



## Jeannie Sparks

March 12, 1969 - September 14, 2023

Jeannie Sparks, 54, of Stover, Missouri, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023, at her daughter's home in Oskaloosa.

Jeannie Marie Sparks, daughter of Marion "Buck" and Donna (Burkhart) Van Helten, was born March 12, 1969, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Her mother later married Steve Bowen, and Jeannie also considered him her dad. She attended Oskaloosa Schools and was at Oskaloosa High School from 1984 to 1987. Jeannie worked various jobs throughout her life, including Certified Nursing Assistant, assembly at Vermeer Manufacturing, bartending, and assembling at Land's End Clothing in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. Her favorite job was being a stay-at-home mom. When Jeannie became a Nana, she gave up working and babysat her grandchildren while their parents worked. Teaching her children how to swim was a priority for Jeannie; the family has many fond memories of afternoons spent tubing on the Des Moines River.

Jeannie married Bradley Eric Sparks on August 19, 2005, in Oskaloosa. They lived in numerous locations, and in March 2023, Brad's job took them to Missouri. She enjoyed Diamond Art, Lifetime movies, and riding their Harley motorcycle with her husband, Brad. Jeannie also loved to travel and enjoyed seeing the sites in Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Mississippi, Idaho, and Nevada. Spending time with her children and grandchildren was the highlight of her life. She was a lifetime member of the Eagles and the V.F.W.

Her family includes her husband, Brad of Stover, Missouri; her children, Stephanie (Brandon) Spoelstra, Bradley Jordan, and Kayla (Jake Evans)

Jordan, all of Oskaloosa; seven grandchildren: Mia, Maxlynn, Maizlee, Addison, Benson, Zaylee and Joplin; and her sibling: Tony Almond of Oskaloosa, and Marlene Van Helten of Oskaloosa.

In addition to her parents, Jeannie was preceded in death by a brother, Wesley Van Helten, her aunt Katie, adopted uncle Danny Mitchell, and her mother-in-law, Judy Sparks.

As was her wish, Jeannie's body has been cremated. A celebration of life service will be held later. Memorial contributions can be made to her husband, Bradley Sparks. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with her arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sherry Vogt lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks* ”



sherry vogt - October 26, 2023 at 01:30 PM



*You will be missed Jeannie....I will miss our front porch talks and vfw auctions sitting together....*

sherry vogt - October 26, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Jeannie was one of my best friends for years and she will be missed forever* ”

Stephanie Schneider - October 22, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Jeannie Sparks* ”

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Christine Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeannie Sparks* ”



Christine bond - September 29, 2023 at 09:17 PM

CB

“ *Christine Bond lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks*



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**Christine bond** - September 29, 2023 at 09:15 PM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks*



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**Heather** - September 27, 2023 at 10:50 PM

LG

“ *Lesley Goldman lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks*



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**Lesley Goldman** - September 21, 2023 at 03:50 AM

LG

“ *Steffy, Bradley, Kayla and Brad. I'm so very sorry. She was a very strong Lady. Had so much life in her. God Bless You All. Lesley Goldman*

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**Lesley Goldman** - September 21, 2023 at 03:48 AM

Tracey Schuring

“ Tracey Schuring lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Tracey Schuring - September 18, 2023 at 10:18 AM

Tracey Schuring

*My heart goes out to the family, my prayers are with you. My memory is one of many, we were bareback riding these horses without permission from the owners and Jeannie got bucked off and the horse stomped her ankle. Jeannie ended up in Iowa City ,I was never so scared in my life. We had to carry her with her foot verily hanging on, we carried her atleast a half mile to the road. I will never forget how scared we were and didn't want to get in trouble! She was one strong chick. I will miss her much....*

Tracey Schuring - September 18, 2023 at 10:35 AM

VS

“ Verda Smith lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Verda smith - September 18, 2023 at 12:27 AM

TS

“ This is so heartbreaking. Sending hugs and prayers to her family. I remember when you came to live with our family years ago. You always were like one of my little sisters through the years.

Tammy Kirby Sparks - September 16, 2023 at 11:51 AM

RP

“ Robert Brennon And Angela Porter lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Robert Brennon and Angela Porter - September 16, 2023 at 02:27 AM

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Robert Brennon and Angela Porter - September 16, 2023 at 02:26 AM

SZ

“ Shelley Zickel lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Shelley Zickel - September 16, 2023 at 02:23 AM

TM

“ Oh Jeannie and I had too many good times to even start writing about them. I had to share this photo it was when she had her teeth pulled and my daughter was missing her front teeth also. We had a clock made out of this picture. Good Times back then. She was a good gal with a heart of gold she would do anything she could to help anybody when they needed something. Everyone will be in my thoughts and my prayers for comfort and strength. She will be dearly missed.

Tracey Mitchell - September 16, 2023 at 12:22 AM

TM

Sorry it wouldn't let me put my picture on there I don't know why. But they were both smiling with their four front teeth gone. We laughed about that picture for a long time

Tracey Mitchell - September 16, 2023 at 12:25 AM

KP

“ My sincere Condolences to family.



Kimberly Pipes - September 15, 2023 at 09:09 PM

TI

“ Trisha Ireland lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Trisha Ireland - September 15, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ I remember one night,I was having a bad night and jeannie reached out to me. We ended up going out and having a great time. She was a great friend.

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**Loree Davis-Holliday** - September 15, 2023 at 07:53 PM

BF

“ Brenda Fox lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



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**Brenda Fox** - September 15, 2023 at 04:55 PM

TB

“ Toni Breuklander lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



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**Toni Breuklander** - September 15, 2023 at 04:17 PM

SA

“ The entire family has my greatest sympathy. It's so hard to lose someone you love. I hope each day is easier than the one before and I hope that sweet memories help to ease the pain. Loving each other is the best way to honor her memory. I will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Shelly Anderson** - September 15, 2023 at 03:44 PM

CW

“ Brad so sorry to hear about Jeannie. You are in my thoughts.



Cindy Williams - September 15, 2023 at 03:27 PM

TB

“ So sorry about your loss, prayers to everyone who knew and loved her. We had only known her a short time, however she has always treated us like family.



Tasha&Jeff Beard - September 15, 2023 at 02:40 PM

DS

“ Deb Smith lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Deb Smith - September 15, 2023 at 01:39 PM

JA

“ So sorry to see this Brad and family. If there is anything at all I can do for you just let me know. Jerry

Jerry Anderson - September 15, 2023 at 01:04 PM

MS

“ Mike & Jane Sage lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Mike & Jane Sage - September 15, 2023 at 12:45 PM

TS

“ Todd & Cara Sage lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Todd & Cara Sage - September 15, 2023 at 12:44 PM

TS

“ Tom&Sharon Shipp lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Tom&Sharon Shipp - September 15, 2023 at 12:38 PM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Sparks



Becky Netten - September 15, 2023 at 12:18 PM

WA

*I'm going to miss you very much*

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**Wanda allgood** - September 15, 2023 at 09:00 PM

PR

*Bradly my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Loosing a spouse is the worst thing that can happen to you Love to your family Your Moms cousin Phyllis De Reus*

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**Phyllis De Reus** - September 15, 2023 at 09:37 PM