1989 John was Mr. Oklahoma and went on to compete in Mr. America where he placed fifth.

In the early nineties John made his way to New York where he worked as a model in fashion for Hugo Boss and several other agencies. John has been featured in Lears Magazine with Jacqueline Bisset and on the cover of Franklin W. Dixon's, The Hardy Boys # 109 "Prime-Time Crime", 1991.

In 1992, John returned to California where he settled down and eventually married Maria Silva. They were married for 3 years and divorced in 2000.

John started working in loans in 1996 for First Consumers Mortgage where he originated residential mortgages in all 50 states. He was the Top Producer 24 out of 36 months against 80 other Loan Agents.

In 1998 John got his Sales Person License and began working at Wymac Capital in Walnut Creek. In 1999 he became the Branch Manager of the Tri-Valley Funding Group in Pleasanton, CA. He has also worked as a Branch Manager for American Home Loans and Windsor Capital Mortgage.



John and Shelly

John met Shelley MacDonald on July 15th, 2000. They were married June 7th, 2002.

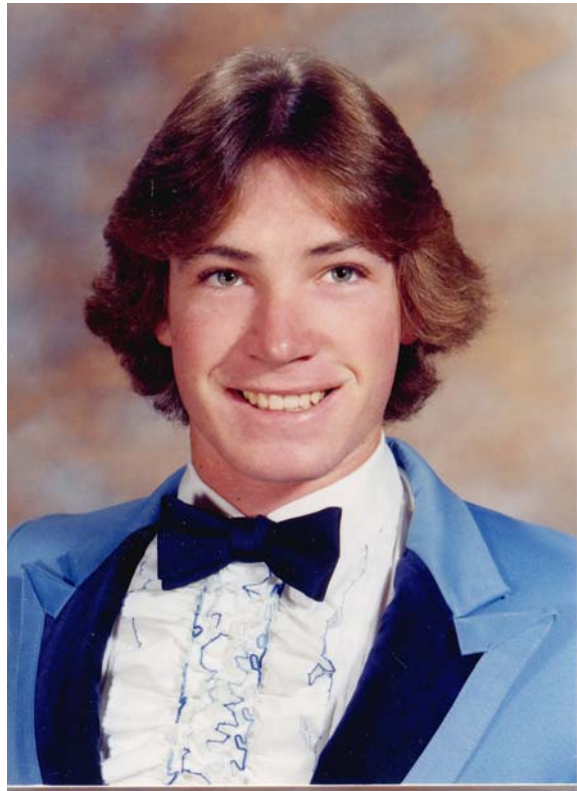
On November 13th, 2000 John incorporated his business, Roberts Real Estate & Loans, Inc.

In 2002 John received the State of California – Real Estate Broker and Corporate Broker Licenses.

John strives daily to expand and grow his company. He currently is a Realtor selling Residential and Commercial Real Estate. He also originates Residential Home Loans, Construction Loans, Small Business Loans, Small Business Acquisitions and Commercial Loans. John has four sales persons and six trainees working for his organization.

John's future goals include expanding his company to all 50 states and opening his own bank.

He currently resides on a 40 acre Ranch in Brentwood with his wife and their five dogs (Jasmine, Baby, Jessie, Angus & Tulloch).



John Roberts, High School Photo

Barbara (Roberts) Kathleen Welch



Barbie with her daughter, Brooke

How are you a Sparks?

Barbie is the daughter of Billie Ann (Rieg) Sposeto and John D. Roberts. She is the granddaughter of William Rieg and Martha (Zuver) Rieg, and the great granddaughter of Byron Zuver and May (Sparks) Zuver. She is the great, great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Barbara

Barbara (Roberts) Welch was born September 30, 1966 in Walnut Creek, California. She grew up in Livermore, California and graduated from Granada High School.

Barbara graduated from California State University at Hayward and received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Barbara is the CFO for Vanguard Construction Company in the San Francisco Bay Area.

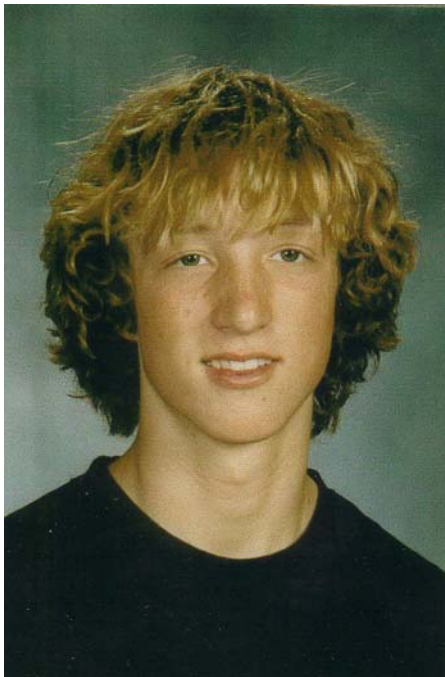
Barbie's Family Life

Barbara married John Welch of Walnut Creek, California.

Barbara and John have two children, Jason, who was born on November 02, 1989 and Brooke who was born on July 28, 1991.



The John and Barbara Welch Family



Jason, 2004



Brooke, 2005

Where do you live?

Barbara, John and their two children, Jason and Brooke, live in Walnut Creek, California.

Photos



Barbara in High School



**Barbie, Brooke and Jason Welch
at Ann (Zuver) Whitehead's 80th Birthday Party
May 02, 2004**

Dominic William Sposeto



**Dominic and Stephanie Sposeto
September 24, 2001**

How are you a Sparks?

Dominic is the son of Billie Ann (Rieg) Sposeto and Frank Sposeto. He is the grandson of William Rieg and Martha (Zuver) Rieg, and the great grandson of Byron Zuver and May (Sparks) Zuver. He is the great, great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Dominic

Dominic was born May 10, 1973 in Livermore, California. He grew up in Livermore with his parents, Frank and Billie Sposeto and his siblings. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1991.

Profession

Dominic is the COO of Vanguard Construction Company, located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Family Life

Dominic married Stephanie Barbaro on September 24, 2001 in Kauai, Hawaii.

They have one child, Dominic William Sposeto, who was born August 22, 2003 in San Ramon, California

Dominic and Stephanie live in Dublin, California with their son, Dominic.



Dominic Daniel Sposeto



Dominic William at about 9 years old

Stephen Henry
Rieg Family

Stephen Henry Rieg



How are you a Sparks?

Stephen is the son of Martha Lu (Zuver) Rieg and William Rieg. He is the grandson of May (Sparks) Zuver and Byron Zuver. He is the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Stephen

Stephen Rieg was born on September 31, 1948 in Oakland, California.

Stephen grew up in Fremont, California with his parents and two sisters, Billie and Theresa.

Education

Stephen graduated from Mission San Jose High School in Fremont in June of 1966.

Profession

Stephen works for the State of California, Department of Corrections.

Stephen's Family Life

Stephen married Liz Lewis of Fremont, California on July 25, 1970, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Union City, California. They have four children; Nicole, William, Donald and Tiffany.



Liz with her first child, Nikki



Nikki Rieg

NicoleTheresa (Nikki) was born May 21, 1971, in Alameda, California. Nikki has two children; Chas and Presley. Nikki lives in Reno, Nevada.

William Stephen Rieg was born June 01, 1972 Alameda, California. He lives in Sparks, Nevada. He has one daughter. Her name is Reona. She was born July 03, 1996 in Reno, Nevada. He is in sales.

Donald Raymond was born September 26, 1973. Donald is married to Alyse, They have three children; Demetrius, Dakota, and Ashley. They live in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Donald is in the United States Marine Corp. He recently returned from a deployment in Afghanistan and is scheduled for deployment in Iraq.

Tiffany Elizabeth was born December 20, 1974 in Alameda, California. She is married to Jeremy Richards and they have three children; Anthony, Ashley and Jacob. They live in Umatilla Oregon.

Theresa Mae Rieg

Reta Family

Theresa Mae (Rieg) Reta



How are you a Sparks?

Theresa is the daughter of Martha Lu Zuver and William Rieg. She is the granddaughter of May (Sparks) Zuver and Byron Zuver. She is the great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Theresa

Theresa Mae Rieg was born on September 25, 1956 Pittsburg Community Hospital in Pittsburg, California.

Theresa grew up in Union City, CA living with her parents, William S. Rieg and Marthalu Marian Zuver Rieg and sister Billie Ann Rieg Sposeto and brother Stephen Henry Rieg.

Education

Theresa graduated from Logan High School in Union City.

Profession

Theresa is a Senior Support Analyst for Harris Computers.

Theresa's Family Life

Marriage 03/08/75 Reno Nevada to Jesse Reta

About Jesse

Jesse Reta was born on September 01, 1956 at Highland County Hospital in Oakland, California.

Profession: San Francisco Bay Area Operations Manager for Hewlett Packard
College: Chabot JC

Jesse and Theresa live in Union City CA

Hobbies

Theresa

Reading, Hiking, traveling.

Jesse

Hiking, traveling, wood carving, painting.

Theresa and Jess have three sons; **David, Jesse and Anthony.**

David Stephen Reta, who was born on September 9, 1975 at Vesper Memorial Hospital in San Leandro, California. David married Anna Goetz on December 23, 2003. Ann Goetz was born March 13, 1980 at Stanford, Palo Alto, California. David has a step-son, Raymond Israel Garcia-Goetz, who was born August 11, 1999 in San Jose California.

Profession: Network Engineer

College: San Jose State - BS Computer Science

Living in Newark CA

Anna Goetz

Profession: Student

Jesse William Reta was born December 20, 1977 at Vesper Memorial Hospital in San Leandro, California.

Profession: Teaches English in foreign countries

College: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo - BA International Management

Living in South Korea

Anthony Michael Reta was born April 12, 1979 at Vesper Memorial Hospital in San Leandro, California.

Profession: Student

College: Will graduate in summer with Math degree from Hayward State.

Living in Union City CA

*James Albert
Zwer Family*

James Zuver



James Zuver married Peggy Black

James Zuver was born on February 26, 1931 in Kintrye, North Dakota. James was the fifth child of May Sparks Zuver and Byron Zuver.

He married Peggy Black of El Centro, California In October of 1951.

James had a long career in the United States Navy and when he retired from military life after serving twenty years, he took a position as a civilian with the Navy's Weather Bureau and worked as a Meteorologist in Monterey, California.

Peggy and Jim lived in various locations due to his military career; in Anchorage, Alaska and ? After twenty years in the U.S. Navy but eventually lived out the remainder of their life together in Monterey, California.

James and Peggy have one child, Marsha Zuver who was born

James died on April 13, 1986.

Marsha Howell Painter

Marsha was born around 1955 in Monterey, California . She is married and lives in Texas with her husband.

Ella May Zwer

Ella Zuver



1933 -2003

Ella May was born On May 2, 1933 in Kintyre, North Dakota. She is the youngest child of May Sparks Zuver and Byron Zuver. Ella lived most of her adult life in Oregon.

She was never married and had no children.

She died in 2003 in Gresham, Oregon.

*Roy Anders
Sparks Family*

Descendents of Roy Anders Sparks





Lulu Leona Ferguson - 1915

Roy and Lulu Sparks



Roy Anders Sparks was born Aug. 12, 1891 to Milo and Anna Sparks in the mountainous area near Nashville, TN. A brief period in Michigan, followed by several years near Marshall, MN, preceded the trip in a boxcar loaded with cattle and machinery which Roy and his father made together to Braddock—and eventually to the homestead sight 9 miles south and 4 miles east of Braddock. They immediately went to work on a sod shack and were soon joined by the balance of the family, Mother Anna, sisters May and Hilda and brothers Lee and Elon. Another brother and sister, George and Anna respectively, were born in this sod home. The family are all deceased now with the exception of George, who recently moved into Michigan, ND from the farm home nearby.

Roy graduated from the eighth grade in the spring of 1906 with a class of three in Emmons County graduation exercises. Quite an honor in those days! Soon afterwards, he was offered a teaching job near Fredonia. A year later, Roy took the south and east mail route out of Braddock. Horse and buggy were followed by a motorcycle and sidecar, but ultimately both had to give way to the speedier and considerably more modern Model T.

It was in 1915 or after the acquisition of the Model T and when Roy was delivering mail to the George Ivey farm 5 miles south of Braddock, that he met Miss Lulu Ferguson, who had just arrived with her friend, Anna LaFevre, from Ashland, OH, for a brief visit with May Ivey before proceeding to points further west and final return to Ohio. Friend Anna had a bout with the flu, however, so Lulu decided that she must continue on the trip west alone. She promised, however, to return via the north route to check on Anna (and perhaps Roy). This she did, but upon arriving back in Braddock, she found that there was a flu epidemic. Someone knowing that Lulu had had clerical experience asked her if she would agree to be temporary postmistress. She agreed, and obviously, she and Roy became better acquainted.

When the regular postmistress returned, Lulu told her friends (including Roy), that she supposed the thing to do was to return to Ashland. Her parents, brother Bob, and sisters, Ada and Deborah were glad to see her. Her stay was brief, though, because Roy came back to see her—and they were married Jan. 4, 1916. Upon return to Braddock, they took up housekeeping in the house now occupied by Mrs. Tom Marx. Roy decided to do a little farming in addition to handling the route.

Five years later, Roy gave up the mail route, and moved his family, Lulu and two small boys to a brand new farm 8 miles south and 1 mile west of Braddock—later the John Kiemele home, and now the Vern Wagner place. A daughter, Betty Jane was a welcome addition to the family just before the final move to the Henry Sorem farm, just a mile east and from Braddock 8¼ miles. Lloyd, the youngest son, was born about a year after this final move.

Roy and Lulu were very active in their church, the Presbyterian Church in Hazelton, the Masonic Lodge in Linton, the Homemakers Club (for Lulu) and the Hazelton Farmers Union Elevator where Roy had been secretary since 1939. Roy was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1959, and Lulu was Worthy Matron of Eastern Star in 1956. Roy also belonged to the El Zagei Shrine.

Pretty complete lives, wouldn't you say?

In 1966 they celebrated their 50th anniversary at Braddock.

Roy passed away June 30, 1976 and Lulu on Aug. 12, 1976. On Jan. 4 of that same year, Betty Jane had feted the folks at a 60th anniversary party. Most of the Zuver children, plus Clinton and Bernadine Sparks (Clint was Lee's son and the Zuver children are May Sparks Zuver's descendants), along with several friends from North Dakota, who were living in California were guests at their affair at the Betty Jane and Al Lutz home in Benicia, CA.

Robert, their eldest son, was born Oct. 18, 1916 and lives with his wife, the former Betty Lu Herbert of Ogden, UT, in St. Paul, MN. They have three children, Bob, the eldest, also lives in St. Paul with his wife, Katie. they have one child, Michelle.

William lives in Devon, PA with his wife and two children, Andrew William and Emily Jane.

Christine resides in Aspen, CO where she is employed by Aspen Ski Corporation.

Robert retired as president of Reserve Supply Co. two years ago and now has a scaled down job with a retail lumber association.

Earl, who would now be 66, died in Guatemala City in 1959. Prior to his death, he had spent most of his life as a geophysical survey engineer in foreign countries including Venezuela, Dominican Republic, British Honduras, Canada, England, France, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Saudia Arabia. His last position was Exploration Manager for the Husky Oil Company with headquarters in Cody, WY. Earle's birthday was Jan. 4, the same as Roy and Lulu's wedding anniversary.

Betty Jane and her husband Al Luntz, moved from their home in Benicia, CA to a new home in Tucson, AZ in the fall of 1983. Betty Jane has one son by a former marriage, James Thornton. He and his five year old daughter, Julie Jane reside in Denver, CO where he was transferred following the split up of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. by whom he is employed.

Lloyd is now living in Newport, OR. His wife is the former Shirley Reamann. They have four children: Ronald, Vicki, Carol, and Patty Jo. Vicki and Ron each have two children. Patty, the youngest daughter of Lloyd and Shirley, lives in Portland. Ron lives in Newport, and Vicki in a close by town. Carol, not married, is employed by the telephone company in Portland. Shirley is still teaching adult education and Lloyd is still employed as a longshoreman.

Roy Sparks Photo Album, Part 1



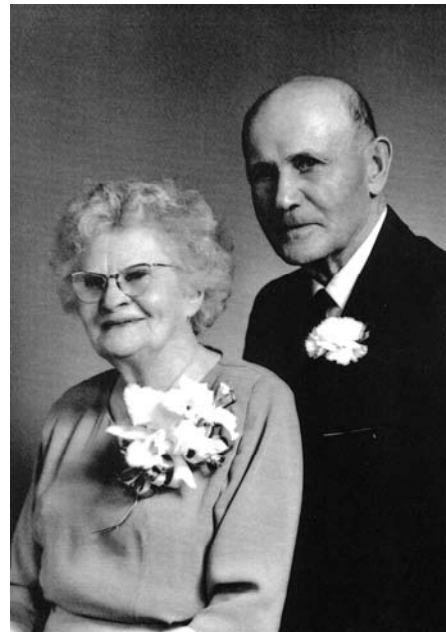
Roy sparks – early photo



Lulu and Roy early photo



Katie and Roy Sparks



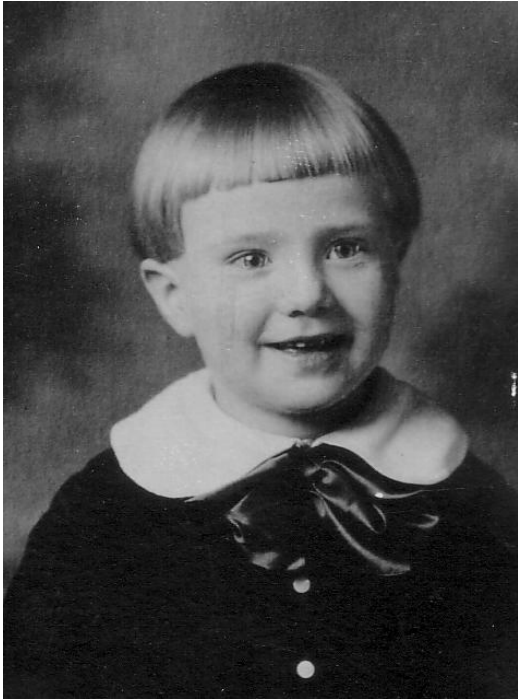
Lulu and Roy Sparks – 50th anniversary

*Robert Milo
Sparks Family*

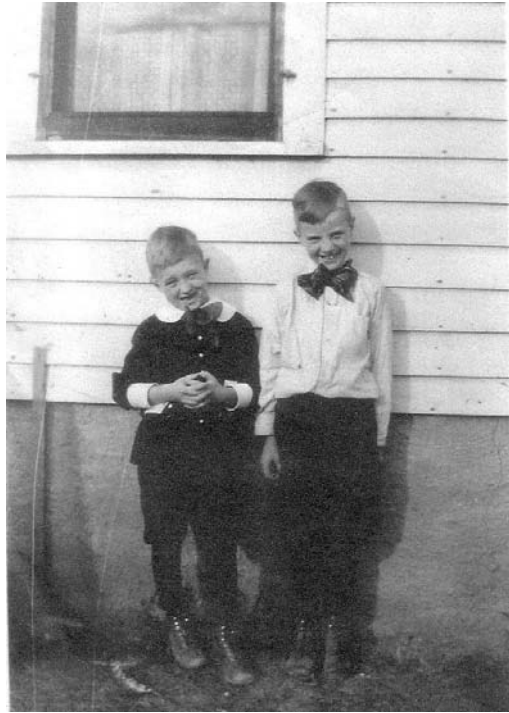
Robert Milo Sparks



Robert Milo Sparks, Photo Album, Part 1



Robert Milo Sparks



Earle and Robert Sparks - 1923



**Robert Milo Sparks - 1939
Bismarck, North Dakota**

Robert Milo Sparks



Robert Sparks, November 1996

How are you a Sparks?

I am the son of Roy and Lulu Sparks and the grandson of Milo and Andrea Engebretsen Sparks.

About Robert

Born in Bismarck, North Dakota on October 18, 1916.

Grew up on a farm west of Braddock, ND with Roy and Lulu Sparks and siblings Earle, Betty Jane, and Lloyd Sparks.

Graduated from Hazelton high in 1935.

Served as editor of the school news in the Hazelton Independent newspaper.

Did lower division work at the University of Utah and finished my college education at Stanford University with a BA in Economics and Accounting.

Retired in 1994 as an advertising/account executive for a building material magazine published for retailers. Prior to that I was the president of a wholesale building material firm. From 1994 through 1998 I volunteered for the Minnesota Senior Federation as a phone counselor on health matters.

Robert Milo Sparks Family Life



Betty and Bob Sparks, November 1996

Marriage

I married Betty Lu Herbert in Ogden, Utah on January 29, 1944 and we have been married ever since.

About Betty Lu Herbert

She was born in Preston, Idaho and graduated from Ogden High School in Ogden, UT in 1940. She attended Weber College in Ogden and St. Mary's College on the Wasatch in Salt Lake City. Prior to our marriage, she worked as a dental assistant.

Our children are Robert David Sparks, William Jeffrey Sparks, and Christine Louise Sparks. Our grandchildren are Andrew William Sparks, Emily Sparks Martin (maiden name Emily Jane Sparks) and Evan Randall Sparks, all children of Alyse and William Sparks.

Robert and Betty Lu's Grandkids



Andrew, Emily, and Evan Sparks, September 2004

Where do you live?

We live in a northern suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota.

***26 Eagle Ridge Road
North Oaks
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55127***

Robert's Favorites

Favorite Hobby: Gardening
Favorite Quote: "God willing"
Favorite Song: Oh Holy Night
Favorite Book: You Can't Go Home Again
Favorite Movie: Gone with the Wind

Betty Lu's Favorites

Favorite Hobby: Reading Mystery Novels
Favorite Quote: "Well, anyway"
Favorite Song: Tennessee Waltz
Favorite Book: Gone with the Wind
Favorite Movie: Gone with the Wind
Your current spouses Claim to fame: Good conversationalist

*Robert David
Sparks Family*

Robert David Sparks (Bob)



Bob, Michelle and Katie Sparks

Name of Spouse: Katie

How you met: Bob hit Katie's car in the parking lot one snowy day and stopped by to offer to pay for damage. She was so impressed with his character and honesty they began dating shortly after that and were married a year later.



Date/Place of Marriage: May 23rd, 1975, St Paul, Minnesota

Children's names and date/place of Birth: Michelle born May 13th, 1969 in Albert Lea, Minnesota and Granddaughter, Sydney Marie, born March 3rd, 2003 in Clearwater, Florida



Robert Sparks Family Photos

Place of residence: Bob and Katie live in Atlanta, Georgia and Michelle and Sydney live in Clearwater, Florida

Hobbies/Interests: Bob enjoys running and has completed 3 marathons. Both of us spend much of our free time taking in abandoned or abused animals, nursing them back to health and finding them loving homes. Bob developed his love for the outdoors and animals while spending summers at his Grandfather's (Roy Sparks) farm near Bismarck, North Dakota.

Background: Bob's parents, Robert and Betty Sparks met in Ogden, Utah where Bob was stationed in WWII. Bob was born in Ogden in 1946. Bob has a BA in History from the University of Minnesota and a CPCU designation. He is an Independent Insurance Agent and has his own agency in Roswell, Georgia. Katie received her nursing degree from Northwestern School of Nursing in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Nurse Practitioner certification from the University of Minnesota. She is Director of Operations for Medicine at The Emory Clinic in Atlanta, Ga. Michelle has a BA in International Advertising from the University of Minnesota and is an International Marketing Representative for La Cie International. Her territory is Central and South America and she is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.

William Jeffrey
Sparks Family

William Jeffrey Sparks



William Sparks, September 2004

How are you a Sparks?

William Sparks is the Son of Robert Milo Sparks and Betty Lu Sparks. He is the grandson of Roy and Lulu Sparks, and the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Bill

Bill was born in Bismarck, North Dakota on March 5, 1951.

After living briefly in Bismarck and Fargo, North Dakota, Bill moved with his family to suburban Minneapolis, Minnesota. At about age ten, they moved to North Oaks, a northern suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Education

Bill attended Mounds View High School, New Brighton, MN; graduated in 1969. He was active in the Track and Cross Country Teams as well as the Concert Choir.

Bill graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. He obtained his Masters of Business Administration degree in 1979 from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA.

Profession

Bill recently retired after a 30-year career at the Rohm and Haas Company. I served in a number of Sales, Marketing, and Management positions with the company in several locations including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and the Republic of Singapore.

William J. Sparks Family Life



Alyse and Bill Sparks, September 2004

Marriage

Bill married Alyse Marie Connolly in Los Angeles on July 14, 1973 and remains married to her.

About Alyse Connolly Sparks

Alyse was born in and grew up in Pasadena, California. She graduated from the Mayfield School in Pasadena and attended Occidental College. We first met on a spring college Ski Club trip. After our marriage, Alyse finished her college education at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA.

Our children are Andrew William Sparks, Emily Jane Sparks (now Emily Sparks Martin), and Evan Randall Sparks. We have no grandchildren.



**Our home
483 Margo Lane
Berwyn, PA 19312**

Where do you live?

Alyse and I live in suburban Philadelphia, PA, just south of Valley Forge National Park.

William J. Sparks Favorites

Favorite Hobbies: Gardening, hiking, golf, reading fiction
Favorite Quote: Hi Daddy! In'na papa!
Favorite Song: Rhapsody in Blue
Favorite Book: "Sarum", by Edwin Rutherford
Favorite Movie: Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
Claim to Fame: Having the world's best wife and children

Alyse C. Sparks Favorites

Favorite Hobbies: Shopping, hiking, golf, reading
Favorite Song: This Land is Your Land
Favorite Book: The Shell Seekers
Favorite Movie: The Sound of Music
Claim to fame: Raising three successful and happy children

Children of Bill and Alyse Sparks



Andrew Sparks, Emily (Sparks) Martin, Kyle Martin, Evan Sparks
September 2004

A Few Comments about our Children

Andrew

Our son Andrew has just received his PhD in Material Science and Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, MA. He graduated from MIT as an undergraduate and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He has published two papers so far.

Emily

Our daughter Emily graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA in 2002. In college, she was active in Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was a varsity diver. She works for a consulting company in Washington, D. C. She married Kyle Martin in September 2004. Kyle is a Chemical Engineering graduate of the Pennsylvania State University.

Evan

Our son Evan is a sophomore at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. He is majoring in Computer Science. He is a two-year letterman for the Swimming and diving team and placed 10th and 8th in the 3-meter event in his first two years at Ivy League Championships. He has also been a reporter for the Dartmouth Review newspaper. He recently joined Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Christine Louise
Sparks

Christine Sparks



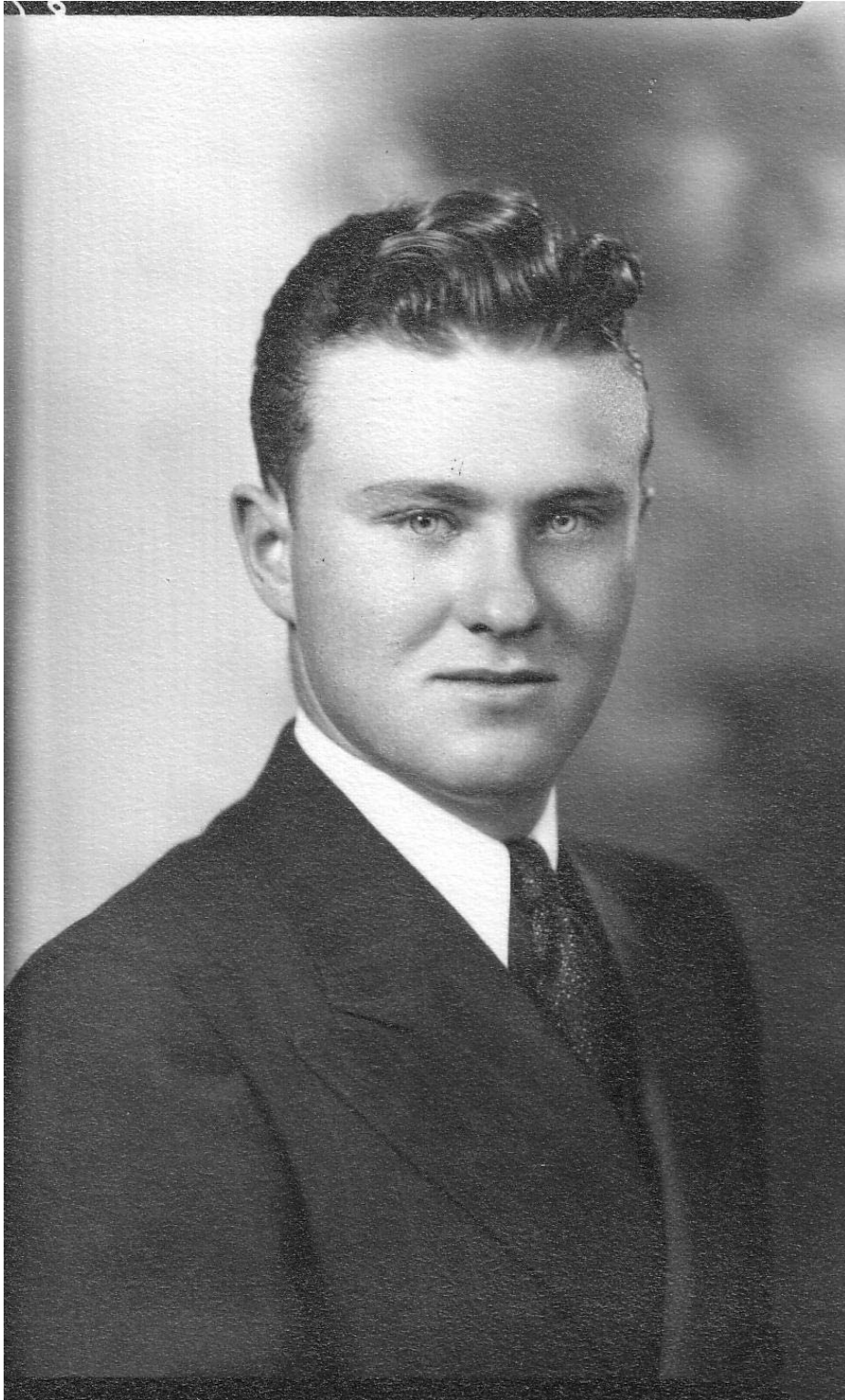
Christine Sparks at her Aunt Betty Jane's' house



Christine with her parents

*Earle Melvin
Sparks*

Earle Melvin Sparks



1918 - 1958

Earl Melvin Sparks

Earle, second son of Roy and Lulu Sparks, was born January 4, 1918. While all of Roy and Lulu's children played the piano at least a little, it was clear at an early age that Earle had a special talent for the instrument. While his father was sometimes dubious about the value of time spent practicing the piano, the rest of the family did their best to "cover for him", according to Betty Jane. Lulu confided to one of her grandchildren that whenever it was Earle's turn to stay behind and help her with the dishes after a family meal, she would send him into the living room to practice the piano instead (unbeknownst to Roy, of course). While a senior at Hazelton High School, Earle entered a state classical piano competition. Depending on whose recollection you believe (Robert's or Betty Jane's), he finished no lower than second place and may have finished first.

After graduation from Hazelton High School, Earle attended Jamestown College. While there, he authored a regular column in the *Jamestown Collegian* newspaper. He graduated from college in 1940.

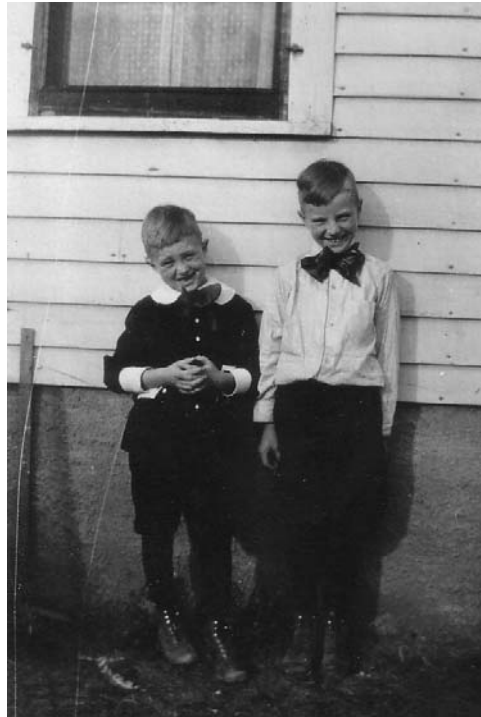
Earle embarked on a very adventuresome career with the Robert H. Ray Company, which was in the geophysical survey business. He traveled the world searching for promising locations to drill for oil. He spent much of his adult life abroad. While stationed in London, he witnessed the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. He spent considerable time in North Africa and later, in Venezuela, Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, and other parts of Latin America. He was a prolific letter writer while abroad and these letters to his parents make for very interesting reading.

Earle died in 1958 while on assignment in Latin America. He is buried in Hazelton.

Photo Album for Earle Sparks, Part 1



Earle as a small child



Earle and Robert Sparks - 1923



**Earle Sparks in Bismarck, North Dakota
1939**

*Betty Jane Sparks
Luntz*

Betty Jane Sparks Luntz



Betty Jane Photo Album, Part 1



Lulu and Betty Jane – 1924



Betty Jane – 5 years old



Betty Jane and her brothers - 1941



Betty Jane – at Roundup 1948 New Mexico



Betty Jane Sparks Luntz

How are you a Sparks?

Betty Jane Luntz is the daughter of Roy Sparks and Lulu Ferguson Sparks, the grand daughter of Milo Sparks and Andrea Engebretsen Sparks



**Guests at Betty Jane's 80th Birthday Party
Katie, Christine, Bob, Bernadine and Clinton Sparks**

About Betty Jane

I am the third child and only daughter of Lulu and Roy Sparks. I was born on December 31, 1923, during a raging blizzard in Braddock, North Dakota at the home of our dear cousins, the Floyd Bier's. Our farm home was eight miles from Braddock. It was just a mile from the Biers farm home, and they were always special friends, as well as cousins.

We all went to grade school at the one room school house a mile and a quarter from the farm – walking of course, except sometimes in the winter when Dad would take us in the horse pulled sleigh. These were the dust bowl depression days, but I remember happy family times of singing around the piano as Mother played. And we had the best hills for skiing, so on Sunday afternoon's neighbors would come and we would ski and go sledding and play games in the house. I feel so blessed to have had such dear and loving parents and brothers.

When I was five years old I was given one chance in a hundred to survive ruptured appendix and peritonitis and spent two months in the Bismarck Hospital.

Following grade school, I attended Bismarck High School graduating in 1941 and then enrolled in Jamestown College, a Presbyterian college, from which my brother, Earle had graduated in 1940.

I will always remember Pearl Harbor day as some of us students at college also played in the Elks Band and that afternoon we were playing for a Memorial when Pearl Harbor was announced. I played the flute in band and orchestra in high school and college. The college was soon like a girls schools as the boys rushed out to volunteer to help fight WW II. The next year, the college was turned into a College Training Detachment for the Air Force and we were moved out of the dorms and into houses in town. That is where I met my first husband, James Earl Thornton, from Carrizozo, New Mexico, who arrived with the group from Texas and New Mexico.

In the middle of my junior year, we were married and shortly after he was sent to OCS in San Antonio, Texas. So, for the first time in my life, like a lot of North Dakota girls, I got to see a lot of the United States. During this time, our son, James Earl Thornton, Jr. was born in Asheville, North Carolina.

After the war, we returned to Carrizozo, New Mexico and then moved to Corvallis, Oregon so Jim could attend Oregon State University where he received his Master's degree and I received my PhT (Pushed Husband Through), as I worked for as a secretary for the State Department of Education. The University actually gave all us hard working wives a diploma and marched us up, just like the graduates. Jim's first job was in Klamath Falls, Oregon, teaching math and coaching. I worked as a secretary to the Music Director of the Klamath Falls Schools, and while there became a member of the DAR, after a great deal of research. As a 50 year plus member, I am still active and every year host the DAR Christmas Tea. I was also President of the Sojourners Club and the Library Club. In 1958, we moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Jim took a position as Head Counselor. The family was all still in shock when on July 4, 1958, brother Earle died of a heart attack while on assignment in Guatemala. We all returned to North Dakota for his funeral at the Hazelton Presbyterian Church with burial at the Hazelton Cemetery.

My son, Jim, graduated with honors, from College Park High School in the Bay Area and left to attend college at the University of New Mexico. While in high school, he won several chess tournaments and even played chess with the famous Koltanoski. He also loved sailing on the bay.

I worked as a supervisor-dispatcher for the Contra Costa Sheriffs Office from 1963 to 1973. I was also involved in volunteering and was President of Diablo Nile Club

In 1965, I had a radical mastectomy, with seven weeks of radiation. Mother and dad came out after my two weeks in the hospital and drove me in to Oakland for the radiation treatments. As soon as it was over, I returned to my job. It was probably the hardest thing I ever went through as I was burned from the waist up but I wouldn't give up and got through it.

In 1968, I was divorced from James Thornton. He passed away in 1977.

On March 8, 1969, I married Albert Elliot Luntz, a Captain in the Contra Costa Sheriffs Department, and the love of my life. Our first home was in Benicia, California, overlooking the Carquinez Straits.

My son, Jimmy moved to Santa Fe after college and worked as a civil engineer for the State Highway Department for a short time, and then went to work for Mountain Bell. He met Sue McClellan, a school teacher, and they were married August 7, 1971. Their daughter, Julie Jane, was born February 25, 1978 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they lived. Jimmy and Sue were divorced in 1979. Jimmy raised Julie with some help from me and Al. In 1983, Jim was transferred to Denver, Colorado, working in management for U.S. West.

Julie attended Columbine High School in Littleton, but graduated the year before the massacre but some that were killed were her friends. Julie works for Ocean Journey in Denver. Jim suffered a serious stroke in 1990, followed by two additional strokes and is retired on disability.

On January 4, 1976, Al and I hosted a 60th Anniversary party for my mother and dad at our home in Benicia. Many relatives and friends were present. That year, they both passed away, Dad on June 30th and Mother on August 16th. Their services were held at the Hazelton Presbyterian Church and both are buried at the Hazelton Cemetery in North Dakota.

In 1976, we moved to a home on the golf course at Green Valley, which is twelve miles from Napa. We enjoyed our years there and I continued volunteering, driving cancer patients and calling on ladies who had mastectomies. I was also involved in politics as well as other organizations.

On June 9, 1982, a **BETTY JANE LUNTZ APPRECIATION DAY** and a **RESOLUTION FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA** was presented to me commending me as follows: Betty Jane Luntz, a distinguished Solano County political and civic leader, has contributed extensively to the improvement of her community as President of the Solano County American Cancer Society, Transportation and Reach to Recovery Coordinator for the Solano County Unit American Cancer Society. Member of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, Lilac Branch of the Children's Hospital, Intercommunity Hospital Guild, DAR, OES, Daughters of the Nile, Solano County Farm Bureau, President of the Solano Republican Women, and Chairman of Region VI, Republican Women.

In 1980, Al suffered a coronary and this forced him to retire. After spending several months each winter in Tucson, the decision was made to move her and we purchased a house in the Forty Niner Golf and Country Club and moved here on October 1, 1983. We both were soon volunteering – delivering Mobile Meals and driving cancer patients. I was asked to help organize a Republican Women's Club and so the Tucson Republican Women were born in our "Ronald Reagan Room" where we have lots of Regan memorabilia. It is now the largest club in Tucson and I held our 20th Anniversary Party in December, 2004 at my home. I have been a lifetime member and Elder of the Presbyterian Church.

My dear husband, Al was diagnosed with colon cancer and passed away on March 20, 1987.

I continue to keep busy and use my home for fund raisers and teas for the DAR, Tucson Symphony Women, Tucson Republican Women, St. John on the Desert Presbyterian Church Women. I also enjoy my many house guests and feel so blessed that I still have my health and am most thankful that my parents were so dear and wonderful and also my brothers and their families, and Uncles and Aunts and cousins, who have so enriched my life.

Betty Jane's Family Life



**Betty Jane married James Thornton
February 17, 1944 – Bismarck, North Dakota**

Betty Jane and James Thornton have one son, James Earl Thornton, Jr, and one grandchild, Julie Jane Thornton.



Betty Jane married Al Luntz
March 8, 1969

Betty Jane Family Photos



Betty Jane and Al



JJ and Grandpa Al



Al - Sheriff and Captain



Jim, JJ and Betty Jane



Betty Jane - 80th Birthday

Betty Jane's home



Tucson, Arizona

Betty Jane's Favorites**Book:** War and Remembrance**Quote:** "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"**Song:** Red Roses for a Blue Lady**Movie:** The Merry Widow**Hobbies:** Antiquing, family history, volunteering**Claim to fame:** Been called the Perle Mesta of Tucson

*James Earl
Thornton Family*

James Earl Thornton



Jim at the helm, on San Francisco Bay

How are you a Sparks?

James Thornton is the son of James Thornton and Betty Jane Sparks Luntz, the grandson of Roy Sparks and Lulu Ferguson Sparks, the great grandson of Milo Sparks and Andrea Engebretsen Sparks.

About James

James Earle Thornton was born on December 8, 1944 in Asheville, North Carolina. James graduated College Park High School in Pleasant Hill, California with honors and attended the University of New Mexico.

Photos of James



Julie Jane Thornton



How are you a Sparks?

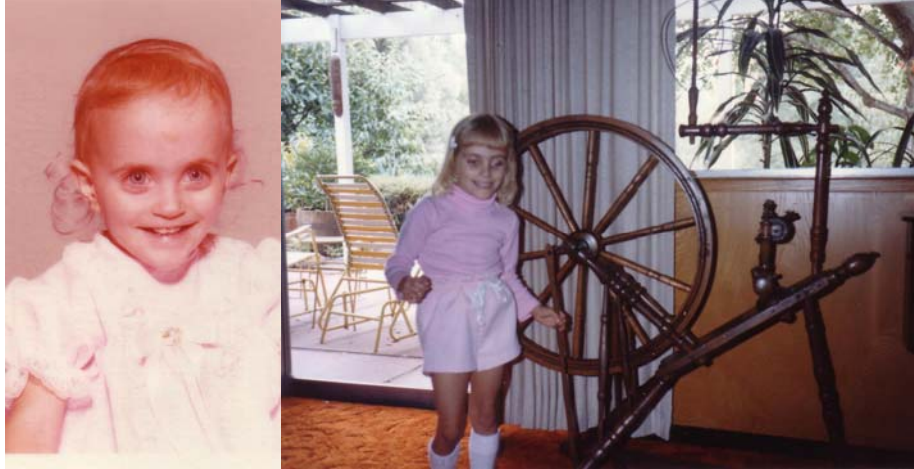
Julie Jane Thornton is the daughter of James Thornton and Sue McClellan, the granddaughter of James Thornton and Betty Jane Luntz, the great granddaughter of Roy Sparks and Lulu Ferguson Sparks, and the great, great granddaughter of Milo Sparks and Andrea Engebretsen Sparks.

About Julie Jane

Julie Jane was born February 25, 1978 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Julie Jane graduated from Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado and is working on a degree in Physics at the University of Colorado.

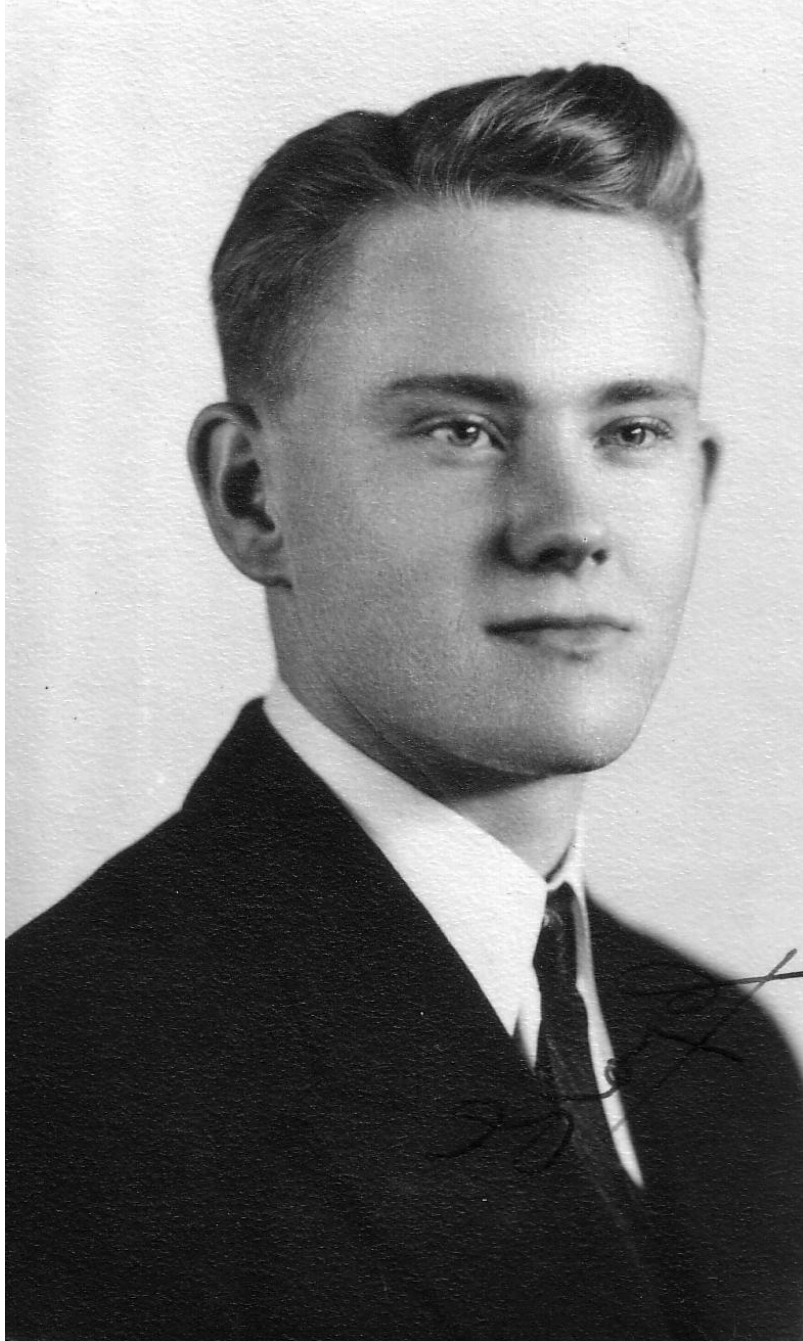
She works for Ocean Journey in Denver, Colorado.



Early Photos of Julie Jane

Lloyd Roy Sparks
Family

Lloyd Roy Sparks



Lloyd Sparks – Photo Album, Part 1



Lloyd Sparks and Shirley Reamann
Lloyd Sparks



WWII

Lloyd Roy Sparks



One of Lloyd's passions was working in his garden

How are you a Sparks?

Lloyd Roy Sparks was the son of Roy and Lulu Sparks and the grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks

About Lloyd Roy Sparks

Lloyd Roy Sparks was born November 13th, 1925 in Bismarck, North Dakota. He attended the local grade school in Bismarck and attended Braddock High School. From High School, Lloyd joined the Navy and served four years. On June 23rd, 1948 he married Shirley Reamann of Braddock.

In 1953 Lloyd and Shirley moved to Newport, Oregon and bought the home in which they lived for the next 52 years. Lloyd worked as a longshoreman for 40 years. He supervised crews of up to 20 men loading ships of cargo that was sent around the world. Lloyd was very active in his community. He was a volunteer fireman, and during this time, he was a part of a rescue team who saved two marooned men off of Agate Beach, in Newport. The National Guard Reserve appointed Lloyd as Platoon Sergeant Grade E-7 for his service. He served as a Mason for 50 years, from 1950 to 2000. Lloyd was an Officer of Lodge 85, holding many positions, including Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Chairman. He participated in many fundraisers such as Golf Tournaments, Crab Feeds, and Pancake Feeds. Lloyd was also a Shriner and helped to raise money for the Shriners' Children's Hospital through events such as the Mary's Peak Trek, Rodeo's, Circus', and Parades.



Here comes Sparky!



Lloyd & Shirley in the Shriners

Lloyd was a member of the American Legion and was the Chairman responsible in raising money for Boy's State from 1977 to 2000. Shirley also helped raise money for Girl's State. Lloyd earned an Excellent Community Service Award in recognition of his Outstanding Contributions to education for the Lincoln County School District.

Lloyd loved being with his children and his grandchildren. He adored them. They spent a lot of time together camping, hunting, fishing and boating. He attended all of his children and grandchildren's concert's and games, and loved every minute of it. He was a proud father and grandfather. He was the backbone of a very close family. We all miss him terribly. Lloyd loved photography. He has left his children with a legacy of pictures. Lloyd played the piano and sang beautifully. He was hired to sing at numerous functions in the community, including weddings and funerals. He often sang at his church. If you ever heard Lloyd sing the Lord's Prayer, you can hear him singing it now...it was breathtaking, simply unforgettable. He woke his family up every morning by singing and playing the piano, and he made sure that all of his kids had the opportunity to learn the piano.

Lloyd was very active up until he met the Lord on July 27th, 2000. He is now buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. He is now working in the Lord's Heavenly Garden and singing with the choir of Angels.

Lloyd & Shirley's Family Life



Marriage

Lloyd married Shirley Reamann on June 23rd, 1948. They were married 52 years. This picture is on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Shirley Reamann

Shirley Reamann, the daughter of Harry and Pearl (Sorem) Reamann, was born in Los Angeles, California on November 8th, 1925 and grew up in the Braddock area. Lloyd and Shirley attended the same grade school. In 1943, Shirley graduated as the salutatorian from Braddock High School. She attended college at Valley City State Teacher's College and taught school in Braddock until she and Lloyd were married in 1948. Lloyd and Shirley continued to live in North Dakota where Lloyd continued his education at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

In 1953 they moved to Newport, Oregon and bought a home overlooking Yaquina Bay. They lived in this home for the remainder of Lloyd's life, for 52 years. They did numerous remodeling jobs and additions, and this home is now a Bed and Breakfast Inn on the beautiful Oregon Coast. You can actually take a virtual tour of their beautiful home at the following web site:
<http://www.grandmas-haven.com/>

Shirley continued teaching for 35 more years in Newport. She taught at all of the local schools in Lincoln County as a substitute teacher. The children loved Mrs. Sparks. Shirley also worked at Oregon Coast Community College helping people get their GED certificates. They loved her gentle approach to teaching English and Math. Shirley is still remembered at the college in Newport, Oregon.

One of Shirley's favorite pastimes was quilting. She made all of her children and grandchildren a special quilt to remember her by.

Shirley now lives in a retirement facility in Oregon City, Oregon named Haven Corner. She is within 50 miles of all of her children. Her address is 19352 Prospector Terrace, Oregon City, Or 97045.



Shirley, December 25th, 2004

Ronald Lloyd Sparks was born April 18th, 1949. He married Candace McCann and they have two children, Carrie Anne and Brian. Both children are married and living in Bend, Oregon. Brian and his wife Angie have two children, Briana, age 5 and Keyton, age 2. Carrie is married to John Schaffer of Bend, Oregon. Ron & Candy own a computer consulting business called Computer Consultants Northwest. They both run the business, and serve large corporations such as AT & T, and Chinook Winds, a casino on the Oregon Coast. Prior to that, Ron was a building contractor for many years, and constructed many beautiful homes and businesses, including the Chamber of Commerce in Newport, Oregon. Ron and Candy live in Salem, Oregon.

Vicki Jane Sparks (Garland) was born on March 29th, 1951. She is now married to Garry Garland and they have two children, Jason and Treena. Jason is now married and he and his wife Megan live in Salem, Oregon and have a beautiful 2-year old daughter named Saige. Treena is now living in Florida and has a successful career with T-Mobile Cellular. Vicki & Garry live in Jefferson, Oregon.

Carol Sue Sparks (Hunt) was born on March 27th, 1955. She married Ron Hunt and they have two children, Ryan and Charday. Ryan graduated from high school in 2004 and is going to college on a football scholarship. Charday will be graduating June 2005 and going to college on a basketball scholarship. Their father, Ron, played professional football for the Cincinnati Bengals. Carol started working for Pacific NW Bell in 1979 and has held many management and sales positions during her career with the Telephone Company. She is now selling Yellow Page advertising for Dex Media, and has been with the company for 26 years. Ron & Carol live in Tigard, Oregon.

Patricia Jo Sparks (Boehly) was born on Lloyd's birthday, November 13th, 1956. She is married to Scott Boehly and they currently live in Canby, Oregon. They have one son name Mark. Mark graduated from Canby High School in 2004, and is now attending college. Patricia is a registered nurse, and Scott is a Master Mechanic.

Lloyd & Shirley's Grandkids



Lloyd teaching grandson's, Ryan & Jason the piano in 1986



Jason Lynn Garland, Son of Vicki & Garry Garland



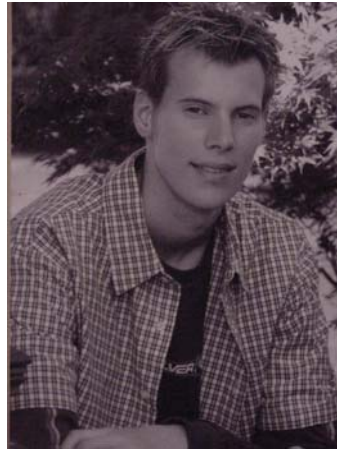
Treena Cherie Garland,
Daughter of Vicki & Garry Garland



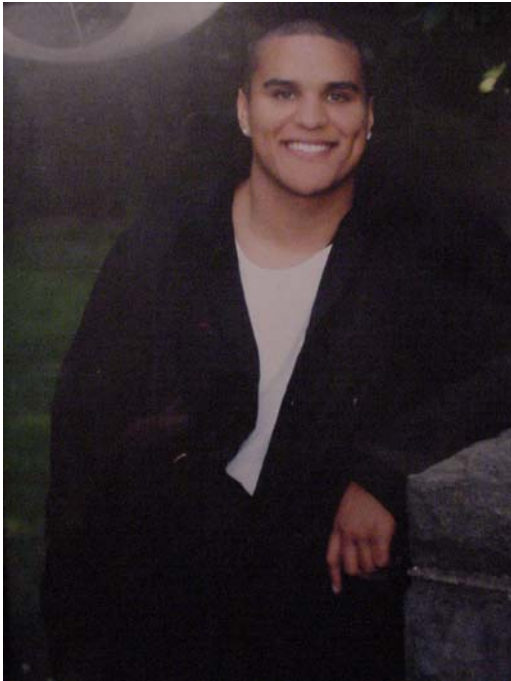
Carrie Ann Schaffer,
Daughter of Ron & Candace Sparks



Brian Bettencourt
Son of Ron & Candace Sparks



Mark Sheldon Boehly,
Son of Patricia & Scott Boehly



Ryan Nicholas Hunt
Son of Carol & Ron Hunt



Charday Danielle Hunt
Daughter of Carol & Ron Hunt

Current Photos



Shirley's birthday gathering (she is in the right hand corner) November 8th, 2004 with the family. From the left, Carol, Charday, Ron, Candace, Vicki (center back), Shirley, Megan, Saige, Jason and Garry. Over in the left corner at the next table is Scott and his wife Patricia (not pictured).

Where do you live?

Lloyd is now living with our Heavenly Father. Before his passing, July 27th, 2000, he lived in Newport, with Shirley, for 52 years. Shirley is now living in Oregon City, Oregon in a Retirement Facility. Her children visit her often at her new home. She still misses Lloyd terribly, but is doing fairly well.



View of Yaquina Bay from Lloyd & Shirley's living room in Newport, Oregon

**Our home of 52 years
Now a Bed & Breakfast Inn called Grandma's Haven
On the Beautiful Oregon Coast,
Newport, Oregon
Virtual Tour: <http://www.grandmas-haven.com/>**

Lloyd's Favorites

Lloyd's Hobbies: Singing, playing piano, gardening, rock collecting & tumbling, photography, swimming, camping, hunting, fishing, boating, weight lifting.

Lloyd's Favorite Quote: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Lloyd's Favorite Song: The Lord's Prayer

Lloyd's Claim to Fame: His service to his community, the children, and his country.

Shirley's Favorites

Shirley's Hobbies: Camping, sewing, quilting, reading and cooking

*Ronald Lloyd
Sparks Family*

Ronald Lloyd Sparks



**Proud Grandpa, Ronald Lloyd Sparks,
with grandson, Keyton 2002**

How are you a Sparks?

My father, Lloyd Roy Sparks, was the son of Roy and Lulu Sparks.

I was born in San Diego, California. My father, Lloyd Roy Sparks, was in the Navy and based in San Diego at the time of my birth. My parents, Lloyd and Shirley Sparks later moved to Newport, Oregon, which is where I grew up, and graduated from High School. I became a certified Scuba Diver in Newport, and brought home many delicious Ling Cod dinners for our table. One of the more dangerous creatures that I brought home from the depths of the ocean was an 8 foot eel. If I hadn't speared him, he probably would have taken my arm. Growing up on the coast was an adventure.

Upon graduation from high school, I attended Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, majoring in Fishery & Wildlife. I later moved to Bend, Oregon and started my own business.

I met my wife, Candace McCann, while living in Bend, Oregon. We were married in 1977.



Ron & his wife Candace

I was a building contractor for several years, building both residential and business construction. The Chamber of Commerce in Newport, Oregon is one the businesses that I built on the Oregon Coast. I retired from construction approximately 20 years ago, and started a new business in Salem, Oregon called Computer Consultants Northwest, Inc. I am the President of this company, and am a Microsoft Certified System Engineer and a Dentrix Integration Engineer. We travel frequently to serve our customers.

Candace and I have two children, Carrie Ann, and Brian. Both kids are married and now living in Bend, Oregon. Brian & his wife have two children, Keyton and Briana.



**Ron & Candace's daughter Carrie Ann,
and her husband John Schaffer**



**Our son Brian and his wife Angie,
with their children Keyton, age 2,
and Briana, age 5**

Candace and I love to travel, and we both love camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, piano, singing and acting. While our children, Carrie Ann and Brian were young, our entire family was very active in drama. In fact, our daughter Carrie Ann was the runner-up for Miss Teenage America because of her singing and acting abilities. We were also extras when the TV series, Knott's Landing, filmed at the Oregon Coast in the 80's. We were all active in the Oregon Coast Theatre.

Community Services:

- YMCA—5 years Board of Directors
- Children & Youth Services Commission, appointed by Governor Goldschmidt
- Optimists—Past President
- Chamber of Commerce—5 years Board of Directors
- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission—Oregon Sport Fishing Rep 7 years
- Pacific Fisheries Management Council—Oregon Sport Fishing Rep 7 years

I love to fly, and am a certified private pilot. We own property in Central Oregon and are in the process of building a retirement retreat near Bend. We are enjoying time in our motor home at our property in Central Oregon, where we can spend time with our children and grand children.

Your Grandkids



Our grandson, Keyton, age 2 (Brian & Angie's son)

Vicki Jane Sparks
Garland Family

Vicki Jane Garland (Sparks)



Vicki with husband Garry

How are you a Sparks?

Daughter of Lloyd Roy Sparks who was the son of Roy and Lulu Sparks.

About Vicki Jane Garland (Sparks)

I was born in Fargo, North Dakota but grew up on the beautiful Oregon coast in Newport, Oregon.



Newport, Oregon

I graduated from Newport High School in 1969. While living in Newport, I was a supervisor at Undersea Gardens, a great place to meet travelers from all around the world. I met my husband, Garry Garland, in 1968 and we were married in 1971. I have held many different positions over the years, specializing in Visual Merchandizing and Interior Decoration. JC Penney and the Bon Marche/Macey's were a few of the stores that I worked with as the Visual Merchandising and Presentation Manager. I have traveled around the United States helping to plan and implement store layouts. I am an avid antique collector, and love going to garage sales! I have a flair for interior design and have won awards for some of my displays. One of the more unique displays that I put together was in a shopping mall during the holidays. I decorated several Christmas trees, each having their own theme. I have taught art classes at places such as Linn Benton college and some of the local churches and homes.

Vicki & Garry's Family Life



Marriage

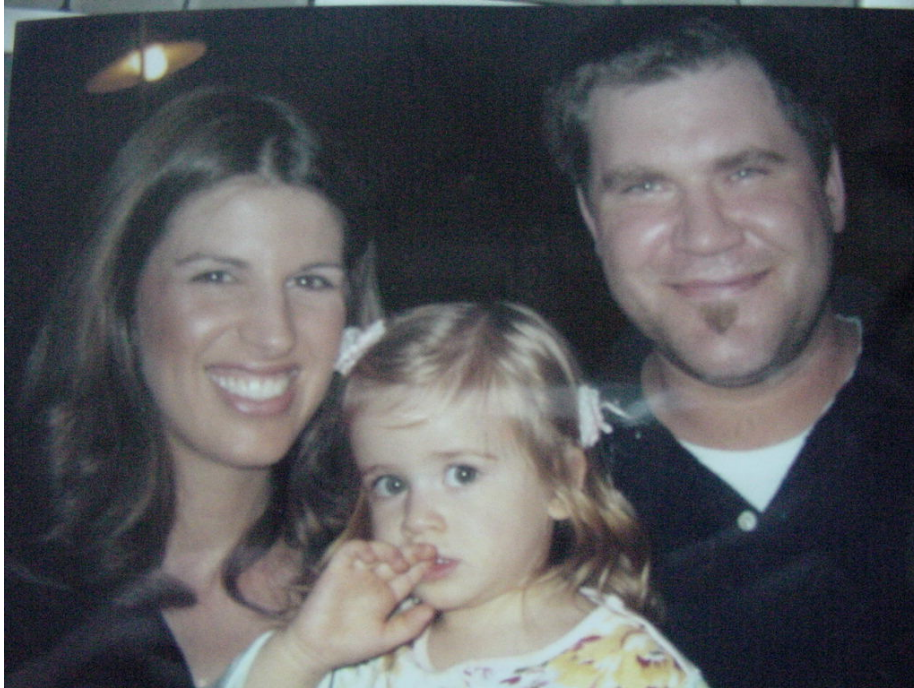
Vicki married Garry Garland on June 6th, 1970. We will be celebrating 35 years of marriage this year. This picture was taken 5 years ago, in the Virgin Islands, while visiting our daughter, Treena.

Garry Garland

Garry was born and raised in Corvallis, Oregon. He works for a company that manufactures specialty metals used in aerospace and has been there for 35 years. He and Vicki married in 1970, and have two children, Jason, born in 1974, and Treena, born in 1976. Garry is an avid outdoorsman, loving to fish, boat, camp, scuba dive & hunt. He & Vicki also enjoy landscaping, and held a lavish wedding for our son Jason, and his wife Megan in our back yard in 1999. Many months of planting and preparation went into making this a spectacular wedding in the country, complete with live music, twinkling lights and a horse drawn carriage giving rides to the guests around our country estate.

Our son Jason has followed in his father's footsteps with a passion for the outdoors, fishing, diving, hunting, camping, hiking and boating. Jason is a job site estimator & project manager.

Megan is a dental hygienist. He and his wife Megan had their first child, Saige in 2003. Our first grandchild, Saige, has been a joy to watch as she is now learning to talk rather fluently at the age of two. She is a beauty, like her mother Megan. They currently live in Albany (3857 Knox Butte Rd SE, Albany, Oregon 97322) but have purchased 5 acres in the country, north of Jefferson, Oregon, and plan to build their first dream home this year.



**Jason, Megan & Saige
March 2005**

Our daughter Treena is full of adventure, loving the outdoors, but also very much a city girl. Upon her graduation, she moved to Seattle and proceeded to work her way up the corporate ladder working for a cellular telephone company. Treena goes after her dreams and decided to quit the job in the city, and moved to the Virgin Islands for one year. She became a certified Dive Master, and was also an underwater model for the magazine Scuba World. Living in the Virgin Islands was a dream, but she decided she missed her family, and moved back to Portland, Oregon. She attended Portland State while working full time for T-Mobile. Treena is now living in Florida and is a regional development trainer for the south, conducting seminars for T-Mobile and traveling frequently. She loves wind surfing, sailing, diving, swimming, snowboarding, hiking, biking, entertaining, reading, traveling, fishing, and shopping!



Treena & Jason Dec 2004

Your Grandkids



**Saige – at 6 mos old (now 2)
Jason & Megan's daughter, Saige Lynn Garland was born March 31st, 2003**

Where do you live?

Jefferson, Oregon



**Our home
3385 Cem. Hill Rd SE
Jefferson, Oregon 97352
541 357-3867**

Vicki's Favorites

Hobbies: Art, landscaping, design, hiking, camping, beach combing, travel, shopping & garage sailing.

Song: I Can Only Imagine

Quote: Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower.

Claim to Fame: I played as an extra in the popular TV series, Knotts Landing, in the 1980's.

Garry's Favorites

Garry's Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, scuba diving, boating, landscaping—anything outdoors!

Quote: Live with passion, love deeply, and laugh out loud

Claim to fame: One of the actors in FORD commercials.

Carol Sue Sparks
Hunt Family

Carol Sue Hunt (Sparks)



Carol & daughter, Charday, enjoying a Mother-Daughter day
Feb 2005

How are you a Sparks?

My father, Lloyd Roy Sparks, was the son of Roy and Lulu Sparks.

About Carol Sue Hunt (Sparks)

I was born and raised on the Oregon coast, in Newport, Oregon. My parents are Lloyd and Shirley Sparks. I have one brother, Ron, and two sisters, Vicki and Patricia. We all graduated from Newport High School. I graduated in 1973 and was a member of the National Honor Society. Upon graduation, I moved to Bend, Oregon and attended Central Oregon Community College for two years. One of my favorite things in Bend was learning to ski. In 1975, I moved to Eugene, Oregon and attended the University of Oregon, majoring in Advertising. I met my husband, Ron Hunt, at University of Oregon.

I work for DEX Media (formerly Pacific Northwest Bell, U S WEST, QWEST Dex) and have been with the company for 26 years. I have held many positions with the company, but at this time I am selling Yellow Page advertising. I look forward to retiring but cannot see that happening while my kids are in college.

Carol & Ron's Family Life



Marriage:

Carol married Ron Hunt on December 7th, 1985. We will be celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary this year.

Ron Hunt

Ron was raised in Los Angeles, California. Upon his graduation from high school, he was recruited by the University of Oregon to play football. He was a four-year starter for the Ducks, and graduated in 1976 with his degree in Social Services. He was then recruited by the Cincinnati Bengals and continued playing football for 3 more years. Upon his retirement from the Bengals, Ron moved back to Oregon. We were married in 1985. Ron went back to school and got his Masters degree at Western Oregon College of Education. He is now a counselor at Kaiser Permanente.

We have two children, Ryan (age 19) and Charday (age 18). Both kids were born and raised in a suburb of Portland, Oregon called Tigard. Ryan graduated from Tigard High School in 2004, and received a football scholarship to play for Idaho State University. He has decided, however, that Idaho is not the place for him, and is looking for new opportunities. Charday will graduate from Tigard High School this June, 2005. She is now being recruited to play basketball, and is in the process of making her college decision. Both kids are gifted with their father's athletic ability, both all-state athletes, Ryan in football, Charday in basketball. Our kids have been a joy to raise and watch them as they have excelled in sports. We will be dealing with the "empty nest" syndrome in a few months. Ron is keeping involved in sports by coaching the High School football team in Tigard who won the State Championship Ryan's senior year.

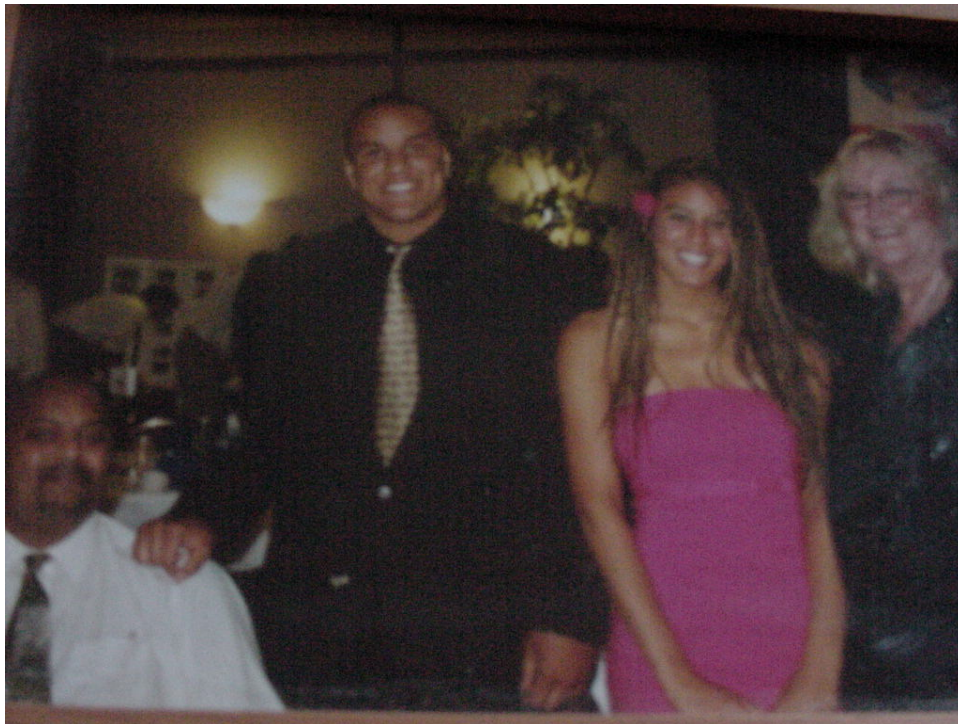
We have a Lhasa Apso dog named Kiwi, a cat named Daisy, and 5 fish.

Although my father is gone, we still miss him terribly. He has inspired our family in so many ways. He and my husband, Ron, were buddies and we could always count on Dad & Mom coming to our kids activities and games. Mom, bless her heart, is doing fairly well. She is moving to a new retirement facility closer to our home, and so we look forward to spending a lot of quality time with her.

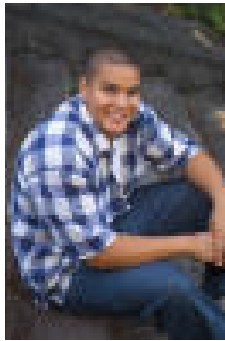
Current Photos



Charday enjoying the boys High School Championship basketball game, February 2005.



Shrinners Football All-Star Banquet. Ryan played in this all-star game May 2004 before leaving for college.



Ryan's senior picture (2004)

Your Grandkids

None yet, and there is no hurry!

Where do you live? Tigard, Oregon



**Our home
15680 SW Colyer Way, Tigard, Oregon 97224**

Carol's Favorites

Carol's Hobbies: drawing, painting, ceramics, piano, watching sunsets on the beach, listening to music and watching my kids play ball.

Carol's Favorite Quote: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Carol's Favorite Song: "Keep Your Head To The Sky", and my favorite song that my dad, Lloyd, sang was "The Lord's Prayer".

Carol's Favorite Movie: Titanic

Carol's Claim to Fame: My family.

Ron's Favorites

Ron's Hobbies: SPORTS—watching, playing, coaching, you name it. He is a sports addict!

Ron's Favorite Quote: You can do anything that you set your mind to do.

Ron's Favorite Song: If You Don't Know Me By Now

Ron's Claim to fame: Pro football and having his Masters Degree

Patricia Jo Sparks
Boehly Family

Patricia Jo Sparks Boehly



The Boehly Family; Patty, Scott and Mark

How are you a Sparks?

Patricia Jo Boehly is the youngest daughter of Lloyd and Shirley Sparks. She is the granddaughter of Roy and Lulu Sparks and the great granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks. Her two sisters are Carol Hunt and Vicki Garland. Her brother, the eldest, is Ron Sparks. They are all married with families.

About Patricia:

Nickname: Trisha

Patricia married Scott Edward Bohely.

They have one son, Mark Sheldon Boehly

About Patty

Patty graduated in 1992 from Clackamas College as a Registered Nurse. She worked for eight plus years doing psychiatric nursing at Oregon State Hospital. During this time she also worked for an agency doing medical-surgical nursing. She stopped working for the state in 2001, but continued working for the agency since 1993 working a variety of hospitals and units. Her specialties include medical-surgical and psychiatric. She says she doesn't seem to have trouble getting enough hours but it varies from one week to another.

Professional Achievements

A few years ago I started a business called Nurses Brains. Over the years while working the various fields in nursing, I developed many different worksheets for the areas I've worked. Nurses and nursing instructors always wanted copies of my forms to help them with organization skills. Finally, I decided to take a chance and develop a business. I now have a website, NURSESBRAINS.com, to sell the forms. I also sell them at the local college where I graduated. It is a very slow business, but it makes a great tax write-off.

A few years ago in 2003, I started doing nursing delegation tasks for some friends who are also members at Arrowhead golf course. They own an adult foster care home called HAVEN CORNER. Craig, one of the owners, is a builder by trade so he built the foster care home. Debbie, his wife, was a banker but has diligently been taking the classes needed to run a foster care home. I recommend them to anyone who has an elderly family member who may need a place to live.

Interests

I love anything to do with the outdoors and sports, which is why I was so attracted to my husband. He is an excellent skier and also loves to hunt and fish. This year he filled our freezer with beautiful bright salmon from the Oregon coast. Our favorite sport is golf.

We are members at Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla, Oregon. At Arrowhead, we can enjoy golfing, swimming, racquetball, and weight-lifting. We enjoy many activities and tournaments with a great group of people that we met there.

Unique

Another thing that I did that made me rather unique is the fact that I was the first woman who fueled airplanes for Lockheed Air Terminal @ Portland International Airport back in the 70's. I also was a scuba diver for Undersea Gardens in high school.

Claim to Fame

Patti can still swim a mile

Favorite Quote:

If you don't know the 'Sparks' history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree. – Michael Crichton

Favorite Book

The Thornbirds

About Scott

Scott has been a Nissan Auto Mechanic for thirty plus years. He has been at the same dealership, but has had about seven owners. Presently, Asbury Premier Auto Group owns the dealership. Each time this happens it is like he is starting a new job with new benefits, new insurance, and of course, loss of vacation or sick pay. He is finally getting recognized however for his great performance as a Master Mechanic. We will be attending a ceremony in his honor in April, 2005 in Los Vegas, Nevada all expenses paid. There will be mechanics from all over the country that will also be recognized.



About Mark

Mark graduated last year from Canby high school. During his senior year he achieved the highest rank in boy scouts, Eagle Scout. In addition to this he was elected to be a member of the Order of the Arrow. Presently he is living at home while attending Clackamas Community College and working part time at Fred Meyer.

During Mark's high school years he had the opportunity to be an exchange student in Germany for a month. Prior to this the student from the house that he stayed at lived with us for a month. She was the second German exchange student that we had. She was a lot of fun. They became very good friends. It is nice for him to have contact now with people from a different country.

Residence/Contact Information
1850 NE 21st Ave
Canby, OR 97013
E-mail JO4RN@aol.com



Patty Jo (Sparks) Boehly Family Photo Album – Part 1



Patty Jo



Scott



Patty Jo, wedding day with parents



Patty Jo and Scott – wedding day



Patty Jo Sparks Boehly Group Wedding Photo

Patti Jo (Sparks) Boehly Family Photos – Part 2



Mark



Mark and Scott on boat



Mark and Scott – with fish



Scott, Mark and Patty – Eagle Scout Dinner

*Hilda Marian
Sparks Wert
Family*

Descendents of Hilda Marian Sparks



May and Hilda Sparks

Family Chart

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 Names: In full - for women use maiden surnames
 Dates: 18 Dec 1693 - spell out June & July
 Places: Smallest unit first then to next larger units
 (Town, County, State)(Town, Province, Country)
 b = Birth date w = Where
 m = Marriage date # = Pedigree code
 d = Death date

Other spouses & marriage dates

Hus. # Roe Wert
 b 25 Mar 1889 w Decatur, Ill.
 m
 d 08 Nov 1964 w Monmouth, Oregon

Parents

Wife # Hilda Marian Sparks
 b 13 Apr 1895 wClark Range, Fentress Co., Tenn.
 d 18 Jul 1962 wMonmouth, Oregon
 parents Milo George Sparks--Andrea Engebretson

Children in order of birth

1	Viola Wert	b 8 Aug 1918 m d	w (1) Wayne Carmeron to w (2) Paul H. Rogers
2	Norman L. Wert	b 8 Sept 1924 m d 8 Jan 1945	w to w Killed WWII bombing mission over Germany
3		b m d	w to w
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Sources & explanations

Lloyd R. Sparks

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HILDA MARIAN (Sparks) and ROE HARRISON WERT FAMILY

Hilda Marian Sparks was born 13 April 1895 at Clark Range, Fentress County, Tennessee. Soon after her birth the family moved back to Michigan. Milo's sister Esther, lived near Cobles and they lived there for a time before moving to near Lynd, Minnesota. In 1902 she moved with her parents to a homestead south of Braddock, North Dakota.

Hilda grew up on the farm and about 1917 married Roe Wert. Roe was born in Decatur, Illinois 25 March 1889. They farmed with Milo for a short time before moving to Sioux City, Iowa. Two children were born there—a daughter Viola on 8 August 1918 and a son Norman on 8 September 1924.

In 1933 they moved to near Fargo, North Dakota for a short time and then back to Stevens, South Dakota. Roe worked as a shipping clerk for the Northwestern Rail Road.

When World War II came, Norman entered the Air Force, was promoted to Sergeant, and was killed on a bombing mission over Germany 8 January 1945. His body was removed from the plane and buried in a cemetery at Bergen-Enkheim. After the war his body was shipped back from Germany and on 29 September 1949 he was buried in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Viola married and had three sons and a daughter but separated from her husband. The husband, or his family raised the boys. The daughter, Lois, was to stay in the care of her mother and grandparents, Hilda and Roe. Later Viola married Paul Rogers, and had another son 22 October 1950 naming him Norman Paul Rogers. Viola contracted tuberculosis and spent considerable time in TB Sanatoriums. Hilda and Roe had the two children for a while but Rogers, who was in the Army came back and took Norman and raised him. Lois remained with Hilda and Roe.

In 1947 Roe and Hilda moved to Monmouth, Oregon near Viola. Hilda died in 1962 at the age of 67 and is buried there. Roe continued to live in Monmouth and died there in 1964 at the age of 75.

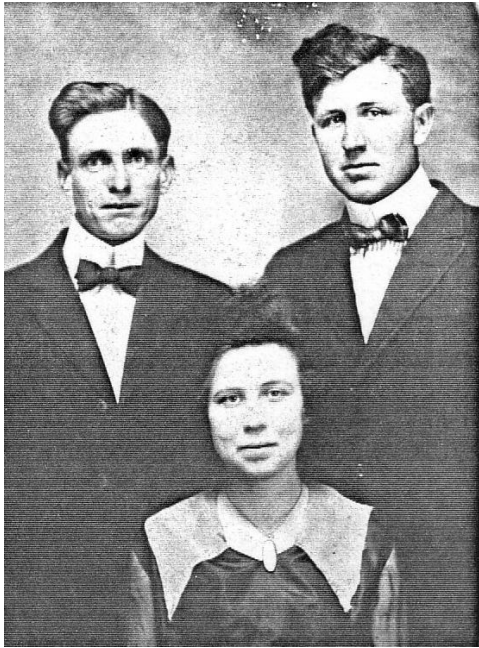
Viola died in May of 1993 in Gresham, Oregon of tuberculosis related complications.

Footnote:

Viola Wert's first marriage was to Wayne Carmeron (Carmen) at Sioux City. They had three boys—Robert Earl, Wayne Jr., and _____.

Hilda Wert
MONMOUTH—Services will be 2 p.m. Monday in the Monmouth Evangelical United Brethren Church for Hilda Wert, 67, Monmouth, who died Wednesday. Interment will be in Fir Crest Cemetery here, under the direction of the Smith-Kruger Mortuary.
Mrs. Wert was born in Tennessee. She had lived in Monmouth since 1947.
Survivors include the widower, Roe Wert, Monmouth; daughter, Mrs. Viola Rogers, Fresno, Calif.; four brothers; one sister; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Hilda Marian Sparks Wert Photo Album, Part 1



Roe and Hilda Wert with Lee Sparks



Roe, Viola, Hilda and Norman L.Wert



**The Wert Family
Roe, Norman, Hilda and Viola**



Hilda Wert in later years

*Viola Mildred
Wert Rogers
Family*

Viola Mildred Wert



Viola Wert Rogers – Photo Album, Part 1

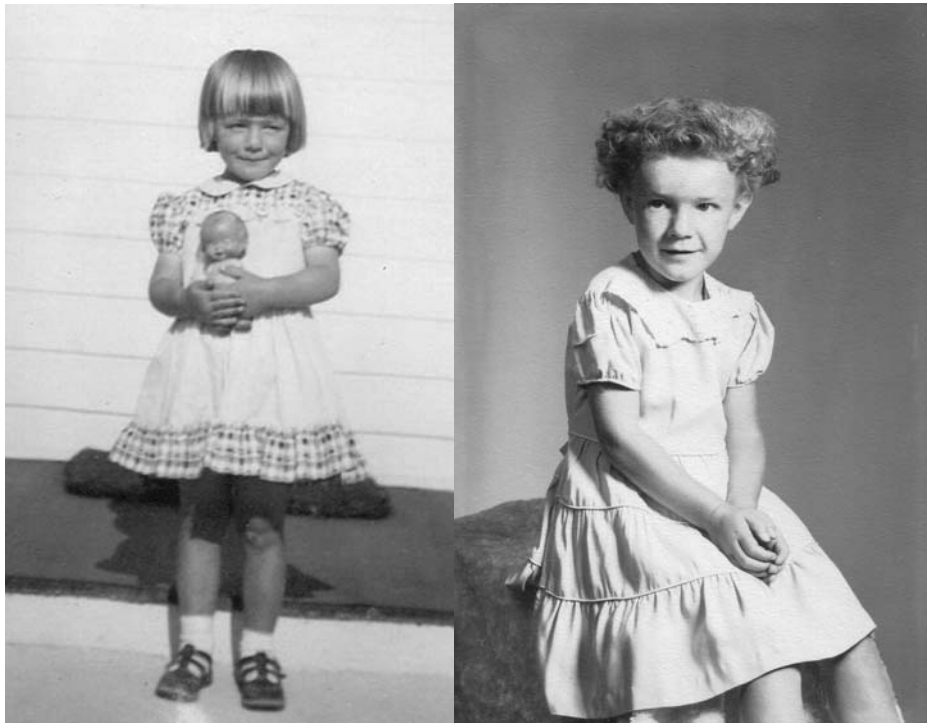


Cameron boys



Viola Wert Rogers and one of the Cameron boys, and Roe Wert

Viola Wert Rogers – Photo Album, Part 2



Lois, Viola's daughter



Viola, Norman and Lois

Viola Wert Rogers – Photo Album, Part 3



Lois, Paul Rogers, Norman Rogers, Viola Rogers



Lois and Norman



Viola, Norman and Lois

*Norman Paul
Rogers Family*

Norman Paul Rogers



How are you a Sparks?

Norman Paul Rogers is the son of Viola M. Wert Rogers, and the grandson of Hilda Sparks Wert and Roe Wert, and the great-grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Norman

Norman was born in Tacoma, Washington on October 22, 1950.

I lived with my grandparents in Monmouth, Oregon until 7 years of age, then left with my father and stepmother Hedwig to Fort Irwin, California. My father was career Army and in 1958 left for Mannheim, Germany. I had my 8th birthday on the Army transport ship, the General Butler and lived in several bases in Germany, spending summers with German relatives of my stepmother. I was in Germany when the Berlin Wall was put up, then left in 1962, returning to the USA, to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. My father retired in 1964 and moved to Windham, Maine. Now I live in Gray, Maine and very happy to be here.

Education

Norman graduated from Windham High School in 1969. He worked in a grocery store all through high school.

Norman attended the University of Maine, Portland, majoring in English Literature.

Norman works for a cabinet shop in Portland doing architectural mill work and building furniture.

Norman's Family Life



Norman married Cynthia A. Durgin at the home of her parents on Feb. 23, 1974 in Gray, Maine

About Cindy

Cindy was born and grew up in Gray, attended Carnegie Institute in Boston and University of Maine, Portland. She is now retired from the Postal Service.

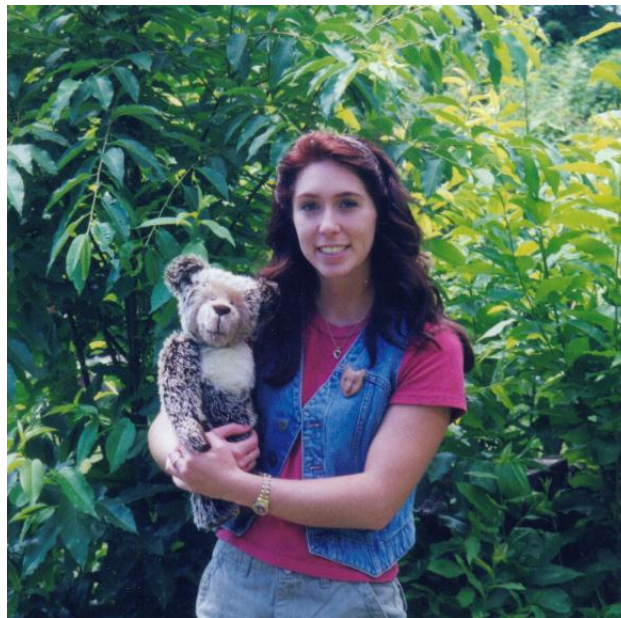


Cindy Rogers at the beach with Kaiser

Norman and Cindy;s children are Alexis Lloyd Rogers, born May 21, 1972 and, Angelena Bin Rogers, born July 20, 1974.



Alexis Lloyd Rogers with his family



Angelena Bin Rogers

Norman and Cindy's Grandkids

Our grandchildren are the two children of our son Alex; Kayla Marie Rogers, born March 16, 1995
Jacob Paul Rogers, born Dec.4, 1997.



Kayla Marie Rogers



Jacob Paul Rogers

Cindy and Norman's Home



Little Sebago Lake, Gray, Maine
19 Lake Grove Springs
P O Box 185
Gray, ME 04039-0185



Kaiser

Norman's Favorites

Hobbies: #1 my dog, Kaiser and #2 my Harley Davidson

Favorite Quote: "Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out."

Favorite Song: "Desolation Row", by Bob Dylan

Favorite Book: "Lord Jim", by Joseph Conrad

Favorite Movie: "How the West Was Won"

Claim to Fame: I love my wife Cindy, my son Alex, and daughter Angie, grandkids Kayla and Jacob and Kaiser Dog. Would like to sit down someday with an old Indian and see what he has to say about it all.

Cindy's Favorites

Hobbies: sewing, motorcycle riding, definitely not cooking

Favorite Quote: "May the road rise up to meet you"

Favorite Song: "Forever Young", by Rod Stewart

Favorite Book: "Animal Farm", by George Orwell

Favorite Movie: "Legends of the fall"

Claim to fame: Live within the bounds of believing that all things, good or otherwise, happen for a reason.

Norman L Wert

Norman L. Wert



1924 – 1945

Norman Wert – Photo Album, Part 1



Norman



**Norman – High School Graduation
1942**



Norman in military uniform



Norman with his cousin, Ann Zuver



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



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2 February 1946

AAF 201 - (11582) Wert, Norman L.
(KU 3550) 37481983

Mr. Roe H. Wert
Stevens, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Wert:

I am writing to you in reference to your son who gave his life in the service of his Country during the European conflict.

In an effort to furnish the next of kin with all available details concerning casualties among our personnel, the Army Air Forces recently completed the translation of several volumes of captured German records.

In regard to your son, Sergeant Norman L. Wert, these records indicate that he was killed on 8 January 1945, when his plane was shot down by antiaircraft near Bergen-Enkheim, five kilometers north-east of Frankfort-on-the-Main. His body was removed from the plane and interred in the cemetery of Bergen-Enkheim.

The Quartermaster General in his capacity as Chief, American Graves Registration Service, is charged with the responsibility of notifying the legal next of kin concerning grave locations of members of the military forces who are killed or die outside the continental limits of the United States. If the report of your son's burial has not been confirmed and you have not been notified by the Quartermaster General, that official will furnish you definite information immediately upon receipt of the official report of interment from the Commanding General of the Theater concerned.

May the knowledge of your son's valuable contribution to our cause sustain you in your bereavement.

Very sincerely,

LEON W. JOHNSON
Brigadier General, USA
Chief, Personnel Services Division

FORT SNELLING NATIONAL CEMETERY
Superintendent's Office.

7601 34th Avenue, South
Minneapolis 9, Minnesota.

29 September 1949

Mr. Roe E. Wert
P O Box # 12
187 So. Craven St.
Monmouth, Oregon

Dear Mr. Wert:

On Thursday afternoon, the 29th of September 1949 the remains of the late Sgt. Norman L. Wert were permanently interred in grave number 4933, block 20, Sect. "A" of this national cemetery. Customary military and religious funeral services were conducted and full military honors were rendered.

An appropriate headstone will be erected and maintained by the Government to perpetually mark the grave of this fallen hero.

With the thought that it may prove to be of sentimental value to you, this United States flag is being forwarded to you as a token of the appreciation and the sympathy of a grateful nation.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Boender
JOHN A. BOENDER, S. 4
Superintendent.

Lee Arthur Sparks
Family

Descendents of Lee Arthur Sparks



1896 - 1973

Memories of my Dad, Lee Sparks: One of the most patriotic persons I have ever known; when mailed a questionnaire asking if he had a reason he should not serve in WW1, he responded "not a one, raring to go!" He was sent to the Philippines, but volunteered for duty in Russia during the Bolshevik Revolution at a time when horses were treated better than troops; his upbeat attitude dealing with major health problems following being injured in WW1; his adventurous spirit and love of travel; a favorite expression was "no hurry, no scurry or you soon will be buried"; his love of talking to people; when discussing children's finicky eating habits, his answer was that his folks did not have a problem getting their kids to eat, their problem was getting them stopped!

By Marian Sparks Koppang



**Lee Sparks Married Viola Bailey
June 6, 1928**

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 Names: In full - for women use maiden surnames
 Dates: 18 Dec 1693 - spell out June & July
 Places: Smallest unit first then to next larger units
 (Town, County, State)(Town, Province, Country)
 b = Birth date w = Where
 m = Marriage date # = Pedigree code
 d = Death date

Other spouses & marriage dates
 (2) Viola Bailey
 m 6 Jun 1928
 parents Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Bailey

Hus. # Lee Arthur Sparks
 b 18 Apr 1896 w Gobelville, Michigan
 m 5 Mar 1923 w
 d 8 Nov 1973 w Salem, Oregon
 Parents Milo George Sparks--Andrea Engebretsen

Wife # (1) Esther Brockmueller
 b w
 d 15 Jan 1925 w
 parents

Children in order of birth

1	Donald Sparks	b 24 Mar 1924	w
		m	to
		d 28 July 1944	w
2	***** m to Lee and Viola's children		
/3/	1. Clinton Lee Sparks	b 4 Dec 1930	w Wahpeton, ND
		m 3 Aug 1958	to Bernadine Luther
		d	w
/4/	2. Marian Ione Sparks	b 6 May 1934	w Barney, ND
		m 6 Jun 1954	to Lynn Keith Koppang
		d	w
5		b	w
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 Marian I. Koppang

Lee Arthur Sparks Biography by Howard Bier

LEE ARTHUR SPARKS FAMILY

Lee Arthur Sparks was born at Gobelsville, Michigan on 18 April 1896, the fourth of seven children of Milo and Andrea Sparks. The family moved first to a farm near Lynd, Minnesota and then in 1902 to a homestead south of Braddock, North Dakota, where he grew to manhood.

When WWI erupted he joined the army in a Heavy Artillery Unit and saw service on Corregidor in the Phillipines, and in Siberia with the American Expeditionary Force, sometimes known as the "Lost Battalion". The major task of the American Expeditionary Force at that time was to protect the Trans-Siberian Railroad and to maintain order in that part of the world during and following the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia during the WWI period of time. While there he was kicked in the leg by an Army mule. The injury gave him a lifetime of trouble.

While in the hospital in Bismarck, North Dakota, after the war, he met a young nurse named Esther Brockmueller. They were married 5 March 1923 and moved to Braddock farm with his father Milo. A son, Donald, was born 24 March 1924. Esther became seriously ill and died of blood poisoning on 15 January 1925. Donald lived with his Grandpa and Grandma Sparks on the farm.

Lee later met Viola Bailey, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Bailey of the Barney-Mooreton area of North Dakota, and they were married 6 June 1928 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Viola had a homemaking and cooking program on KFYZ Radio at Bismarck, North Dakota. She gave recipes over the air and was known as "Aunt Sammy" on the program "Aunt Sammy's Household Chats". She also served as bookkeeper for the Hoskins-Meyer Company.

In 1929 Lee, Viola, and Donald moved to a farm near Wyndmere, North Dakota. While living on this farm, a son Clinton Lee Sparks was born 4 December 1930 at the Wahpeton Hospital, Wahpeton, North Dakota. In 1931 the family moved to a farm in Homestead Township near Barney, North Dakota. It was while living there that Marian Ione Sparks was born 6 May 1934 with Lee and his Mother, Andrea, serving as midwives prior to the arrival of the Doctor.

On 28 July 1944 Donald passed away from cancer.

Lee was having so much trouble with his leg and with health problems that in October 1949 they moved to Fargo, North Dakota. Clinton continued his education there, received a Doctorate in Education, and has been prominent in the Education field in California. Marian married Lynn Koppang and they farmed in North Dakota for several years before moving to Salem, Oregon.

Viola worked as Bookkeeper and office manager at Shotwells, an exclusive women's apparel store in Fargo, and later as office manager for the United Temperance Movement of North Dakota until her retirement in 1963. They moved to Salem, Oregon where Lee died 8 November 1973. Viola continued to live there until her death 5 August 1979 while on a visit back to North Dakota.

Lee Arthur Sparks Photo Album – Part 1



Lee Sparks



Donald, Lee, Clinton and Viola Sparks



Donald, Clinton, Lee, Viola and Marian Sparks

Lee Arthur Sparks Photo Album – Part 2



Clinton Sparks



Marian Sparks – 4 yrs



Donald, Marian and Clinton Sparks - 1935



Marian and Clinton Sparks - 1935

Lee Arthur Sparks Photo Album – Part 3



World War I – 1915 -17



Lee - 1928



Lee and Viola



**4 Sparks Brothers, George, Roy, Lee & Elon
1962**



**Elon, Lee and Roy Sparks with their wives,
Gladys, Viola and Lulu – April 18, 1965
Easter (Lee's Birthday)**



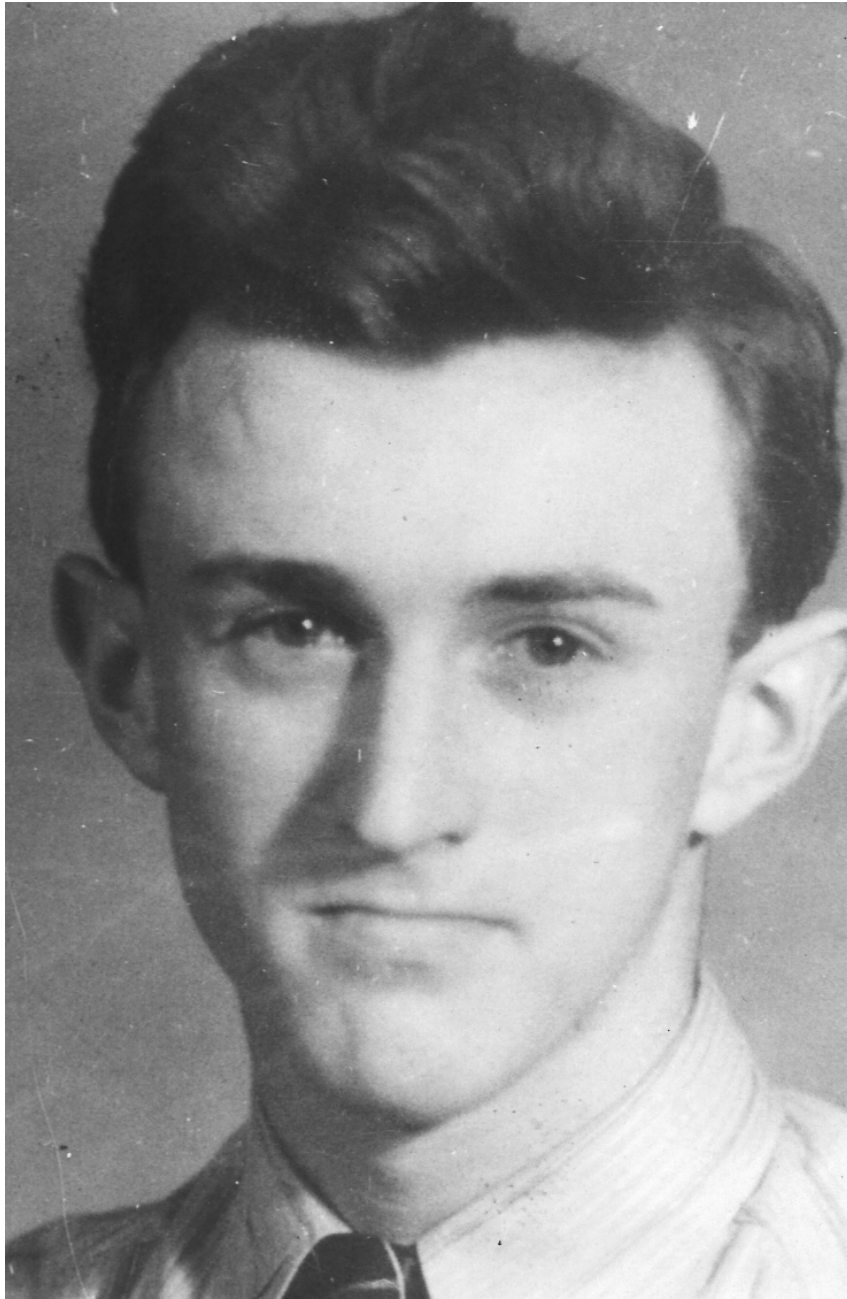
Lee, George and Elon Sparks - 1962



Roy, Lee, Elon, C.Mofeet and George Sparks – 66

Donald Sparks

Donald Sparks



1924 - 1944

Donald Sparks 4th Birthday Party
Also in photo Milo (Mickey) Zuver and Ann (Zuver) Whitehead



Dr. Clinton Lee

Sparks Family

Dr. Clinton Lee Sparks





How are you a Sparks?

Clinton Lee Sparks is a Sparks' descendent. He is the son of Lee Arthur Sparks and Viola Lone Bailey Sparks, and a grandson of Milo George Sparks and Andrea Engebretsen Sparks.

About Clint:

Clinton Lee Sparks was born in the Wahpeton Hospital in Wahpeton North Dakota on December 4, 1930. In 1931 his family moved to a farm in Homestead Township near Barney, North Dakota. It was while living there that his sister, Marian Lone Sparks, was born May 6, 1934. His half-brother Donald became sick with cancer in 1940 and passed away on July 28, 1944 at the age of 20.



Donald, Lee, Viola, Clinton, Marian at farm



Young Clint



High school



Army

His education started in a one room rural school house and he walked approximately 2 miles to school everyday. During high school, Clint was active in student government, drama, debate, played Varsity basketball, and was a baritone soloist for the a cappella choir. During his senior year in high school (1948), and after high school, Clint operated the family farm near Alice until the failing health of his father, Lee Sparks, necessitated the move of their family to Fargo, North Dakota. Clint attended the Dakota Business College and was completing an MBA when drafted into the Korean War (1952-1954). Upon returning from military service he completed a Bachelor of Science (June 1958) and Master of Science (August 1958) at the North Dakota State University. While at NDSU, he was active in numerous activities including: state president of the YMCA, Commander of the University Veterans, the third largest Veterans organization in the state, University Senator, and bass soloist for the Statesman and the University Concert Choir. He was also named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.



**Clint & Bernadine
high school sweethearts**



1958



Bernadine Luther, 1951

During Clint's junior year in high school, he met Bernadine Lillian Luther. In 1958, Clint and Bernadine were married in Sheldon, North Dakota at the Evangelical United Brethren Church, now known as the United Methodist Church.

After their marriage, they moved to California where they have been involved in public and private education as well as in church and business circles. Clint taught and served in administrative positions in the California public schools. He went on to do graduate study at the California State University in Hayward, San Jose State University, University of California at Berkeley and Columbia University in New York. He completed a Doctorate in Education and was awarded the

prestigious Founders Day Award for outstanding achievement and academic excellence at the New York University in 1972. Dr. Sparks has served as a Teaching Fellow at the New York University; Assistant Professor of Psychology at Westmar College in Le Mars, Iowa; Assistant Professor of Education at the San Jose State University; Associate Professor of Safety Education at the California State University at Hayward; Manager of the Parent Participation Program in Education for the California State Department of Education which involved over 400,000 people; and Chief Administrator of Northern California land-based and sea-going baccalaureate and graduate degree programs with a faculty of over 200 professors for Chapman University.



Clint with sons, 1970



Congratulations Dr. Sparks

After fourteen years as a full Professor of Education and as Dean of the Simpson Graduate School in San Francisco, Dr. Sparks retired from Simpson University during the summer of 1989. Prior to his retirement he directed and supervised over 120 advanced research projects and studies in local, state and national education. During his years as Dean, he was named to Who's Who in the West; Who's Who in California; Who's Who in American education and Who's Who in America. He also served as a three term president of the Independent College and University Deans of Education for over forty-two private colleges and universities in California. He has spoken to and been honored by the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs of America for outstanding contributions in national and international marketing and business. After leaving Simpson University, he was named Chairman of the Board of a Corporation with headquarters in Burlingame, California and served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Central California District of the Evangelical Free Church of North America.

Clint and Bernadine own and manage the Sparks farming operations near Alice, Enderlin, and Horace, North Dakota.



Farm in North Dakota – Our summer home



About Bernadine

Bernadine is the daughter of the Edwin and Lillian Utke Luther who farmed for many years in the Alice and Sheldon communities. Edwin and his brother Harold farmed and also owned and operated the Luther Brother's Corporation near Alice, North Dakota.

Bernadine played an accordion and the piano by ear at the age of four. Bernadine was in numerous musical activities including her role as an accompanist for soloists, quartets and the Enderlin a cappella choir. She also accompanied various church and community musical groups including the Enderlin Men's Community Chorus.

Following high school (class of 1948), Bernadine graduated from Westmar College in 1953, which later became known as Teikyo Westmar University, located in LeMars, Iowa. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in Music. She accompanied numerous musical groups while at college and traveled extensively with several of the top quartets. She was also the Chapel Organist while at Westmar. After graduating from Westmar, Bernadine taught at the Horace Mann School in Fargo. While teaching in Fargo, she was president of both the Kindergarten and First Grade teachers of the Fargo Public Schools. She was also an active member of the Beta Sigma Phi Business and Professional sorority.

Bernadine is a credentialed teacher and has taught Kindergarten and First Grade in the Merced and Fremont, California public schools. During this time she has received recognition for her work with handicapped individuals in their integration into community life. She has also taken graduate study at the Valley City State University, North Dakota State University, California State University at Hayward and St. Mary's College. She also owned and operated a piano and voice studio in Fremont and has been a member of the Music Teacher's Association of California. She has accompanied various church and musical groups for a number of years. She has also become well known for her musical renditions at the Fremont/Newark Emporium located in the Newpark regional shopping center during the Christmas seasons.

Clint's Family Life

Clint and Bernadine have two sons who also live in the San Francisco Bay Area. Lee and his wife Nancy live in Benicia, California. They have two children, Melody (8) and Violet (6). Glen and his wife Anita live in Discovery Bay, California. Their children are Janelle (10) and Alanna (8).

Current Photos page



Mexican Riviera Cruise, Winter 2003



Spring, 2004



Our home in Discovery Bay, California



Grandchildren, Christmas 2004



Clint & Bernadine, Christmas, 2004

Clinton Sparks - A Lifetime of Activities

Work Experiences

Clint's other work experiences include: operating the family farm; salesman for D-Frost-Matic Corporation; soldier in the United States Army; radio announcer; bank teller; owner and operator of an automobile and trailer home sales business, and co-owner of a private piano studio. Additionally, he was an Area Director for Partake Business Services and Development where he was involved in the development and marketing of twenty one chains of national and international franchises. He was also the owner of both the Profile Vocational Consulting Franchise and the SurvAnalysis Business and Management Consulting Franchise.

Professional Memberships

Professional memberships throughout Clint's professional life include: The Commonwealth Club of San Francisco; Phi Delta Kappa; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Association of California School Administrators; American Association of University Professors; California College and University Faculty Association; American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association; California Association of Safety Education; College and University Faculty Clubs; Iowa Psychological Association and the North Central Reading Association.

Professional Activities

Professional activities include: Governor's Traffic Safety Conference, Governor's Conference on Juvenile Delinquency, Past President of Central California Driver Education Association, Former Director of "Region One" of the California Driver Education Association, State Treasurer of the California Driver Education Association, Student California Teachers Association (SCTA) Faculty Advisor to the San Jose State University Chapter, Acting Chairman of the Sponsor's Council for the Student California Teachers Association. The Sponsor's Council included the faculty sponsors to SCTA chapters from all the colleges and universities of California. He was also Chairman of departmental subcommittee for review and revision of evaluation techniques for teacher-assistants (San Jose State University); Recruitment Committee (Department of Secondary Education-San Jose State University); California Council on the Education of Teachers, Association of Christian Schools International. Clint holds a number of California teaching and administrative credentials.

Other Activities

Other activities include: "Canoneers" Male Quartet which represented the Fourth Army on the Arlene Francis Show; North Dakota State University Alumni Association; New York University Alumni Association; Elder in the Presbyterian Church; Elder in the Evangelical Free Church (Western District Liaison); Church Choirs; Chairman of Christian Education (three superintendents, 55 teachers) Centerville Presbyterian Church in Fremont, California; Washington Township Men's Club; Small Business Committee of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce; General Chairman of the fifty (50) million dollar fund of the Centerville Presbyterian Church in Fremont, California; General Chairman of the "Life Enrichment Week" for the City of Fremont (Dr. Louis Evans, guest speaker); Chairman of the Central California District of the Evangelical Free Church of America (45 churches); SIRS-Sons in Retirement chapter which meets monthly in Discovery Bay, California. During graduate school, Clint was approached by the three major political parties in North Dakota to run for the United States Senate.

Honors

Honors other than those previously mentioned include: Professor Emeritus, Simpson University, Redding California (October 1998); Plaque of Appreciation from Graduate Student Association of Simpson University; Outstanding Service Certificate, North Dakota State University; Rotarian Award and Certificate of Appreciation Award (2); Kiwanis Certificate of Appreciation Award (2); Lions Certificate of Appreciation Award; Korean War Service Medals; United States Army, Superior Commendation from the Armed Forces Armored Engineer Leadership School (graduated second in the class). Clint has had numerous speaking engagements and has made a number of keynote addresses in California and throughout the United States.

Clint's Favorites

Clint's Hobbies: Music and travel

Clint's Favorite Quote/Words of Wisdom: While the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes speak ever so adequately to us today, the words of St. Francis of Assisi are the ones that I will entrust to your care:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love: where there is injury pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!

Clint's Favorite Song: "Sentimental Journey" and "Rhapsody in Blue"

Clint's Favorite Book: The Bible

Clint's Favorite Movie: "The Sound of Music" and "Sentimental Journey"

Clint's Claim to Fame: Being a part of a great family named "Sparks"

Bernadine's Favorites

Bernadine's Hobbies: Piano and knitting

Bernadine's Favorite Quote: "You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others" by Henry Drummond

Bernadine's Favorite Song: "Unforgettable"

Bernadine's Favorite Book: The "Left Behind" Series

Bernadine's Favorite Movie: "Sentimental Journey"

Bernadine's Claim to fame: Marrying a Sparks

Lee Clinton
Sparks Family

Lee Clinton Sparks

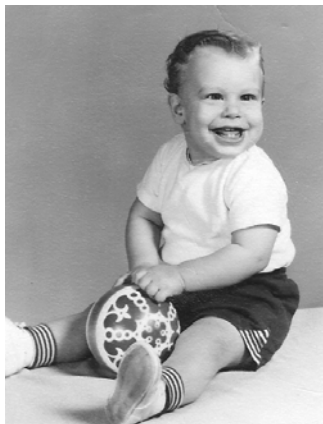


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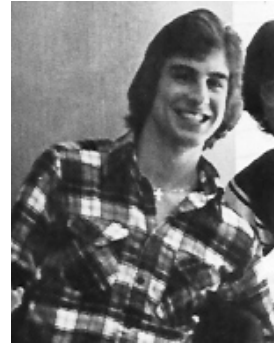
Lee Clinton Sparks is a Sparks' descendent. He is the son of Clinton Lee Sparks and Bernadine Lillian Luther, the grandson of Lee Arthur Sparks and Viola Ione Bailey, and the great grandson of Milo George Sparks and Andrea Engebretsen

About Lee

Lee was born on December 11, 1960, in Fremont, California where he grew up with his parents and his brother, Glen who is 19 months younger than him. Lee and his family spent the school year in Fremont and summers at the farm in North Dakota.



Lee graduated from Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, California in June of 1979. He participated in Varsity Track & Field where he was one of the top high school sprinters in his school district, performed lead trumpet in various musical ensembles, lead actor in school dramatic production, voted "Most Musical", graduated with honors and offered numerous scholarships.



He attended Ohlone College in Fremont, CA, Biola University in La Mirada, CA, and San Jose State University in San Jose, CA. He graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music in December of 1984 and received a California Teaching Credential in June of 1985.

He has taught both instrumental and vocal music for elementary and secondary schools in the East Side Union High School District, Fremont Christian School District, Hayward Unified School District and San Ramon Valley Unified School District. He directed and conducted many bands, orchestras and choirs. Several of his Intermediate and High School bands performed and competed in parades, field shows and festivals and received numerous awards and recognitions, including command performances.

He was also employed as a Food Service Director for the Marriott Corporation. He was assigned to work with various educational and health care food service accounts where he ultimately was hired as Assistant Food Service Director for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Lee has also owned and operated several businesses. Lee owned a mobile disc jockey service, "Sparks Productions" for many years. Lee and his wife, Nancy, were franchisees for Takeout Taxi, the nation's largest restaurant delivery service. They were recognized as one of the fastest growing new franchisees in the country.





Lee has performed professionally playing trumpet and singing for numerous musical ensembles including Marriott's Great America, Country Vision's Band, Inc., Sparx, Coastline, The Johnny Lampson Big Band Orchestra, and The San Jose Civic Light Opera. He also performed with The Continental Singers where he toured through much of the United States, Europe, and Africa. He also had the honor of performing a trumpet duet with Johnny Zell, solo trumpeter for the Lawrence Welk Show. He has also been contracted to conduct, direct, and perform as a soloist for numerous companies, churches, and events.

Currently, Lee spends most of his time offering consulting services related to audio and visual equipment. He also designs and installs high end home theaters. He and his family currently reside in Benicia, California.

Lee's Family Life

Lee met Nancy Virginia Garavatti in 1982. They were both attending the college youth group at Neighborhood Church in Castro Valley, California. Lee and Nancy were married on June 28, 1986, in Fremont, California.





About Nancy:

Nancy was born in Oakland, California and grew up in San Leandro, California. She graduated from San Lorenzo High School with honors where she participated in varsity badminton and volleyball, was a member of the cheerleading squad, and played flute in the school band. She attended California State University at Hayward where she graduated Summa cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in June 1986. She was a member of Beta Alpha Psi, an honors organization for accounting and finance majors, and Sigma, Sigma, Sigma, a national women's sorority. She passed the C.P.A. exam at the first sitting and is a Certified Public Accountant in California. She has worked for Touche Ross and Deloitte & Touche Accounting Firms, Wells Fargo Bank and Civic Bank of Commerce.

Since partnering with Lee in their Takeout Taxi franchise, she has offered financial and accounting consulting services to various companies and institutions including the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. She currently is working as a consultant in the capacity of directing the international accounting conversion for Micromuse, Inc. which has offices all over the world.

Children:

Lee and Nancy's children are Melody Nicole and Violet Marie. Melody was born on April 12, 1997 and loves to sing and play the piano. Violet was born on November 12, 1998 and also plays piano and loves to work on art projects. They are two "peas in a pod" and love to do everything together.





Christmas, 2004



Bahamas, 2003



Lake Tahoe, 2005



Christmas, 2003



Spring, 2005

Lee's Favorites

Lee's Hobbies: Singing, playing trumpet, composing, arranging, recording, and listening to music. Collecting old recordings and appreciating state of the art A/V equipment. Offshore powerboating.

Lee's Favorite Quote: "The first 100 years are the hardest" as quoted from my Dad.

Lee's Favorite Song: "Somewhere" as performed by Barbara Streisand (Our Wedding Song) and "The first time ever I saw your face" as performed by Celine Dion (Makes me think of when my two beautiful girls were born.)

Lee's Favorite Book: I actually hate to read, I would rather watch the video.

Lee's Favorite Movie: "Lone Plains Drifter" (Clint Eastwood) and "Jesus Christ, Superstar" (Ted Neely)...go figure!

Lee's Claim to Fame: Vocal Extraordinaire. Unofficially, the greatest vocal range in the world.

Nancy's Favorites

Nancy's Hobbies: Beading bracelets and creating yearly picture calendar.

Nancy's Favorite Quote: Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'

Nancy's Favorite Song: "Somewhere" as performed by Barbara Streisand (Our Wedding Song)

Nancy's Favorite Book: Anything by John Grisham

Nancy's Favorite Movie: "Somewhere In Time" (Christopher Reeve & Jane Seymour)

Nancy's Claim to fame: Unofficially, the World Champion at "Cover the matches".

*Glen Edwin
Sparks Family*

Glen Edwin Sparks



How are you a Sparks?

Glen is the son of Clinton Sparks and Bernadine Luther Sparks, the grandson of Lee and Viola Sparks, and the great grandson of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Glen

Glen Sparks was born on July 24, 1962 in Fremont, California.

Glen grew up in Fremont, California with his parents and older brother, Lee.

Education:

High School Diploma, Mission San Jose HS, Fremont CA, Class of 1980

Associate Arts Degree, Ohlone Jr. College, Fremont, CA, 1982

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Social Science, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, 1984

Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Science, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 1984

Master of Arts Degree, Education Administration, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 1987

Administrative Services Credential, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 1987

Master of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude, Education/Curriculum and Instruction, Simpson University, Redding, CA 1989 (formerly Simpson College, San Francisco, CA)

Profession:

School Administrator

Current Position: Principal, Adult and Community Education, Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton, CA, 2001 – Present

Administrator, Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton, CA 1997 – Present

Professional Highlights:

- Teacher of Social Science from 1984 – 1997, Berryless Union School District, San Jose
- The Adult School that I direct, Amador Valley Adult and Community Education, received the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Award for Non-Profit Business of the Year in 2003
- Three Time Administrator of the Year for Adult Education as presented by ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) for both the Charter and Region of Pleasanton CA and the greater Bay Area
- Current Vice President of CAEAA (California Adult Education Administrators Association)
- Past President of BAAA (Bay Area Administrators Association)
- Presented with the Bronze Medal Award from Junior Achievement of San Jose for demonstrating excellence in teaching (Silver and Gold Medals are reserved for private sector only) as my students won their Junior Achievement Poster Contest three consecutive years in the 1990's.
- The California History Day Contest honored me with an award for 17 years of service to the event (1985 – 2002) in the capacity of teacher and judge. My students placed third or higher in the state contest on three different occasions during that time period.

Hobbies/Interests:

Music and Tennis as follows:

In terms of non-academic pursuits, I have coached Varsity High School Tennis, and co-hosted a current events program for a local Vietnamese Bay Area Radio Station. My current music collection consists of 900 Compact Discs (I'm not quite sure if I have listened to all of them yet ☺)

My main hobby and/or pastime is Tennis, and I am currently playing on a 4.0 USTA Men's Team

Glen and Anita

Glen met Anita Kros in Sunnyvale CA in March of 1986. They were married **May 21, 1987, Los Altos, CA.**

They have two daughters, Janelle Anita Sparks, 9/14/94, Fremont CA and Alanna Bernadine Sparks, 2/25/97, Fremont, CA

About Anita

Education

Anita Sparks--has an AA Degree in Business Administration from Foot Hill College, in Los Altos, CA. She later earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Finance from Notre Dame University, in Belmont, CA.

Profession

Anita has her own accounting business called Discovery Bay Financial Services. Currently she has over 15 customers and she is in the process of growing her business.

Interests

Anita enjoys tennis and is learning to play the piano. She was born in Quebec Canada, and speaks German fluently. At the time of the reunion, she and Glen will have been married for 18 years. Anita also is very active in the community and church. She is a co-leader of both Brownie and Girl Scout Troops. She is an excellent mother and wife.

About Janelle Sparks

Our oldest Daughter Janelle, age 10, will be starting 6th grade in the Fall of 2005. She likes Gymnastics, piano, and is an active Girl Scout.

About Alanna Sparks

Alanna, age 8, will be starting the 3rd grade in Fall 2005. She also likes piano, gymnastics and is an active Brownie.

Both girls are doing very well in school, and needless to say, they are the joy of our life. Thanks to all our extended family for taking the time to read this brief biography. We wish you all health and happiness for many years to come.



Glen Sparks married Anita Kros on May 21, 1987, Los Altos, CA
Los Altos United Methodist Church
Lee and Nancy Sparks, Glen and Anita, Benandine and Clinton Sparks



Our Home



2438 Pinehurst Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94514



Marian Fone
Spark's Koppang
Family

Marian Ione Sparks





Marian lone Sparks Koppang, July 4, 2004 - Age 70

How are you a Sparks?

Marian lone Sparks Koppang is the daughter of Lee Arthur and Viola lone Sparks and the granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Marian

Marian was born May 6, 1934 on a farm near Barney, ND. Due to a flat tire, she was born at home with Lee acting as midwife. His mother, Andrea, was there but due to health problems she could only instruct, not help. When the doctor arrived after the birth, he tended to Lee first because he felt he was the emergency!

Marian joined a loving family including two brothers, Donald and Clinton. Lee's first wife died leaving him with a 9-month-old son, Donald. He married Viola Bailey when Donald was 4 years old. Donald died of cancer in 1944 at the age of 20. Clinton and Marian's very close bond deepened even more following this loss.

The Sparks family lived on various farms in North Dakota, near Barney, Gwinner, and Enderlin and then to Fargo when Lee's heart problems forced him to leave the farm and all its work. Marian started school in a one-room schoolhouse, moved with her family about every 4 years and with each move went to a bigger school, graduating from Fargo High School in a 300-person class.

Marian went on to Dakota Business College in Fargo and met returning Korean War Veteran, Lynn Keith Koppang. He was a pure bred Norwegian so coffee breaks started the romance and upon graduation they married June 6, 1954



Lynn and Marian's wedding picture June 6, 1954

That same year (1954), a retired State Senator asked them to rent his farm. Marian and Lynn accepted, and moved in the fall to the 640-acre farm near Finley, ND. The farm required 24-7 dedication in raising grain, cattle and pigs.

The following years produced three children, son Paul Keith, born on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 1955, daughters, Cheryl lone, January 19, 1957 and Lori Rae, May 4, 1960. When rising operational costs started exceeding income, a tough decision was made - to quit farming as a way of life. In 1966, after much researching job opportunities, climate etc. they moved to Salem, OR. The auction, saying good-bye to family and friends was very difficult but they knew it necessary to change occupations while they were young enough to make the change.



Children, Cheryl, Paul and Lori Koppang 1963

Lynn, Marian, Paul, Cheryl and Lori arrived in Salem, Oregon in November 1966 with earthly belongings in a U-Haul truck and the family car. After crossing snow and ice laden roads, they came over the mountains to enter a different world and way of life. Adjustment was most difficult for Lynn whose dream had always been to farm but he changed occupations and took various bookkeeping/accounting positions. Marian worked for the State of Oregon for 25 years. Some of her challenges were overseeing the rentals and maintenance of 56 houses in the Capitol Mall Area, which included the Governor's residence and responsibility for the operational management of 29 leased office buildings throughout the State.

Paul, Cheryl and Lori were all National Honor Society students and all graduated from North Salem high school in Salem. Paul was active in High School Stage Band, the Flamingo Drum and Bugle Corps touring the United States, even had the responsibility of driving the equipment truck to various locations. Cheryl was in Concert Choir; a popular singing ensemble called the Viking Singers appearing at many functions, volunteered for many activities, worked as a waitress and upon high school graduation went to Poland with her church group. Lori sang in Concert Choir, was active in many organizations besides working at a drive in. She was very much in demand for baby-sitting and also took care of neighborhood pets. All three worked at a local cannery in the summer time - worked many over time hours, earned lots of their own money and each one went on and graduated from college.

Marian's interests include Family, Bible Study, Traveling, Computer research involving health, financial issues, current events etc.

Lynn's interests include NBA Basketball and history.



Lynn and Marian Koppang, Golden Wedding Anniversary, Celebration July 4, 2004, hosted by their daughter, Lori Knoetzel

Lynn retired from Pratum Co-op in 1988 and Marian retired from the State of Oregon in 1993. They enjoyed several trips in their RV, mainly visiting their son, Paul, in Arizona in the winter. After living in Salem, OR for 33 years they moved to Vancouver, WA in 1999. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church, Camas, WA. Their 50th wedding anniversary was on June 6, 2004 and Lori planned a wonderful celebration, which took place July 4, 2004 in Eugene, OR to coincide with the beautiful outdoor wedding of their first grandchild, Corynn Kumm to Douglas Gnas the day before, July 3.

Marian and Lynn's Grandkids



Amy and Aaron Knoetzel, Lynn and Marian Koppang, Tyler Kumm and Corynn Gnas

Paul Koppang

Paul Keith Koppang



Paul Keith Koppang 2003

(Parents Lynn and Marian Koppang; Grandparents Lee and Viola Sparks)

Paul launched on his adult life by graduating from Southern Oregon State University, Ashland, OR with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. To earn money while going to college he participated in the building and operation of the Ashland Hills Inn, a five star motel. He met and married Summer Bloss August 28, 1982 and acquired a stepson, Odin. Her parents had retired to the Bullhead City, AZ area and persuaded Paul and family to move there as well. Paul found work in the adjoining town of Laughlin, NV and eventually became Head Waiter at an upscale fine dining restaurant, The Lodge, located on the Colorado River in the River Palms Casino. They divorced in 1992. Paul continues working at The Lodge choosing to decline management positions preferring the security, money and hours of the Head Waiter position. He was named Employee of the Year in 1999 out of 1200 employees.

Cheryl Koppang
Kumm Family

Cheryl Ione (Koppang) Kumm

(Parents Lynn and Marian Koppang; Grandparents Lee and Viola Sparks)

Cheryl graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Service and Public Affairs from the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. She married Bradley Donald Kumm, March 17, 1979 and settled in Eugene, OR where Brad has ownership in the family concrete business, Concrete Unlimited. Cheryl loved decorating the log cabin he had built. They were blessed with two children, Corynn Ione (May 6, 1981) and Tyler Ray (February 2, 1984). Cheryl was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1988 and dealt with it in a courageous upbeat manner through the next 16 years. She went to her heavenly home November 15, 2004 after being hospitalized for major surgery with complications arising from Multiple Sclerosis. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and so many commented they were better people for having known her. This terrible disease did not keep her from loving the Lord, family, life, friends and zest for doing all she could to help others. Cheryl and Brad remained a devoted couple in sickness and in health throughout their 25-year marriage.



Cheryl Koppang's marriage to Brad Kumm, March 17, 1979



Cheryl, Brad, Corynn and Tyler in 1988 - the year Cheryl was diagnosed with MS



**Doug Gnás, Corynn Kumm Gnás, Brad, Tyler and Cheryl Kumm July 4, 2004
Day following Doug and Corynn's wedding**

Corynn Kumm Gnas

How are you a Sparks?

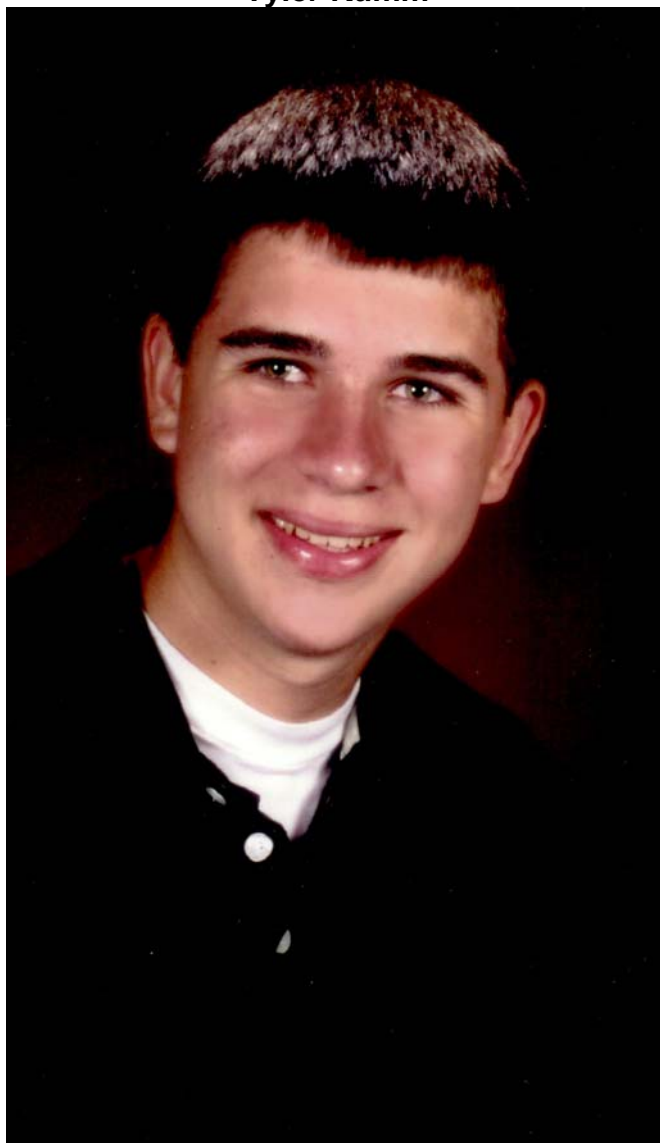
Corynn is the daughter of Brad Kumm and Cheryl Koppang Kumm , the granddaughter of Marian Sparks Koppang and Lynn Koppang, the great grand daughter of Lee and Viola Sparks and the great great grand daughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.



**The marriage of Lynn and Marian's first grandchild - Corynn Kumm to Douglas Gnas
July 3, 2004
Douglas, Corynn, Marian and Lynn**

Cheryl and Brad Kumm's family: Daughter, Corynn, married Douglas Gnas July 3, 2004. They live in Gilbert, Arizona. Doug is an Agent/Account Executive with Farnsworth, Webb & Greer Insurance Inc. Corynn will be graduating in 2005 from Arizona State University with a degree in Interior Decorating. Corynn played Fast Pitch Softball and earned scholarships for some of her education in addition to working at various part time jobs. Besides being athletic she is very artistic.

Tyler Kumm



How are you a Sparks?

Tyler is the son of Brad and Cheryl Kumm and the grandson of Marian Sparks Koppang and Lynn Koppang. He is the great grandson of Lee and Viola Sparks.

Son, Tyler, is a graduate of Churchill High School. His main sport was baseball - causing hitters a lot of grief with his pitching. He along with his Dad is an avid hunter. At age 12 he became the youngest hunter to shoot a bighorn ram in Oregon and still never miss when hunting other game. He is working at a mill where he has earned the certification of Lumber Grader.

*Lori Rae
Koppang Knoetzel
Family*

Lori Rae (Koppang) Knoetzel



The Knoetzel's; Amy, Aaron, Lori and Jim, July 2004

Parents Lynn and Marian Koppang; Grandparents Lee and Viola Sparks

Lori was born on May 4, 1960 in Fargo, North Dakota. Her siblings were Paul and Cheryl Koppang. She was the youngest of the three. She lived on a farm until age 6, when her family changed occupations and moved out to the west coast and landed in Salem, Oregon. This is where she spent all of her growing years. She attended Auburn Grade School, Parrish Jr. High, and graduated with honors from North Salem High School in 1978. She was a member of National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and Concert Choir. Her senior year highlights included a trip to Mexico with her concert choir.

Lori moved onto college and attended Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. Many friends and memories were made during the next 4 years. She lived in the dorms her freshman year, then pledged the Chi Omega Sorority her sophomore year and lived in the sorority house the remaining college years. She graduated in 1983 with a BS degree in Family Economics and Management School of Home Economics.

After college she moved to Portland, Oregon to complete an internship with the State Consumer Protection Division. It was during this time she met her future husband Jim Knoetzel.



Left to right - Marian, Lynn, Lori, Paul Koppang, Jim Knoetzel, Brad and Cheryl, flower girl, Corynn Kumm at Jim and Lori Knoetzel wedding June 22, 1985 This was the last picture taken when Paul, Cheryl and Lori were all in the same place, at the same time.



Lori, Paul and Cheryl on Lori's wedding day, June 22, 1985

The next 5 years were spent working and buying a home. Lori worked for Benj Franklin Savings and Loan as an Operations Supervisor. In 1990 their first child was born. His name is Aaron James Knoetzel. Their second child Amy Nicole Knoetzel was born in 1991.



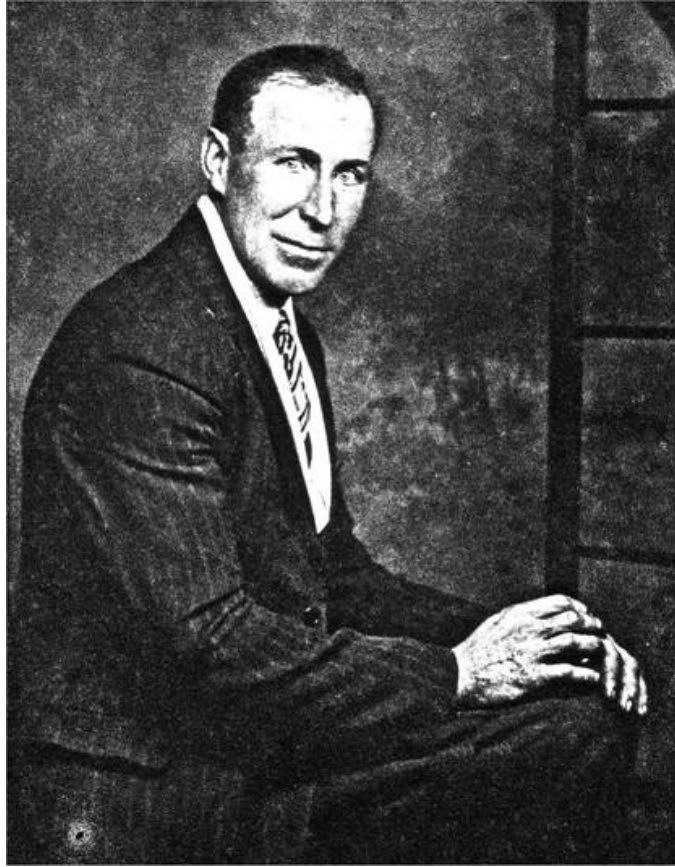
**Amy, Lori, Aaron and Jim Knoetzel at home
19??**

Jim, Lori and family currently live in Vancouver Washington. They have lived there since 1996. Jim has his Commercial Drivers License and drives large semi, and tanker trucks for a living. Lori has stayed part time in banking. Their children keep them busy. Aaron is the athlete and Amy is the people person, both have their special and unique talents.

In 2004 Lori planned a 50th wedding anniversary party for her parents Lynn and Marian. It was a great family event and proved to be the last event her sister Cheryl Kumm was able to attend. Cheryl passed away in November after a long struggle with Multiple Sclerosis.

*Elon William
Sparks*

Elon Sparks



ELON WILLIAM SPARKS FAMILY

Elon William Sparks was born 11 Feb 1899 at Lynd, Minnesota. He came to North Dakota with his parents in 1902 and grew to manhood helping his father on the homestead and later on their farm in Tell township.

He went up to the Peace River Country in Canada with his sister May and her husband Byron Zuver in 1920. They had a tough time and only survived by hunting and trapping. They came back to the Braddock area in 1923.

Elon farmed with his father and also with his brother George at Michigan, North Dakota for a short time. He moved to Sioux City, Iowa near where his sister Hilda and her husband lived. He worked at Wilson packing plant for many years.

During his years in Sioux City he met and married Eunice Nichols in 1932 and they lived there until her death in 1946.

Elon bought some property on Pike Lake in Minnesota and moved there to start the Pike Lake Fishing Resort. He married Gladys Pennington (a cousin of Lee's wife Viola) on 7 September 1951 and they operated the resort until about 1960 when they sold out and moved to Wahpeton, North Dakota. Elon worked for Ottertail Power Company until he retired. Elon died 6 April 1979 at Wahpeton. Gladys continues to live there.

Elon W. Sparks

Services for Elon W. Sparks, 80, Wahpeton will be Tuesday at 11 at United Methodist Church, Wahpeton, with Rev. Stanley K. Mueller officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Memorial Gardens, Wahpeton. Mr. Sparks died Friday at St. Francis Hospital, Breckenridge.

Visitation is Monday afternoon and evening at Vertin's-Wahpeton East Chapel and at the church for the hour prior to services. There will be a prayer service at 7 p.m. Monday in the chapel.

Elon W. Sparks was born Feb. 11, 1899 at Lynd, Minn., to Milo and Andrea (Engbretson) Sparks. He was raised in Braddock, N.D. and married Eunice Nichols in 1932. The couple farmed for several years near Braddock and later lived in Sioux City, Iowa. He worked at a meat packing plant. She died in 1946.

Mr. Sparks then moved to Waubun, Minn., and operated a resort. He married Gladys Pennington on Sept. 7, 1951 at Wolverton. The couple operated the resort until 1963 when they retired and moved to Wahpeton. He lived at the Wahpeton Rehabilitation Center for the past year.

He was a member of United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, a stepson, Dennis, Rolland, Calif.; four grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and several step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Casket bearers are Clifford Worner, Dorval Schmidt, Howard Lewis, Harold Langseth, Daryl Johnson and James Stone.



Elon and Gladys

*George Milo
Sparks Family*

Descendents of George Sparks





George Sparks and Mabel (Stubbs) Sparks - 1923

GEORGE MILO SPARKS AND MABEL (Stubbs) SPARKS FAMILY

George Milo Sparks was born 17 November 1901 near Lynd, Minnesota. He was the youngest son of Milo and Andrea Sparks. When George was a baby the family moved to a Homestead ten miles south of Braddock, North Dakota. He grew up on the farm and received his education at a country school. At one time his sister May was his teacher.

Mabel Stubbs was born in Williams Township in Nelson County near Michigan, North Dakota on 25 September 1900. Her parents were George and Nellie (Cooper) Stubbs who had homesteaded in 1883 land that was 9 miles southwest of Michigan. In 1919 Mabel graduated from the Michigan High School and that fall came to the Kintyre area to teach school. Mabel's sister Maud (Stubbs) Gorder and her husband H. C. Gorder owned a store in Kintyre. Mabel taught rural school for four years in that area. One night at a party she met George Sparks—a romance developed and they were married 12 May 1923 in Napoleon, North Dakota.

George and Mabel lived with Milo's that summer as George was farming with his father. Mabel had inherited 240 acres of land in Nelson County from her father so in October 1923 they put their belongings in a hayrack, hitched four horses to the hayrack to drive, led three horses behind, and drove across country to their new home in Nelson County. The trip took nearly a week. This was the farm where Mabel was born.

Four children were born there—Lois in 1925, Mildred Laurine in 1927, Margery in 1929 (deceased in 1936), and Leroy in 1941.

George started farming with horses (he had 22 at one time). From 1923 through the 1930's George was a diversified farmer raising wheat, oats, barley, flax, corn, and a full line of livestock including milk cows and beef cattle, sheep, hogs, turkeys, and chickens. Those were tough times to make a living—while being plagued with grasshoppers, drought, and low grain and cattle prices. George owned a threshing rig and did custom threshing in the area. There was no electricity or running water in the house. Mabel cooked for her family (plus a threshing crew at times) on a wood and coal range. Garden vegetables and meat were home grown and canned. Sometimes during the summer when the temperature outside was 90° it would be 120° in the kitchen with the range going!

As time went on, farming changed drastically! Rural electrification in the late 1940's was such a blessing. Machinery advancements, new varieties of grain that were rust resistant, and chemicals to control weeds and insects brought undreamed of benefits. George and Mabel increased their farming operation to nine and one half quarters.

The Sparks farm was the 1966 winner of the Nelson County Soil Conservation Achievement Award based on the amount and quality of conservation work completed on the farm. In 1978 George and Mabel received the Agricultural Recognition Award from the Nelson County Crop Improvement Association which is based on the recipient being a successful farmer, actively engaged in agricultural production, a promoter of his profession, utilizing new seed varieties, and is active in community and county activities.

In 1982 they bought a house in Michigan and moved into town. This was a big change as they had lived on the same farm for 59 years. In 1984 they celebrated their 61 wedding anniversary.

Names: In full - for women use maiden surnames
 Dates: 18 Dec 1893 - spell out June & July
 Places: Smallest unit first then to next larger units
 (Town, County, State)(Town, Province, Country)
 b = Birth date w = Where
 m = Marriage date # = Pedigree code
 d = Death date

Other spouses & marriage dates

hus. # George Milo Sparks
 b 17 Nov 1901 w Lynd, Minnesota
 m 12 May 1923 w Napoleon, N. D.
 d 18 Mar 1989 w McVille, N.D.
Parents Milo George Sparks--Andrea Engebretsen

Wife # Mabel Stubbs
 b 25 Sept 1900 w Michigan, ND
 d 15 Mar 1991 w Michigan, ND
parents George Stubbs--Nellie Cooper

Children in order of birth

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|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Lois Verneil Sparks | b 22 May 1925
m 16 Sept 1945
d | w Michigan, ND
to Jean Elford (Bud) Burgess
w |
| 2 | Mildred Laurine Sparks | b 15 Nov 1927
m 1964
d | w Michigan, ND
to Marvin Joseph Hanson
w |
| 3 | Margery | b 1929
m
d 1936 | w
to
w |
| 4 | Leroy George Sparks | b 26 Mar 1941
m 18 Oct 1969
d | w Lakota, ND
to Leona Lillian Novak
w |

George Sparks

MICHIGAN, N.D. — George M. Sparks, 87, Michigan, died Saturday, March 18, 1989, in Community Hospital, McVille, N.D.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Michigan Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Aaker Funeral Home, Lakota, N.D., and also one hour before services in the church.



George Sparks

George M. Sparks was born Nov. 17, 1901, in Lynd, Minn., the son of Milo and Andrea Sparks. He moved with his family to Braddock, N.D., as an infant. He grew up and attended schools near Braddock. On May 12, 1923, he married Mabel Stubbs in Napoleon, N.D. The couple came to the Michigan area, where they farmed. They moved into Michigan in 1982. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary May 12, 1988.

His wife survives along with a son, Leroy, Michigan; daughters, Lois (Mrs. J.E. Burgess), Los Angeles, Mildred (Mrs. Marvin) Hanson, Lakota, N.D.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Margery; three sisters and three brothers.

In Loving Memory
GEORGE M. SPARKS
 November 17, 1901 — March 18, 1989

SERVICES
 Michigan Lutheran Church
 Michigan, N.D.
 March 22, 1989 10:30 A.M.

OFFICIATING
 Rev. Sue Mackey
 Rev. Dale Peterson

MUSIC
 Pat Lamb, Soloist
 Karen Fowler, Organist

PALLBEARERS
 Leland Aafedt Carleton Aafedt
 Fred Anderson Ed Toutges
 Milton Barney Maynard Orvik

HONORARY BEARERS
 All His Friends

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Mildred (Sparks) Hanson

George Sparks Photo Album – Part 1



George Sparks North Dakota Barn



George Sparks ND Home on Farm



George Sparks Family



George and Mabel Sparks 25th Anniversary



Elon and George Sparks



George and Mabel Sparks

George Sparks Photo Album – Part 2



1960 – Fishing, Santa Monica, CA



George Sparks



Mabel, Lois, Bud and George



George Sparks Home – 1983, ND

*Mildred Laurine
Sparks Hanson
Family*

Mildred Laurine (Sparks) Hanson



How are you a Sparks?

Mildred is the daughter of George and Mabel Sparks and the granddaughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Mildred

Mildred Laurine Sparks was born in Williams Township, Nelson County on November 15, 1927.

Education

Mildred attended grade school at William Consolidated School and graduated from the Michigan, North Dakota High School.

Mildred attended the Mayville State Teacher's College at Mayville, North Dakota.

Profession

Mildred was an elementary school teacher for seventeen years and taught in both the Minnesota and North Dakota schools.

Mildred's Family Life

Mildred married Marvin Joseph Hanson on June 20, 1964 in the United Church of Christ at Lakota, North Dakota.



Mildred Sparks' wedding photo– 1969



Marvin Hanson

Mildred and Martin lived on Marvin's farm, six miles south of Mapes, North Dakota. They had grain and livestock.

Marvin and Mildred retired from farming in the spring of 1997. Leroy Sparks, her brother is renting their farm land. They are living in Michigan, North Dakota, and go to the farm to move the yard and clean the farm house.

Marvin had open heart surgery bypass on June 27, 2003. Most of their time is spent in their home in Michigan, North Dakota.



Marvin and Mildred Hanson, Lois and Bud Burgess

*Lois Verneil
Sparks Burgess
Family*

Lois Verneil Sparks Burgess





**Lois (Sparks) Burgess
And her husband, (Jean) Bud Burgess
2005**

How are you a Sparks?

Lois is the daughter of George Sparks and Mabel Stubbs Sparks, and the grand daughter of Milo and Andrea Sparks.

About Lois

Lois was born May 22, 1925 in Michigan, North Dakota. She grew up in Michigan with her parents, and her younger siblings, Mildred, Margery and Leroy.

Lois graduated from high school in 1941 at Michigan, North Dakota. She attended Fargo business College and received a certificate of completion in December 1942. Lois worked for the Navy in San Francisco until she married Bud Burgess in September of 1945.

Her top for the Navy required a top secret clearance. Accounting was the profession Lois chose. She attended many accounting classes and seminars over the years that were offered by her employers. She retired in 1988.

About Bud

Bud was born in Los Angeles, California on June 3, 1923.

Bud enlisted in the Navy in 1940. One of the ships he was assigned to fought in many of the major battles against the Japanese, in the South Pacific, in World War II. He was awarded eight Bronze Stars and many ribbons. He was discharged from the Navy in 1946 and Bud and Lois moved to North Dakota for four years and lived on what is commonly known as "Iverson Farm". Then, the family moved from North Dakota to Los Angeles, and Bud went to a trade school to learn to be a welder. He worked in this field for many years. A certification was required for each type of metal that he welded. Bud had to retire early due to a work related injury.

Lois and Bud moved to Paradise, California in the summer of 1989. Paradise is in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The saying goes that they are above the fog and below the snow!

Lois and Bud are members of the Craig Memorial Congregational Church. The church is 125 years old and is the oldest church in Paradise.

Bud belongs to the American Legion.



**5983 Acorn Court
Paradise, California 95969**

Lois and Bud have two children, John Milo Burgess, who was born March 22, 1947 in North Dakota and Judy Kay Burgess, who was born June 7, 1950 in North Dakota.

John Milo Burgess continued with his cabinet making career until degenerative disc disease made it impossible to do this tpe of work. He is taking classes at butte Community College in Computer aided Drafting. John's address is 1907 Crandall Way, Paradise, California. His home is a few blocks from the Feather River.

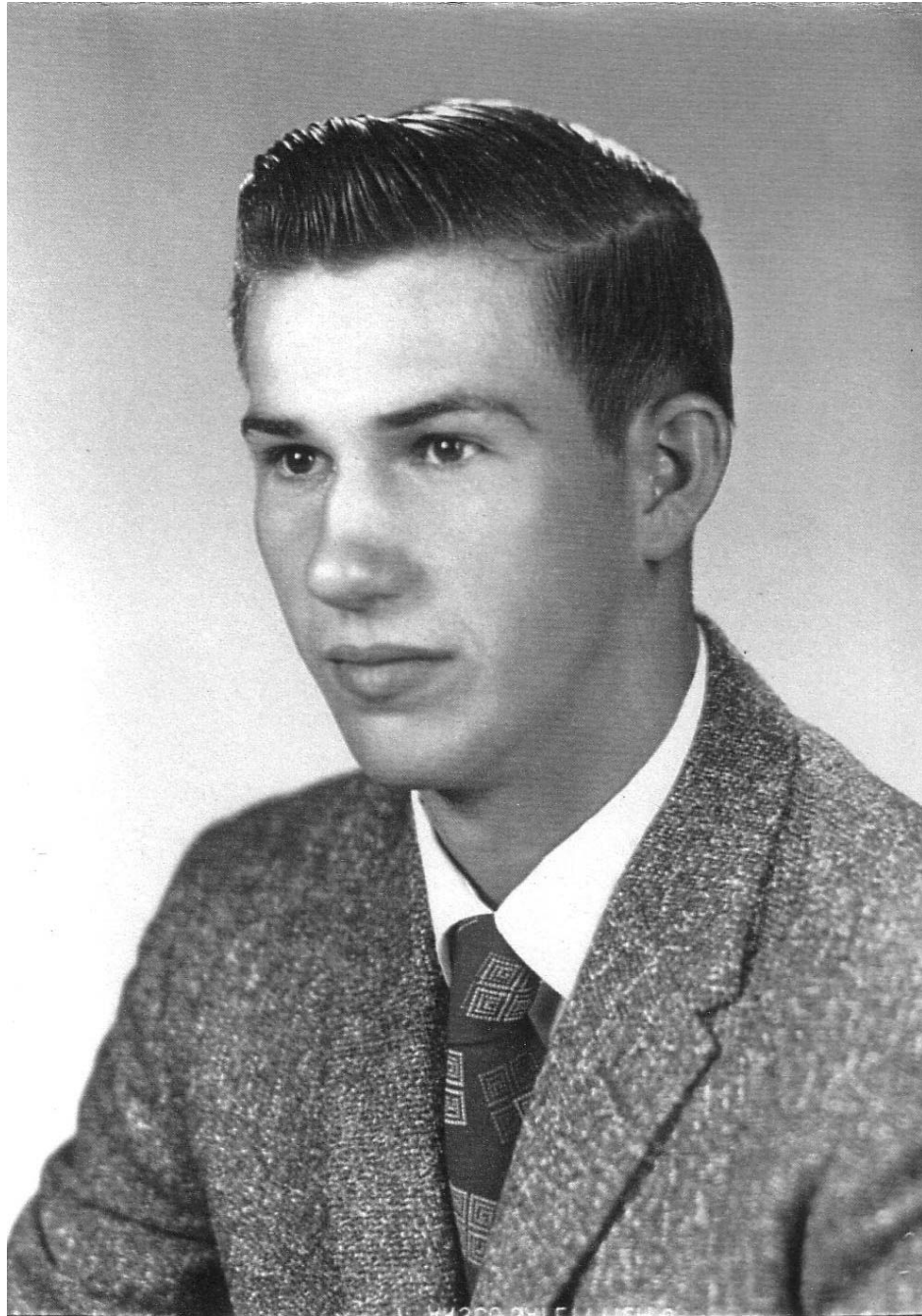
Judy Kay Burgess trained in the nursing profession after she moved to Paradise. She took classes and became a Certified Nurses Aide, and later went on to get her Home Health Aide Certificate. California requires people in this field to be licenses by the State. She injured her back while lifting one of her patients and cannot continue this work. Judy has a condo at 5795 Maxwell Drive, #10, Paradise, California 95969.



**Judy, Lois, Bud and John Burgess
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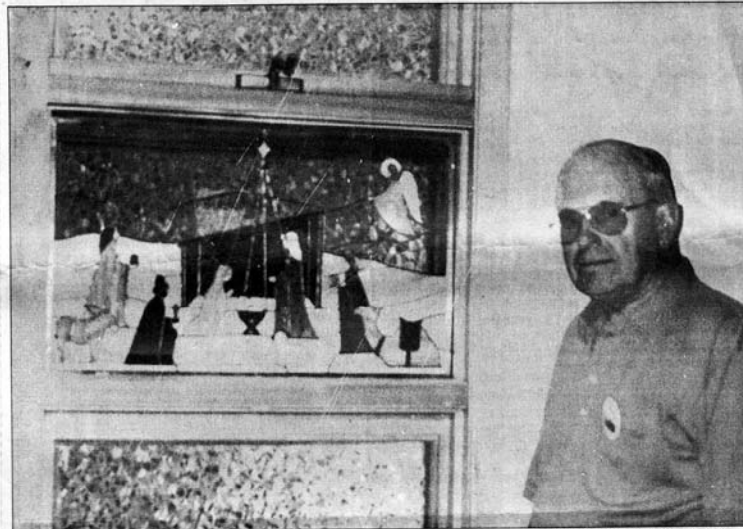
Treena Garland

Treena is a certified Dive Master, and was also an underwater model for the magazine Scuba World as shown in this photo, which was taken in the Virgin Islands, where Treena lived for one year.



Artistic

Howard Bier



By VERDA SEEKLANDER for the Tribune
Howard Bier finds a special kind of joy in his work creating stained glass art, such as this nativity scene created for the Braddock Methodist Church.

Braddock man's work glows bright with his love and light

By VERDA SEEKLANDER, Tribune Correspondent

BRADDOCK — Six new stained glass windows in the Braddock Methodist Church reflect the spirit and life of Jesus. Their warm, intense colors brighten the sanctuary just as Christ brightens the hearts and souls of believers.

That was the intent of the kind, gentle man who made and placed them there.

Howard Bier has lived most of his life on a farm near Hazelton. During his younger farming days, he also served seven terms in the North Dakota House of Representatives and was speaker of the House in 1971.

He and his wife, Melvina, still spend their summers on the farm. But sunny Arizona has turned them into snowbirds. And Arizona is where he began working on stained glass after taking four lessons about a dozen years ago.

He said he made mostly small pieces, "suncatchers, birds, flowers and things like that" until a friend in Mesa "twisted his arm" to teach a class in stained glass.

He has made several 11-piece nativity sets for family and friends. The first window Howard made was a long one to fit alongside the door of his home in Mesa. Melvina drew the pattern, a desert scene with cactus, sand, and mountains.

But the six windows in the church that his parents once attended are his most recent and most ambitious project. It took several months to complete.

"I got down to two weeks on some of the last ones, but the first one (the Nativity) was a month," Howard

said. Picking the right colors was hard because "you don't have the light behind it when you're making it," said Howard.

Neal Pointer, a family friend and commercial artist, helped with artistic design and color suggestions. Howard questioned using purple for a mountain. "I thought, now he's wrong on that. But you know, I was driving one day and I was looking at a far mountain, a ways away from Mesa, and by golly if that rascal wasn't purple," he said.

Howard captured some of the somberness of the Crucifixion with a dark red sun and dark clouds. He used a milky white color for the halo. "A halo would supposedly not be a solid color," he said. "I don't know. I've never seen a halo."

He used white for Jesus' robe when Jesus walked on the water.

"Most of the time I think Jesus wore a plain brown robe but I always put Him in white to set Him off. I thought He deserved it."

Howard and Neal had trouble coming up with a dove pattern (God's spirit descending at the baptism of Jesus) until Howard hit into a piece of wedding cake at a 50th anniversary. He found a small plastic dove in the frosting. "I cleaned it up and I said 'Say, this is alright' and I sent it to Neil for a pattern."

The Agony in the Garden and The Ascension complete the story.

The 16½-by-28½ windows are enclosed in copper frames that fit inside the regular church windows.

Howard will be teaching classes in Mesa again this winter.

"I can't stop," he said.

Photos of Howard's Work



Creative

Angie Rogers

Angie makes bears out of people's old fur coats. She is associated with Dino furriers of New England. She has been on QVC showcased at the Maine Headlight. Several of us have been privileged to receive one of these beautiful bears. They are truly collector's items. Angie and her mother, Cindy attend "bear" conventions in Germany.



Angie Rogers

Angie Rogers actually learned to make her first bear at age eight. A bear lover for many years, Angie created bears as a hobby until she got her business degree; she is now the sole proprietor of Angie Rogers' Handmade Bears. She works with mohair, recycled fur garments, and synthetic furs. Some of her latest creations have original, hand-sculpted clay faces and feet.

Angie has had two very successful appearances on QVC, including a Best of Show award for the home shopping channel's broadcast from Portland Head Light which sold out her limited edition of 300 *Maine Blueberry Bears*. She has also participated in Neysa Phillippi's Artists for Artists annual European teddy tours for the past three years, which has afforded her opportunities to exhibit and sell her bears in Germany, England, and Austria, where she taught a beginner bear-making workshop in October 1998.



Angie Rogers' Handmade Bears

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Daring

Billie Sposeto

Billie is the Chairperson of the Ninety-Nines, a National Women's Flying Club that was founded by Amelia Earhart in 1929. Its name is a tribute to the 99 charter members who launched the group at Curtiss Field, Long Island, New York.

The group presents an annual Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award, promotes aviation safety education, and encourages advancement for women. It sponsors the annual All-Women Transcontinental Air Race, better known as the Powder Puff Derby.

The following is an early newspaper article, when Billie first started flying and joined the club.

Women pilots offer rides priced at a nickle a pound

If the sky is where you long to be, Sunday will be a red letter day.

That is when the Ninety-Nines Inc., an international organization of women pilots, will take passengers on 20-minute light airplane rides for just 5 cents per pound of body weight.

The lines at the Hayward Airport are sure to be long, but a veteran member says no one complains.

Livermore's Billie Ann Sposeto, the local chapter's newest member, will be among the novice pilots who will handle the paperwork and weigh-ins on the ground.

In the air will be women with at least 200 hours of flying experience, who donate the cost of their 4-seat planes for the semi-annual benefit for air age educational programs for youth.

Billie Ann's exuberance for flying is enough to squelch any skepticism. "I just love flying. It is everything I thought it was going to be," she says, thinking back on the years between her first light airplane ride a decade ago and earning her pilot's license last Aug. 29.

A friend had flown out from Kansas in a private craft and offered Billie Ann a ride, recalls the 15-year resident of Livermore.

"It was so great," she says, with a long pause.

"I put it in the back of my mind. I wanted to learn to fly, but I never could because I had small children," she says, surrounded by her brood of five, ranging in age from 8 to 18.

It took a newspaper ad not too long ago to make Billie Ann realize that she'd better get going if she was going to tackle the skies.

Husband Frank and the kids thought it was all talk, but now, John, 17, says he wants to be a commercial pilot, and 8-year-old Domi-

nie is one of her most eager companions.

She encourages others to experience the joys of flying at the March 29 event between 10:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The teardrop-shaped course will pass over Coyote Hills, Mission Peak, Niles and Hayward Golf Course before returning to the airport.

Children completing the flight will be pinned with a pair of plastic wings and given a sheet of plastic wings and given a sheet to color.

The 24-member Alameda County Chapter of the Ninety-Nines has as these rides available each spring and fall.

The international organization of 6,000 women was founded by Amelia Earhart in 1929. Its name is a tribute to the 99 charter members who launched the group at Curtiss Field, Long Island, N.Y.

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Monthly meetings are held in Hayward. For information on the club, phone Jean Stroobant at 782-1658.

— Diane Daniel

Locals seek volunteers

The Valley Volunteer Center is looking for persons to fill several volunteer positions. Among them:

- The Special Olympics program needs persons to help with a track and field event in April.
- Board members are sought for several non-profit agencies.
- Two valley non-profit agencies need health care equipment, hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, a card table and folding chairs.
- A non-profit agency that licenses child care providers needs people to help with a run it will sponsor.

For information phone 462-3570.

Calendar of events



Billie Ann Sposeto

Neil Harshaw — staff photo

In the News

Betty Jane Luntz

Betty Jane has a lifetime of involvement in community activities that benefit others. These photos show only a few of the events where she has contributed her time and effort.

DAR Museum Event, Tucson, Arizona, 2005



Betty Jane at DAR Museum Event, Tucson, Arizona, 2005



President and Founder of the Republican Women's Club, Tucson, Arizona



Photo and article in the Arizona Daily Star, June 6, 2004

Chris Richards / Arizona Daily Star
One of Reagan's early supporters, Betty Luntz, has a room in her East Side home dedicated to the former president. She first backed Reagan in his 1966 California gubernatorial campaign. "It was his charisma. Certain people just have it and he was one who did."

STATE Arizona was good to Reagan, gave him solid support

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Reagan is among the top vote-getters in Arizona history, winning 60 percent in 1980 and 66 percent four years later. His popularity even extended to Pima County, traditionally one of the state's more Democratic bastions.

"Everybody loved Ronald Reagan," said Jackie Egan, his Southern Arizona campaign chairman in 1980. "People respected him."

It is no small irony that Reagan was more popular among Arizona voters than Goldwater, the native son whose own ill-fated campaign for the presidency is responsible for Reagan's political birth.

Reagan, star of a string of mediocre movies, was the headliner in a nationally televised pitch for Goldwater in October 1964.

"I knew him long before he ever dreamed of trying for high office," Reagan said of the Arizona senator, "and I can tell you personally I have

never known a man in my life I believe so incapable of doing a dishonest or dishonorable thing."

At the time, with the Cold War raging, Goldwater's staunch anti-communism was widely considered unnecessarily provocative. Not to Reagan.

"This is not a man who could carelessly send other people's sons to war," he told the television audience. "And that is the issue of this campaign that makes all of the other problems I have discussed academic, unless we realize that we are in a war that must be won."

The broadcast did little to help Goldwater, who lost by a landslide to President Lyndon Johnson and barely earned a majority of votes in his home state. But as Reagan biographer Lou Cannon put it, it remade "a washed-up 53-year-old movie actor" into a political force.

"That was what really launched his political career," said Rep. Jim Kolbe, who rode to Congress on Reagan's extensive coattails two decades ago this November.

Reagan trounced Democrat Walter Mondale in 1984 by earning nearly 57 percent of the vote in Pima County — more than any other presidential candidate since at

least 1960. Four years earlier, Reagan won 49.7 percent of the county vote against Democratic President Jimmy Carter and independent John Anderson.

"He was the essential American," Kolbe said. "He understood the American people and he was able to communicate a sense of confidence about America and its future."

For campaign chairman Egan, the reason for Reagan's popularity in Arizona and across the country boiled down to the same quality. "You just always knew where he stood," she said.

Now 79, Egan recalls that it was easy getting volunteers to work for Reagan because of the warmth of his personality. Munger characterized him the same way.

"He was very human and down to earth," said Munger, who led Arizona's delegation to the Republican National Convention in 1984 and sat next to the president at a White House luncheon before his re-election. "What you saw is what you got."

The Goldwater broadcast prompted a group of California businessmen — including Holmes Tuttle, the great uncle of Tucson car dealer Jim Click — to urge Reagan to run for governor in 1966.

One of his early supporters in that contest was Napa Valley resident Betty Luntz, who now lives in Tucson.

Luntz continues to think so highly of Reagan she has a room dedicated to him in her East Side home.

"It was his charisma," she said about what made Reagan so popular. "Certain people just have it and he was one that did."

Luntz, 80, has no doubt that Reagan will be remembered as one of the country's greatest presidents. "There was Washington, then Lincoln, then there was Ronald Reagan," she said.

Although Reagan exited the political stage long ago, a younger crop of political activists continue to find inspiration in him, said Armando Rios Jr.

"He is one of my heroes," said Rios, 35, a Republican who ran last year for Tucson City Council. "He made me feel proud to be an American. He made me feel like I could empower myself. He made me want to go out and work hard and aspire to something great."

And that, Egan said, is how he made everyone feel.

Contact reporter C.J. Karamargin at 573-4243 or at cjkarama@azstarnet.com.

Antique Pieces Trace Heritage

people collect antiques for various reasons. To Betty Lutz, they mean her roots.

In her Green Valley home, she is surrounded by beautiful functional antique pieces that tell a story along through her life.

"I have lovingly explained the use of each item, they are a tapestry of the American past and its items, spanning more than 200 years."

Beginning with Norwegian great-grandparents, who had come to the U.S. in 1878, she has pieces together life of the early settlers. The emigrants had been swept along the westward move to North Dakota and homesteaded, on prairie. Their claim was fulfilled with a sod house—a structure built of sod, stacked like bricks—and they tackled a task consisting of a dense mat of grass roots.

They brought with them implements from Norway. Today Betty Lutz proudly displays in her living room a spinning wheel made in Norway in 1822. A trunk containing the date 1878, the year of the Atlantic crossing, had been treasured by her grandmother, a ten-year-old at the time. Mrs. Lutz is wearing priceless handmade and antique garments in her day.

Her grandparents continued to farm the North Dakota soil, and her parents, Mrs. Lutz gathered around her the things she liked best and treasured with from her 50-year marriage. They had not moved from the area and had room to store

many things after they no longer were used.

A butter churn and water pail, milk pitcher and marshmallow can lined along Mrs. Lutz' kitchen walls are a reminder of a not-so-distant past. She well remembers carrying water into the house and using a big copper boiler, to help her mother in canning, or melting snow in it in winter to have water. Later, a pump was installed in the backyard of the Lutz house—as a water faucet.

A collar from her father's Percheron horses has taken on a new function as a plant hanger. Wagon wheels, like wooden wheels from a Model T Ford, grace the garage and a brass grain-tester leans in a corner. The rod had openings from top to bottom and was pushed into a load of grain to check if the grain on the bottom was dry and of the same quality as that on top.

On her mother's side, Mrs. Lutz has been able to trace back her family tree, with the help of a Bible, which lists relatives, to Thomas Beer, born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1756. He later fought in the revolutionary war and was her third great-grandfather.

Her mother, born in 1886, from a rather well-to-do family in Ashland, Ohio, was reared with the refined upbringing due a daughter of good family. She had gone to college, where she studied, among other subjects, art, music and china painting. In 1912, on a graduation trip across the U.S. with a girl friend, led her to North Dakota, where she met her future husband and married him in 1916, after much correspondence.

Once in North Dakota, she put away her genteel life and luxuries, to become a devoted and hard-working farm wife. She reared four children, cooked on a woodstove for family and farm hands, carried water from a windmill and never once sighed about the harshness of North Dakota.

She lived through the dust bowl and depression days, inspiring her family and the small community to consider the beautiful things in life.

Vacaville Area Portfolio

Karin Kinney



DRESSED appropriately in a traditional Norwegian dress, Betty Lutz is seated at her great-grandmother's spinning wheel, which

Norwegian great-grandparents can be seen in the background.

The Daily Republic, Fairfield, CA, June 28, 1977

Betty Jane

Shown with spinning wheel that belonged to Maren Engebretsen
Spinning wheel made in Norway in 1822

Musical

Lee Sparks



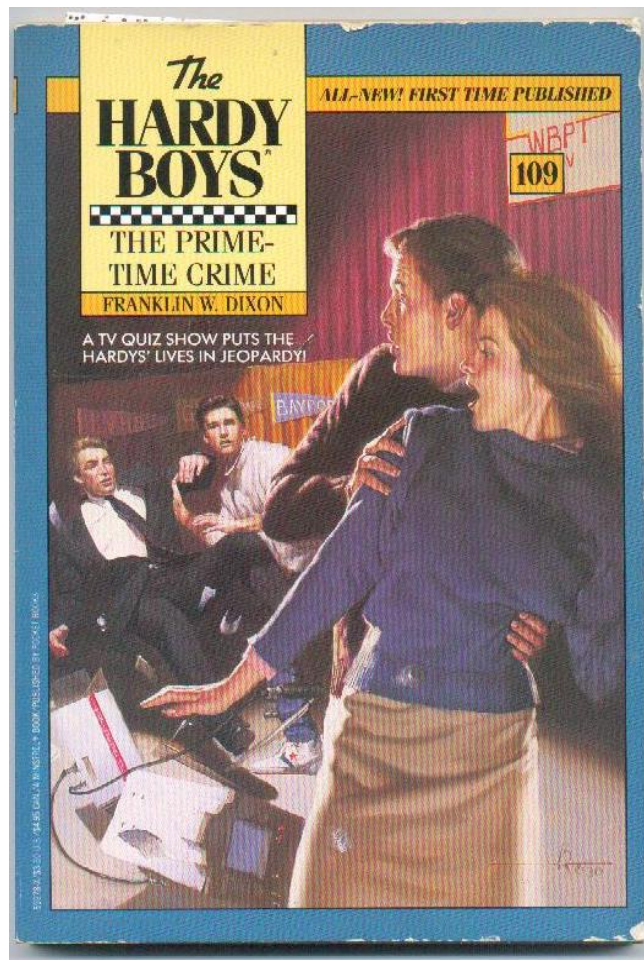
Lee has performed professionally playing trumpet and singing for numerous musical ensembles including Marriott's Great America, Country Vision's Band, Inc., Sparx, Coastline, The Johnny Lampson Big Band Orchestra, and The San Jose Civic Light Opera. He also performed with The Continental Singers where he toured through much of the United States, Europe, and Africa. He also had the honor of performing a trumpet duet with Johnny Zell, solo trumpeter for the Lawrence Welk Show. He has also been contracted to conduct, direct, and perform as a soloist for numerous companies, churches, and events.

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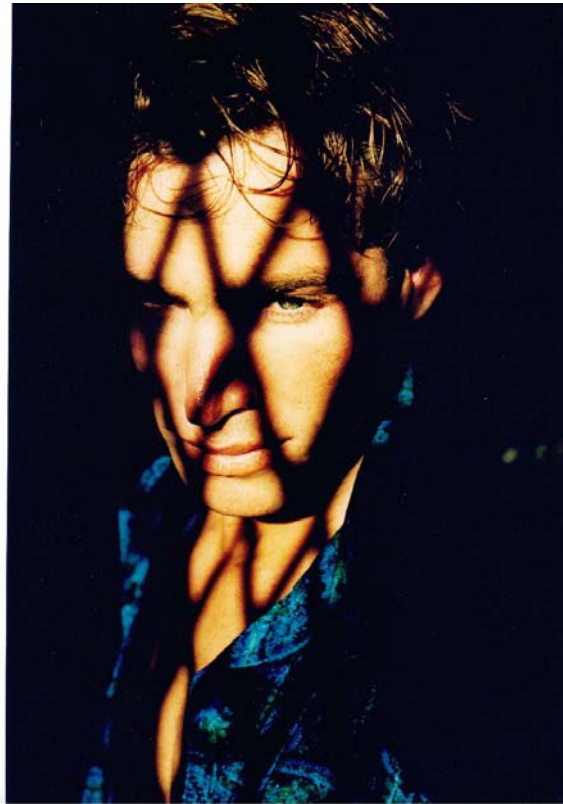
John Anthony Roberts

In 1989 John was Mr. Oklahoma and went on to compete in Mr. America where he placed fifth.

In the early nineties John made his way to New York where he worked as a model in fashion for Hugo Boss and several other agencies. John has been featured in *Lears Magazine* with Jacqueline Bisset and on the cover of Franklin W. Dixon's, *The Hardy Boys # 109 "Prime-Time Crime"*, 1991.



John is the model for the man in dark suit on left, falling backward, out of the chair.



Some Modeling Photos - John Roberts

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April 22, 1993

John Anthony Roberts
1653 Genoa Street
Livermore, California, 94550

Dear John:

Thank you for sending us your application, and photo, Please send the Reason Why You Would Like To Enter, and why You Would Like to Become MR. NORTH AMERICA. As soon as possible. THE 1993 MR NORTH AMERICA COMPETITION will be held in ARIZONA, from the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, from August 8th thru August 14th, 1993. You have been chosen to represent Oklahoma as MR. OKLAHOMA NORTH AMERICA..... congratulations!!

Everyone here at the headquarters is quite impressed with you! Everyone feels that you will make an excellent contestant! Remember, everyone should be given the opportunity to participate if they so choose. There is a BIG WORLD out there and plenty of room for everyone to be given the opportunity to participate, not just for the MISS AMERICA'S but for MR. NORTH AMERICA'S as well!!

We have received information from other gentlemen from Oklahoma, but we felt that YOU ARE THE ONE to represent the state, based on your application. We are searching for contestants LIKE YOU, contestants who are PROUD to participate, men who have feelings and desires, wants and needs...to be the spokesperson for the MODERN MAN IN AMERICA!

Again John...you are the one selected to represent Oklahoma as MR. OKLAHOMA NORTH AMERICA 1993. Congratulations on achieving this prestigious title. Spread the word that you have been chosen from many hundreds of applications received...chosen to participate in Arizona. You will be amazed by the amount of support you will receive. You will be respected, admired and even envied by many, many people.

We have included all the information you will need at this time. Please sign the ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM and return it to us IMMEDIATELY. Your fees are to be received by the noted due dates. After receiving the ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM, we will know that you are serious about your commitments to participate.


John...we are PROUD to have you join us for the SEVENTH ANNUAL MR. NORTH AMERICA COMPETITION 1993! THE FIRST MALE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD!!

Continued good luck in your quest to achieve the title of MR. NORTH AMERICA 93!

If you have any questions, just give me a call...anytime.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
MR. NORTH AMERICA COMPETITION,


Lillian Lehman, National Director

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Theatrical

Ronald Lloyd Sparks

Theater Pictures from the 1980's



Sir 'Ronald Sparks' Camelot



Carrie Anne & father, Ron, in the play Oliver



Ron, the Music Man



Ron, and son Brian, in The Sound of Music

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Notice # 1

Upcoming Sparks Family Reunions

Mark your calendars – Help is needed!

June, 2006 – Branson, Missouri – contacts – Sonny Noland and Judy Borman.

Tentative plans – at a park that has already been selected in Branson, Missouri. A casual outdoor event including a cookout with yummy food, catered by Noland's catering, named one of Missouri's best caterers.

The attire for this event will be casual. Please send any of your ideas, suggestions or any help you can contribute to Sonny Noland and Judy Borman at the following email addresses:

nolandscatering@cvalley.net
jborman@qualcomm.com

Please send feedback on these ideas:

- *Sports activities; baseball, football*
- *Customized Sparks reunion t-shirts*
- *Sparks recipe book*
- *Music/Entertainment*

Hotel and more detailed information about the event and Things to Do while in Branson, Missouri will be sent to you.

June, 2007 - Asheville, North Carolina – contact – Kathy Zuver Lee

Southern hospitality at one of the most beautiful places in the South.

