



Joseph W. Sowle Jr.

May 1, 1951 - January 2, 2026

Joseph W. Sowle, Jr., 74, of Broadalbin, passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, January 2, 2026.

Born in Amsterdam on May 1, 1951, he was a son of Joseph W., Sr. and Norma Ann Kruger Sowle. He was raised and educated in Galway and a graduate of Galway Central School.

Following graduation, Joseph entered the United States Navy, where he learned the skills to build a lifelong career as a licensed electrician.

Additionally, he sharpened his talents in general construction on homes.

Joseph was an electrical instructor with BOCES in New York City, training students in residential, commercial, and industrial wiring. Later, he moved back to the local area and continued teaching at BOCES at Fulton Montgomery Community College until his retirement.

During retirement, Joseph continued contracting for area homes and businesses until his health began to limit his activity.

Whether in the quiet of the outdoors with a rod or rifle in hand, Joseph also enjoyed the easy company of friends over a drink at the local watering hole.

Married on September 20, 2003, Joseph was predeceased by his wife and best friend, Nancy Sowle who passed away on April 30, 2014. In addition to his wife and parents, Joseph was predeceased by a daughter, Amy Lynn; his brother, Michael; and a sister, Valarie.

Survivors include two sisters, Bonnie Sue Kruger and Penny Ann Renner Sowle; a grandson; and several beloved nephews, nieces, cousins, and many

loving dear friends.

Cremation was performed at Park View Cemetery, Schenectady. A celebration of Joseph's life with military honors will be held and announced at a later date. Joseph will be laid to rest with his wife at Union Mills Cemetery, Broadalbin in the spring.