



Janis Sparkman

December 5, 1946 - April 11, 2026

Janis Sparkman, age 79, of Hillsboro, Alabama passed away on April 11, 2026.

A celebration of Janis's life will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Central Park Baptist Church with Pastor Matt Haines officiating. Visitation will be from 11-12:00 noon, immediately followed by funeral services at Central Park Baptist Church. A 2:00 p.m. graveside service will be held at Memory Gardens in Cullman, Alabama.

Janis was born in 1946 in Cullman County, AL, to the late P.G. and Fronia Moore. In her younger years, Janis began her love of animals while spending time with her grandparents on their farm. She was an accomplished roller skater, and her dad taught her to fly fish as a young girl. At Cullman High School she was a majorette in the band. Janis was a 1970 graduate of Judson College in Marion, Alabama.

A much-loved 6th grade teacher at several schools in the Decatur area, Janis retired after 40 years. She was once selected Teacher of the Year.

Janis loved living on the river with her animals, water sports and boating. She was known for being able to back a boat into the water better than many men. She loved to cook and entertain, and to meet her friends and family for lunch.

Her specialty dishes were requested at every family gathering throughout the year.

A Baptist by faith, Janis was a long-time member of Central Park Baptist Church, where she served in many areas. These include singing in the choir, serving as Sunday School secretary, and helping with feeding breakfast to high school students on Friday mornings.

Janis was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jim" Sparkman, and her brother, Keith Moore.

She is survived by her brother, Kyle Moore (Elena); stepdaughter Alice Ownby (Josiah); grandchildren Jennifer (Josh) Hamilton, Kevin (Laura) Ownby, Michelle (Chris) White; great-grandchildren Kendal, Arden, Tanner, and Talli Hamilton; Kayla, Kara, Leigha, and Livia Ownby; two great-great grandchildren; nieces Melanie Moore Abston (Randy) and Alexandra Moore Hoebee (Diederik); nephews Brian Moore (Melinda) and Stuart Moore (Johann); ten great-nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Louise Moore, and many loving family members.

The family wishes to recognize the staff at Shelton Funeral Home for the professional and compassionate way they directed this funeral.

Pallbearers will be Josh Hamilton, Brian Moore, Benjamin Callahan, Kyle Moore, Kevin Ownby, and James Gay.

Cemetery Details

Cullman Memory Gardens

Cullman, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Central Park Baptist Church
2020 Westmead St SW
Decatur, AL 35601-4698
(256) 355-4628

Funeral

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ Due to sickness we are unable to attend the service for Janis. The years we shared will always be some of the best memories Joel and I have. From the block parties to just sitting outside watching the peaceful water here at Mallard Creek. We love you Janis and know you and Jim are catching up. Praying for all the family. Joel and Penny Reagin

Penny Reagin - April 18 at 11:17 AM



“ So sorry to learn of the passing of Janis. She was always a sweet lady to me over the years. Our deepest condolences and prayers for all her family during this difficult time. May Gods comfort be yours as we know she was a faithful believer now with the Lord.

Jim Cavender - April 17 at 11:28 PM

BC

“ Brian, Melinda, Brian and Chris purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Janis Sparkman.



Brian, Melinda, Brian and Chris - April 17 at 09:49 PM

RS

“ Randy, Melanie, Ryan, Laura, and Sarah. purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Janis Sparkman.



Randy, Melanie, Ryan, Laura, and Sarah. - April 17 at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Janis Sparkman.



April 17 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janis Sparkman.

April 17 at 10:27 AM

MC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Janis' passing. I remember her as a sweet person with an out going personality. She could make the best homemade chocolate ice-cream.*
Marilyn Cork

Marilyn Cork - April 16 at 08:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janis Sparkman.* ”



April 16 at 05:11 PM