



## Dennis "DJ" John Sparks

November 21, 1977 - April 1, 2024

Dennis "DJ" John Sparks, age 46, was born in Bloomington, IN on November 21, 1977 to Virginia Arlene Marlett and Dennis Leroy Isom. He passed away at IU Health Bloomington Hospital on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 12:45 PM surrounded by his loving family.

DJ worked as a carpenter doing construction. He was the jack of all trades and master of none as he'd always say! DJ attended Fairview Elementary, Tri-North Middle School, and Bloomington High School North where he met his many life-long best friends. His very first best friend being his loving sister Melissa Dawn Sparks; where there was one, there was always the other. Melissa was the mother hen, while DJ was the wild rambunctious one, and always kept you on your toes.

As he got older, he met his life-long love and best friend in 1994; they were married in 1995. DJ became a father to his first daughter Kurestian Sparks on August 16, 1998, then he fathered his second daughter Makayla Sparks on October 20, 1999. He became a stepfather to Nathan Bridgewater in 1995. Nathan was born on May 9, 1991. God then blessed DJ with grandsons Dakota and Oliver Sparks, as they were the light of his life. You would always find them outdoors fishing, mushroom hunting, and always out adventuring. They were always playing, rough housing, playing in the floor and watching tv, wrestling around, just doing boy stuff, or simply napping in papaws arms. DJ

was an avid outdoorsman, and he had a life-long love of fishing. He spent his time working hard to provide for his family, and spending time with his loving children and grandchildren.

DJ was always joking around and making people laugh. He would light up a room with his big ol smile and twinkling eyes. DJ had two older brothers Kevin and Christopher Sparks that would always use him as a “chick magnet” when they were teenager and him just a small boy. DJ looked up to his older brothers, and always wanted to be doing whatever they were doing.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nikki Sparks; two daughters, Kurestian and Makayla Sparks; stepson, Nathan Bridgewater; and his two grandsons, Dakota and Oliver Sparks all of Bloomington, IN. His father and mother-in-law, Roger and Jackie Hampton; brother-in-law, Brent Hampton; father and stepmother, Dennis and Janet Isom; sister, Melissa Sparks Kindred; brother, Kevin Sparks all of Bloomington, IN; brother Christopher Sparks of Columbus, IN; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother Virginia Arlene Marlett, maternal grandparents, and many other loved ones.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm Friday April 12, 2024 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington with Dennis Isom officiating.. Visitation will be held from 11:00am to time-of-service Friday April 12, 2024 also at the funeral home. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **12**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Memorial Service

APR **12**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sweet baby brother it's almost been 3 very long months since you left this world and each day I am reminded that you are gone and each day it hurts more and more! If I have had more time I would have spent it with you each day ! So today I read ur obituary and look and pictures wishing you was here ! I know you are in a better place and with mom but it get hard to just think about you not being here and watching your grand children grow up and see how your girls have changed and how much they all miss you ! Fly high my sweet beautiful angel till we meet up in heaven give mom some love for me and kiss tell her I miss her so much as well!* ”



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**Melissa kindred** - June 12, 2024 at 05:38 PM

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“ *I can't believe you're really gone always humble to be around, D,J was always cool and laid back and just good person all around he will be missed may he R.I.P gone but not forgotten* ”

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**Daniel Bolton** - April 07, 2024 at 07:05 PM