



Patty Sparling Andrews

October 9, 1938 - April 20, 2023

Memorial services for Patricia “Patty” Sparling Andrews, 84, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Marvin Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker and Rev. Randy Hageman officiating. A light luncheon reception will follow in Pirtle Hall. A family burial will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Andrews passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 in Houston. She was born October 9, 1938 in Houston to Vera Mosely Sparling and Rev. John Perry Sparling.

Patty spent her life in service to others, whether in leadership or behind the scenes, and in doing so has left us a beautiful legacy of selflessness and conscientiousness. She was instrumental in all the following: Marvin Methodist Church, Marvin Methodist Women, Wonderful Wednesday at St. Paul Methodist Church, Historic Preservation of Tyler, Junior League of Tyler, Camp Fire Girls, PTA, Lon Morris Methodist College Board of Directors, Mission Week, and much more, in addition to being a deeply devoted wife and mother.

She was a prolific and sought-after teacher and leader of the Christian faith, even called “Susanna” (after Susanna Wesley) by many who were inspired by her teachings. She valued beauty and history, and helped lead efforts to save

and recognize Tyler's landmarks, including the brick streets and helping spearhead efforts to research and establish historic landmark status for Marvin Methodist, the oldest church in Smith County.

She cared about the well-being of her family, always available with a listening ear, wise counsel, unconditional acceptance and encouragement. She organized annual extended-family gatherings for more than 30 years at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center to ensure ongoing closeness, fun, and care of one another.

She graduated from Lamar High School and Rice Institute (now Rice University). She married fellow Rice graduate Duane Andrews on June 21, 1962, and taught school to support them during his medical school years. She so valued the importance of his work that she adapted her life to allow him the intensity of a dedicated surgeon's life, raising their daughters and sacrificing time with him.

Together, they have sacrificially given of their time, talents and treasure to support countless endeavors that improve quality of life, most significantly St. Paul's Children's Services, Lakeview, and Marvin.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, and by her brother Jon Sparling. She is survived by her loving family including her husband Dr. Duane Andrews, daughters Susan Andrews Hageman (Randy) and Allison Andrews (Michael Adams); grandchildren Kathryn Hageman Holmes (Patrick), Caroline Thompson, Andrew Thompson (fiancé Sarah Grace Engel), and William Hageman; great-grandchildren Charlotte and Ella Holmes; sister-in-law Helena Underwood Sparling; nephews and niece Jon Sparling (Sarah), William Sparling (Elizabeth), David Sparling, and Sarah Sparling; great nieces and nephew Perry, Clara, George and Mary Sparling; and step-siblings Margaret Thomas and Phillip Thomas.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Thompson, William Hageman, Jon Sparling, William Sparling, David Sparling, Michael Adams, and Patrick Holmes.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Pairs and Parents Sunday School Class, Wonderful Wednesdays/St. Paul Church, and Marvin Methodist Women.

If desired, memorials may be made to the cherished and vital ministries of Lakeview Methodist Conference Center (<https://lakeviewmcc.org>) or Marvin Methodist Church (<https://Marvin.church>).

Cemetery Details

Private Family Interment - Rose Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church Sanctuary
300 W Erwin St
Tyler, TX 75702
(903) 592-7396

Reception following service

MAY 6.

Marvin Methodist Church - Pirtle Hall
Tyler, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patty Sparling Andrews*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 04, 2023 at 05:18 PM

MK

“ *My memories of the Andrews family goes back to the 1960's when Patty's father, Jack Sparling, pastored at St. Luke's Methodist in Kilgore, a Church their daughter, Allison, now leads as Senior Pastor. Patty was always so special to Jack and Vera and, after reading of her accomplishments and contributions, I can see why. She was such a lovely and gentile Spirit who touched so many others, as she did me. I will always appreciate my friendship with the Andrews and Sparling families and the contributions they made to our communities.*

Mike Kerr, a friend from Kilgore.

Mike Kerr - May 05, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ 15 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 05, 2023 at 11:33 AM

SS

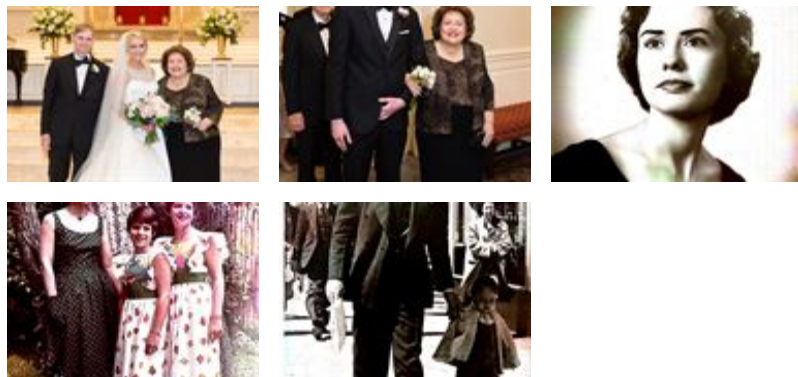
“ Some of our earliest *Lakeview* family reunion pictures.



Sarah Anne Sparling - May 04, 2023 at 11:39 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 04, 2023 at 05:13 PM

PH

“ Paul, Becky, and Nicholas Hageman purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Patty Sparling Andrews.



Paul, Becky, and Nicholas Hageman - May 04, 2023 at 12:15 AM

TF

“ The Sparling Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Patty Sparling Andrews.



The Sparling Family - May 03, 2023 at 04:10 PM

BB

“ Bill and Debbie Brown purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Patty Sparling Andrews.



Bill and Debbie Brown - May 02, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Patty Sparling Andrews.



May 01, 2023 at 09:11 PM

LS

“ Love, Gateway Staff purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Patty Sparling Andrews.



Love, Gateway Staff - May 01, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Patty Sparling Andrews.



April 29, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ Gorgeous picture! But it pictures her like she was - always gracious & charming. Will be unable to attend the funeral. Know all of you will miss her. Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - April 29, 2023 at 12:13 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers lifted.

Don Cherry - April 28, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Patty Sparling Andrews.*



April 28, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *I first met Patty at Texas Annual Conference through my mother. I later served as one of her pastors at Marvin. She was always so welcoming of me with her beautiful smile. She reminded me of a mother figure as she favorably compared me to her daughter Allison. My prayers are with Dwayne, Allison, Susan and the rest of the family. Rev. Dr. Rita Sims*

Rev. Dr. Rita Sims - April 28, 2023 at 03:36 PM