



Paulette Marie Sparling

September 16, 1949 - December 12, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Paulette Marie Sparling

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Paulette Marie Sparling, age 76, of Carbondale, passed away on Friday, December 12, 2025 at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond Heights, Missouri.

She was born on September 16, 1949 to John and Josephine (Adamski) Sittler in Chicago, Illinois. Paulette was married to Donald Sparling and after 50 years of Marriage, he passed away in 2021.

Paulette was an active member of the congregation of St. Andrew Catholic Church where she also worked as an accountant and in many other roles. She and her husband founded the family Outreach Center in Murphysboro where they were able to offer various forms of assistance to those in the community. Paulette continued the Outreach after Don's passing. She also spent her weekends volunteering with SPIN. Paulette loved to travel including

family vacations and had just enjoyed an Alaskan Cruise. She treasured her time with family and friends. She often had a joke or smile to share with someone but she spoke her mind as well. This world was a better place for having her in it and she will surely be missed by her loved ones and those others whose lives she touched through her work, life and Outreach.

Survivors include her children, Jessica (Paul) Casagrande and Justin Sparling; grandchild, Bentley Sparling; sister, Shirley (George) Santos; and nieces and nephews, Mark, Craig, and Matt Hanlon, and Suzie Adamski.

Along with her parents and her husband, she is preceded in death by her brother, Bill (Marilyn) Adamski.

Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM with celebrant Father Joel Siepp at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro. Visitation will be held prior to the mass from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the church.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Nilus, Illinois.

The cremation of Paulette Marie Sparling will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Adalbert Cemetery

Niles, IL 60714

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
724 Mulberry St.
Murphysboro, IL

Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (cst)

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724 Mulberry St.
Murphysboro, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Paulette was not only one of the most wonderful friends to my mother Dianne, but she was an honorary aunt to me from the time I was a young child. I am so blessed to have been loved and cared for by her, and I will always remember her as the most loving, joyous, friendly, funny, kind woman.*

Zee Jimmink - December 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM

DF

“ *Dr Bostian and The Tidewater Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Paulette Marie Sparling.*



Dr Bostian and The Tidewater Family - December 16, 2025 at 10:44 PM

RM

“ *I met Ms. Paulette at SPIN and will never forget Paulette's passion for sticking up for the underdog or less fortunate I should say. What a wonderful person! I spoke to her for 2.5 hours mid November on the phone and I told her how she was an aunt figure to my life and that I loved her. I will never ever forget the way she said absolutely she had her way...I was in shock after seeing the post of her passing and am going to miss her so much. I know when is with her hubby and that dog she got in Hawaii (I think lol it was Hawaiian)...*

Rebecca Mifflin - December 16, 2025 at 09:02 PM

DJ

“ Paulette was, IMO, one of the most magnificent of Gods creations. She took all of her gifts, honed them to perfection and shared them with the world. I can only imagine the mischief that she and Dianne Jimmink with co-create in their new environmnet.

Dennis Jimmink - December 16, 2025 at 01:17 PM

DL

“ Doug and Leslie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paulette Marie Sparling.



Doug and Leslie - December 16, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DW

“ Polly was always good for a hearty laugh. Great memories. Healing prayers for Polly's entire family and community of friends.

Debbie Wetter - December 15, 2025 at 01:56 PM

AW

“ My sincerest condolences to Paulette's family. Between the community and our Parrish, she will be a missed asset. I would wait on her and Ruth Cook when they would eat at Cummare's. You could always tell they were having the time of their lives with each other and were great friends. Watching them made me want that for myself when I reach retirement. The sheer enjoyment and laughing they had was unmistakable. I also had Dr. Sparling as a professor in college. Whenever I saw the two of them together, you could sense the love for one another. May their souls be united and all her family find peace.

Alix Weber

Alix Weber - December 15, 2025 at 12:13 PM

LR

“ Mark and I send our heartfelt condolences to Paulette's family. We will remember her as a lady of deep faith and commitment to her Church and community. Rest in peace, dear lady.

Mark and Linda Rhodes

Linda and Mark Rhodes - December 15, 2025 at 08:39 AM