



## Bernadette C. Sparlin

January 12, 1935 - January 12, 2014

Bernadette C. Sparlin, age 79 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, January 12, 2014, at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

She was born on Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Highland, IL, the daughter of John H., Sr. and Rose M. (nee Fehkler) Wellen.

On Monday, April 02, 1956, she married Gerald W. Sparlin who survives.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, and a former member of St. Anne Alter Society.

Bernadette was born at Highland and grew up on a farm Northeast of town. She attended Pierron and then St. Paul Schools. She had worked at Highland Supply and Basler Electric prior to her marriage. She stayed at home to rear her children. She helped her husband at Helvetia Sharpshooters Society Park. As a part of her faith, she visited the sick, shut-ins and nursing home members of the St. Paul congregation and provided communion to them. She was an exceptionally good cook and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Husband - Gerald W. "Jerry" Sparlin, Highland, IL

Son - Kim M. (Debra) Sparlin, Norman, OK  
Daughter - Patricia K. (Corey) Holmes, Lewisville, TX  
Son - Rick J. Sparlin, Breese, IL  
Son - Allan W. (special friend Linda Covington) Sparlin, Wentzville, MO  
Son - Todd G. (Julie) Sparlin, Saint Louis, MO  
Daughter In-law - Connie K. Sparlin, nee Klaus, Highland, IL  
Grandchild - Audra (Michael) Dougherty, Highland, IL  
Grandchild - Alexandra "Alex" Sparlin, Norman, OK  
Grandchild - Blake Sparlin, St. Louis, MO  
Grandchild - Grant Sparlin, St. Louis, MO  
Grandchild - Maggie Holmes, Lewisville, TX  
Grandchild - Keith Holmes, Lewisville, TX  
Grandchild - Nicholas "Nick" Sparlin, Highland, IL  
Grandchild - Airman Benjamin Sparlin USAF, Las Vegas, NV  
Great Grandchild - Willow Dougherty, Highland, IL  
Sister - Rosemary Meyer, Highland, IL  
Sister - Dolores (Paul) Talleur, Highland, IL  
Brother - John (Alice) Wellen, Jr.  
Sister In-law - Bernice Wellen (Mrs. George), Highland, IL  
Sister In-law - Bernice Wellen (Mrs. Aloysius), Highland, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - John H. Wellen, Sr. died 4/6/1966  
Mother - Rose Mary Wellen nee Fehkler died 10/08/1983  
Son - Kenneth G. Sparlin died 4/21/2006  
Daughter - Mary Rose Sparlin died 5/23/1960 at birth  
Daughter - Bernadette Ann Sparlin died 12/28/1961 at birth  
Son - Richard A. Sparlin died 12/23/1962 at birth  
Daughter - Mary Louise Sparlin died 7/14/1967 age 1 day  
Grandchild - Jared James Sparlin died 10/15/1982 at 4 day old  
Brother - Aloysius "Al" Wellen died 4/30/2008

Sister - Theresa Carroll died 8/12/1975

Sister - Bernice Richter died 9/23/2013

Brother - George H. Wellen died 3/30/2010

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Father Scott A. Snider, Parochial Vicar, St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Family Hospice of Belleville or Masses.

# Tribute Wall

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“ PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY OF BERNADETTE. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY OH SO MANY PEOPLE....SHE WAS A FRIENDLY, CHEERFUL LADY AND WITH A SMILE. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER AT THE PARK IN THE POPCORN STAND AND HER AND JERRY DANCING.OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
DALE & RITA RINDERER

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**RITA RINDERER** - January 17, 2014 at 02:53 PM

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“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the entire family and I'm so sorry we didn't get to the funeral. You have our deepest sympathies.  
Sheri (Prott/Capelle) & Jim Eveland

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**Sheri Eveland** - January 17, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Aunt "Beanner's" passing. She was such a sweet and precious lady with the biggest smile. She will be missed by many. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayer during this sorrowful time.

*Judy and Steve Winchester*

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**Judy and Steve Winchester** - January 15, 2014 at 04:07 PM

KK

“ I was so sad to hear about Aunt Bener's passing. I will always remember her and how she giggled all the time. So sweet!! And yet I know she was such a strong woman who loved her family and faith. My mom will really miss her. I believe she is having a great time in heaven with all her other family members and friends. But we will miss her. My prayers of comfort are with my Uncle Jerry and all the family.

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**Karen Meyer Knowles** - January 15, 2014 at 10:04 AM

WH

“ Al,  
Jennifer and I were so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing.  
Please pass on our condolences to the rest of the family.  
Wes and Jennifer Holzinger

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**Wes Holzinger** - January 15, 2014 at 06:08 AM

MM

“ Marty and Susan Moore purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernadette C. Sparlin.



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**Marty and Susan Moore** - January 14, 2014 at 12:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernadette C. Sparlin.



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January 14, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bernadette C. Sparlin.* ”



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January 14, 2014 at 10:40 AM