Despite the obstacles he faced, Sparkman believed in the importance of education and worked hard to ensure his students continued to learn. He often said, "The toughest part was when the chemotherapy treatments were the most difficult to endure. There were times when I wondered if I could keep going, but I knew I had to stay strong for my students." "I wanted my students to know that no matter what happens, they can always find a way to succeed," he added.

Sparkman's positive attitude and hard work paid off. He completed his degree and became a full-time teacher in Laurel County, Kentucky. "I'm so proud of all my students," he said. "They are amazing and I feel so lucky to have them in my life." Today, he continues to inspire his students with his dedication and resilience.

Even though he had to face cancer, Sparkman never gave up. He never gave in. His strength and determination are an inspiration to us all.