



## Stephen E. Sparks

November 7, 1954 - June 4, 2020

Stephen E. Sparks, 65, of Curtis Street, Gloversville passed away unexpectedly Thursday June 4, 2020 at Nathan Littauer Hospital.

He was born in Gloversville on November 7, 1954 a son of Eugene and Beverly Sweet Sparks and was a 1972 graduate of Gloversville High School. Steve was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Sparks worked at Lee Dye in Gloversville for ten years. In 1983, he began his career as a cook at the Tryon Residential Facility in Johnstown, retiring after more than twenty years of service. He was a former owner of Spring Street Deli.

Steve was a coach for the Gloversville Little League and was also a cub scout leader.

He was a member and served as a past master and secretary of the Kenyetto Masonic Lodge #599, a member of the St. Johnsville Masonic Lodge #611, and a member of the Amsterdam Masonic Lodge #84. Steve was a member of the Cyprus Shrine of Albany and the Adirondack Shriners Club, and a member of Valley of Schenectady Scottish Rite.

He was a former member of North Main Street Methodist Church, and First United Methodist Church, of Gloversville and St. Patrick's Lodge in Johnstown.

Steve enjoyed cooking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Robert; and a stepson, Ryan K. Topliff.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Johnson Sparks, whom he married on July 19, 2000; a son, Stephen M. Sparks of Gloversville; a daughter, Rebecca M. Sparks and her fiancée, Tyler Sones of Muncy, PA; a stepson, Jason T. Topliff of Gloversville; a brother, Henry (Adrienne) Sparks of Radcliff, KY; a sister, Patti L. Sparks of Goversville; a sister-in-law, Cathy Sparks of Johnstown; his beloved canine, Timothy; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A graveside service will be held at Ferndale Cemetery on Tuesday at 11 am with Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams officiating. A Masonic ritual will be conducted there. In accordance with the current social distancing guidelines, face coverings are required for those in attendance. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children or the Masonic Home in Utica, in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ferndale Cemetery  
Johnstown, NY

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ I will truly miss seeing him at lodge meetings, he always added a spark to our meetings. Wonderful man, so sorry to hear of his passing.

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**chris hanley** - June 25, 2020 at 07:45 PM

RF

“ I remember Steven as a smiling happy kid. I went to school with him and liked him very much. I think of him from time to time his smile and good nature. He made me proud to call him a friend from my youth. My condolences to his family and may they find comfort knowing he made a difference.

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**Richard H Fallis** - June 08, 2020 at 12:27 PM

DR

“ As children we always enjoyed our good time together on the farm of Grandma and Grandpa Sweet. Those times will always be remembered. RIP  
Darrell & Irene Rhodes

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**Darrell E Rhodes** - June 06, 2020 at 10:44 AM

SD

“ When Steve and I were kids, he hated the egg yolks but Aunt Jean always made us clean our plates, so I would give Steve my whites and take his yolks so we could clean our plates and go play. This morning, I left my egg whites for him. RIP, dear cousin!

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**Sharon Diefendorf** - June 06, 2020 at 08:21 AM

RG

“ Steve and I have been friends since the early 70s , We were neighbors, camping, hunting , fishing Buddies and Masonic Brothers , we even worked at the same place for over 20 years . Steve was always a stand up kinda guy , always ready to lend a hand or an ear . I will miss him a lot going forward . My sincere condolences to Susan , Mike , Becky and Timmy !

Richard Gugenberger - June 05, 2020 at 08:59 PM

LP

“ Our hearts are broken for all of us who loved Steve. Heartfelt condolences.  
Kevin and Lisa Pfeiffer



Lisa & Kevin Pfeiffer - June 05, 2020 at 07:21 PM

RC

“ Sue,Patti and family we are so sorry for your loss.We loved it when he ran the Spring Street Deli..his food was the best..We pray for God to comfort you at this difficult time....Rosie & Timmy Cross

Rosalind & Timothy Cross - June 05, 2020 at 04:47 PM