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Jennie Parks Spry, 95, peacefully passed away on Thursday December 6, 2012 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital Long Term Care Unit in Centerville, Iowa. Jennie was born Sept. 6, 1917, in Russell, IA, Delno and Bessie (Hoerner) La Favre. She graduated Russel High School in Russel, IA. Jennie married James Parks and they had 3 children, Mary Jewett of Cottonwood, AZ., Betty Veenstra of Urbandale IA, and Bill (Carolyn) Parks of Ogunquit, ME. In 1962, James and Jennie moved to Centerville where they purchased Parks and Brunt Ford. James died in 1971. In 1974, Jennie married William Spry and moved to Des Moines where she lived until failing health required her to move to a care facility in Centerville under the loving, watchful care of her granddaughter, Dr. Kathy Lange. Jennie loved watching her children and grandchildren's sports and activities, bridge, traveling, golf, singing, sports, and volunteering in the community, where she was active in PEO. Jennie was avid reader of self-improvement articles, healthy recipes, and financial reports which she lovingly copied and passed on to her children and grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husbands, a brother, Glenn La Favre, a sister, Louise Thomas, several brothers and sisters-in-law, and her son-in-law, Ron Veenstra. She is survived by her children, step-children Don Spry of Centerville and Pat (James) Graham of Phoenix, AZ., 18 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 4 brother's-in-law, 2 sister's-in-law, 5 great-great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and cousins. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:30 AM, Saturday, December 15, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville with Father Bill Hubmann officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery in Centerville. A visitation will be held on Friday at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory from 12 noon- 8 PM, with the family present from 5-8 PM. A Rosary will be held on Friday at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory at 5:45 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the



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Jennie Spry Memorial Fund, Hospice of Central Iowa, or St. Joseph's Family Shelter and may be given to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com. A luncheon will follow the committal service at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville.

Mass of Christian Burial

December 15, 2012 11:30 AM

St.Mary's Catholic Church Centerville, IA (641) 437-1984



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 11:54 AM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mary and Betty, I am so sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. Jennie was a WONDERFUL person, and she was always so jolly and friendly. I never will forget going to the Christmas Eve Mass in Chariton, and then coming back to your home for a party, and how friendly and joyful Jennie [and your Dad, too, as a matter of fact] was to all of we kids. The evening was so rewarding and fun in the end. I always had to explain where I had been because I got home so late. Ha Ha Bless you both, and all of your family, but it's you two now that I know the best and so very well. God Bless YOU! Dean Swartzwelter in Naples Florida where we live now. I am now 78 years old. I cannot believe it!!! Ha Ha [How old was your Mother, please Thank you.] Posted by Dean Swartzwelter - Naples, FL 34113, FL December 16, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have fond memories of Christmas Eve mass with your family and the homemade ice cream made in your super-sized, hand-cranked ice cream freezver. Posted by Mary Coe - Hilton Head, SC December 14, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To all the family of Jennie Parks I am so sorry for your loss. She was. A great lady. She loved she family so much. It was an honor to know her. Posted by Gary&Linda Howell - DesMoines, IA December 14, 2012

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Anonymous posted:

Thinking and praying for you and your family and know that your faith, family and friends will be a comfort to you. It is comforting to know that Sweet Grandma has entered eternal peace. Posted by Carolyn Dykstra December 14, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My Aunt Jennie was an awesome person, she always had a good story to tell. I will cherish the memories as a child going to Russell, Iowa to visit in the summer and all of the family reunions we had there. Take care, Betty, Mary O. and Bill. Posted by Linda (La Favre) Fraim - Sherman, IL December 14, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear of your mother passed. Take care of each other Mary and Betty. God Bless you and your families. Posted by Kenneth & Sharon Henderson - Centerville, IA - friend December 11, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy for the Parks family, especially Mary O. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Posted by Wayne Paper - Traer, IA - Friend December 10, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you in your time of loss Betty. So sorry. Dawn Posted by Dawn Philbin - Waukee, IA - friend, daughter of Deloris W. December 09, 2012

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Anonymous posted:

I meant Jennie at The Continetal @ St.joseph's where she lived in an Apt there.I cleaned her apt and did activities of daily living with her.She was a very fun and loving woman.She always had Jelly belly beans for us.She was nice to everyone and she liked to watch baseball!!So sorry. Posted by Peggy Shippers - Trenton, MO - friend December 07, 2012

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