



## John R. "Sparky" Sparks Sr.

August 10, 1948 - May 18, 2025

John R. "Sparky" Sparks, Sr., 76, longtime resident of South Shore Road, Northville, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at Albany Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Albany on August 10, 1948, a son of Clifford and Evelyn Shaw Sparks and enjoyed growing up on the Sacandaga Reservoir. Sparky was a 1968 graduate of Broadalbin High School and a 1970 graduate of FMCC.

John was last employed at CFI Construction in Johnstown before retiring 17 years ago. He was a member of the Fish House Fish & Game Club. Sparky was an avid sportsman and enjoyed being outdoors, enjoying nature and wildlife. He was also a true "Johnny MacGyver", who could always fix anything. John was a master carpenter and built his own home. He was always working on a project or two. He loved helping others and was always lending a hand to someone. Sparky also loved his animals, including his beloved pets as well as the deer in his yard.

In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by three brothers, Stanley, Clifford, and Arthur Sparks, his partner-in-crime, Annabelle, and later Phoebe, who were his devoted canine companions.

Survivors include his loving wife, Cheryl Belanger Sparks, whom he married on August 24, 1974; a son, John Robert Sparks, Jr.; a brother-in-law, Robert "BJ" (Lori) Belanger; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Private services will be held for the family. A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Regional SPCA or to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, both in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

# Tribute Wall

SU

“ When we arrived in our lake home John was always ready for a nice chat as I walked our pup. Loved seeing him riding any of his work vehicles with his pup riding with him 😍 RIP 🙏 Rick & Sue

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**Susan** - June 04, 2025 at 07:29 AM

JB

“ Cheryl and Jr  
I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. Being a new neighbor I will miss him waving out the back door. He will be missed.

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**Janet Becker** - May 31, 2025 at 08:19 AM

AK

“ Cheryl and J.R.  
I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a devoted husband and father. I have several memories of our times together, but particularly the one when we went to Cape Cod. We had such a wonderful time together. Wish there could have been more. My thoughts and prayers are with you both.  
Love you all.

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**Amy Kondrat** - May 29, 2025 at 10:34 AM

SG

“ Cheryl & JR, Sorry to hear of John's passing. He sure is one in a million. I really enjoyed working with him At Bombard's. The memories that we had are priceless. Have to say at the top of the list was when he didnt realize my maiden name and I actually left him speechless. The other one was I helped him rig up and apparatice for the schaticoke bridge and we had a kid throw a m80 on our schaffolding. We were both kicking it off thank goodness it didn't go off. We climbed up out off there and took a long break that day. Then he as he always did in his joking matter was like you realize what could have happened. Keep the memories close at heart. I sure do miss him and he's at the top of supervisors I had.

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**Sara Gray** - May 27, 2025 at 08:13 AM

VF

“ Cheryl and JR, I am so very sorry for your loss. John was one in a million. I loved him. He was a wonderful husband, fantastic dad, and a great friend to all. I wanted him to have so much more time with all of you. I'm sorry that I live in NC now and I won't be able to attend, but you are all in my heart. Please take care of yourselves. Love, Valerie

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**Valerie Fiorillo** - May 22, 2025 at 03:32 PM