



Raymond F. Sparling Jr.

August 24, 1941 - September 13, 2014

Loudonville-Raymond F. Sparling Jr, 73, died at home Saturday, September 13, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Cambridge, NY he was the son of the late Raymond and Alice Gibbons Sparling. Mr. Sparling was a US Army veteran, serving in Germany from 1961 to 1964.

Mr. Sparling graduated from Schuylerville Central School in 1959, Albany Business College in 1961, and SUNY Empire State College in 1983.

He worked for the New York State Department of Social Services from 1965-1966, and then as a Corrections Officer for the New York State Corrections Department. In 1967 Raymond began work with the New York State Tax and Finance Department until his retirement in 1996. He was a former Bank Director for Evergreen Bank, and for ten years he held both an Insurance Brokers License and Real Estate License.

Raymond enjoyed wintering in Myrtle Beach with his second family of friends. He also enjoyed Wii Bowling, playing cards and games, and ice cream... passing it out to everyone around him! He formerly lived in Bolton Landing, NY for ten years where he enjoyed swimming and boating, and served as an usher and greeter at his church in Bolton Landing, Blessed Sacrament Church. Raymond was also a longtime communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany, where he also served as a greeter.

He was the beloved husband of Joanna Lattanzio Sparling; sister of Kathleen Sparling Turcotte (Joe) of Schuylerville; cousin of James Hack (Thelma) of Ft. Edward; survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 8:15 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited and may visit Wednesday, September 17, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home. Interment will follow the Mass at 12:00 pm Thursday in the Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY. To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember Raymond F. Sparling Jr in a special way may send a contribution to Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 or Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, New York 10163-4777.

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
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Service

SEP 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond F. Sparling Jr.*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 16, 2014 at 10:55 AM



“ *Raymond F. Sparling Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 31, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ *Rest in peace with the Master our dear friend.*

Roger & Cathy Carter

Bristol, Tenn.

Roger Carter - September 17, 2014 at 05:21 PM

KF

“ *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the battered-down in spirit. He hath swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord will wipe away tears from off all faces.*

Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life. The righteous shall inherit the earth, and dwell therein for ever, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace

Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 25:8; John 5:28,29; Psalm 37:11,29

Kambeitz family - September 17, 2014 at 12:47 PM

CL

“ *Uncle Ray,*

Three things that come to my mind whenever I hear your name: Jokes, Pizza and Ice Cream. You always had all three whenever we would have a family gathering at your house. I still remember the joke about the nuts from the mental hospital that you told me years ago, and it still brings laughs to everyone I tell it too. I will tell that joke again today in your honor. You were a strong man, and I am glad you don't have to fight anymore. You are free, and are most likely eating pizza and whooping someones butt at a game of Wii bowling. I know you kicked my butt at it! Rest easy Uncle Ray.

Chelsea and Emma

Chelsea Lattanzio - September 17, 2014 at 09:42 AM

LG

“ Uncle Ray,
You were faced with so many health challenges over the past several years but you never gave up and never ever lost your sense of humor. I don't think I have ever met someone with such determination and strength. Generosity is another word that comes to mind – you were always there to share a joke, share a meal, and play a game. You loved bringing family and friends together and always made sure no one was ever short of ice cream! Please know that you will be missed and that we will all take very good care of your loving “sweetie pie”. Love, Linda

Linda Gross - September 16, 2014 at 07:48 AM

ML

“ My fondest memory of Raymond was when we went to Bay Harbor NH with my Aunt Helen and Johanna. Every lunch got earlier and earlier as I tried to beat Raymond to order lunch. We were having lunch at 11 am laugh out loud. He was always lots of fun and full of jokes that always made us laugh.

On this same trip I ordered a mile high pie and everyone's jaw dropped when it arrived. He was always reminding me and teasing me about it whenever he saw me.

I will miss him. Marie Lamont

Marie Lamont - September 15, 2014 at 04:14 PM

NI

“ Dear Uncle Ray ,

I know how much you always enjoyed sharing a good joke. I used to try to remember one or two for you but from now on when I hear a really great one, I will share it with someone in your memory....let the laughs and the memories live together. We are all blessed to have had you in our lives and will miss you greatly. We wait patiently to see you again.

Love & Hugs, Nicole

Nicole - September 15, 2014 at 04:05 PM

CC

It was our pleasure to have Ray in our lives. He was such a strong person, happy person, truly nice person, a fighter, and an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

*Rest in peace
Chuck & Carole*

Chuck & Carole - September 16, 2014 at 09:19 PM