Ilene S Sparks

September 22, 1921 - September 20, 2020

Ilene S. Sparks passed away quietly on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at her residence at Marshall Manor Nursing Home. She was born September 22, 1921 passing away just two days before her 99th birthday.
Her great love was genealogy. She was the official historian for the Stewart family. Over the years she constructed many, many family photographic and historical albums comprised of family photos and keepsakes.
She was a member of the United Universalist Church, Humanism the National Organization of women, The Magna Charta Dames, NARFE (She was a federal worker for 42 years), the Guntersville Historical Society and to many Advocacy groups to name. She is survived by three sons, Stewart Page (Johnny), Wallace Oliver (Joe) and Julian Ferrell, Jt. (Pete). Her sister Georgina Smith, 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandkids and 2 great great grandkids. She is preceded in death by her parents, G.W.H. Stewart, Jr. and Bessie Tharpe Stewart, brothers, Charles, Fred, Sam and William Stickles and her daughter Rhodora Leigh Sparks. A graveside memorial will be held at the Warrenton Cemetery at a later to be announced.
In memory of Ilene Sparks, memorials can be sent to the Warrenton Cemetery ASSO., Inc. 1116 O’Brig Ave, Guntersville, AL 35976

Tribute Wall

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ilene S Sparks.

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I will miss Ms. Ilene's hugs and sparkling eyes. She made an effort to engage the youngest generation, putting women's rights on the radar for many. She was a social justice warrior, a pioneer for women, and a fine example of how to speak truth to power, especially in the Deep South, where her voice was much needed.

Suzey Delacey - September 29, 2020 at 10:17 AM

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Ilene always had an amazing adventure to share with us on our trips to Huntsville of people she had met, places she had gone, and protests she had attended. She dressed to the nines and was always waiting for us when we pulled up, even when we were early, which was rare. She was very active and enthusiastic in our church community, and enjoyed socializing, especially on potluck Sunday.

When we returned to her nursing home after the services, she always wanted to share her copious genealogy scrapbooks with us. She was proud of not only her family's accomplishments, but her collection of these accomplishments. She also loved to share interesting articles with me that she thought my students would like to read and was generous with her time and resources.

Deborah Delacey - September 27, 2020 at 04:01 PM