



## Jeffrey Richard Reynolds "Sparks"

January 9, 2019

Jeffrey Reynolds, known to many as "Sparks," passed away on January 9, 2019, at the age of 68 years.

Born in Ohio in 1950 to William Frederick Reynolds III and Elizabeth Holzer Reynolds. Jeff moved with his family to Denver shortly after. A child of the 1950s, Jeff spent his time playing with his brother, Fritz, and friends in the alley, exploring his neighborhood, and playing football on Monaco Parkway. His love of all things electrical and mechanical developed at an early age: he always wanted to know how things worked.

Jeff graduated from Denver's George Washington High School, and Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Jeff began his career as a Master Electrician in 1972 at Michaud Electric (H&H), and was involved in the electrical work of Fort Collins through the mid-1990s. At that time, he made a career change to work at Soldier Canyon Filter Plant, and retired in 2009.

Jeff met his wife, Kathie, at CSU in 1970. They wed shortly after graduation from college and were married for nearly 47 years. Jeff was the best husband anyone could hope for. They had a genuine loving relationship and built a wonderful life together. Jeff was a kind and loving father to their two children, Andy and Kelly. He spent a lot of time playing and sharing his love of music and nature with them. He supported everything they did and always

expressed his love for them. Jeff was also a proud and loving grandpa to Zoey and Jackson. He had a very special bond with them.

Jeff was a good brother to in-laws, Shirley, Tom, Janice, Karen, and Jim – they loved him dearly. He was the fun uncle to his many nephews and nieces. He was a mentor and secondary father. Jeff reconnected with the Ohio branch of the Holzer family in 1997 while on a family vacation. He loved meeting with family members he hadn't seen for over 30 years. Jeff was so excited to connect recently with his half-siblings, Jim, Melissa, and Robin, after many years of not knowing where they were. In 2015, they traveled with their families to Fort Collins so everyone could meet. Jeff was overjoyed and often reminisced about their visit.

Jeff was a friendly, generous man with a big heart who loved to make people laugh. He was always excited to meet people and was willing to lend a helping hand to friends and strangers alike. Jeff also loved sharing his vast collection of music, especially blues and vintage tunes of all genres. Many may remember listening to Jeff's blues program in his living room. Any life touched by Jeff was a life improved. With his passing our community was greatly diminished.

Jeff was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1986, but until about nine years ago, one would never know it. He never let the disease hold him back from doing the things he loved to do, or giving 100 percent to his family or profession. Jeff actively supported the Multiple Sclerosis Society for over 20 years and participated in the local MS Walk. He was also a regular blood donor to the blood bank at PVH for many years – he was on first-name basis with the blood bank staff.

He is survived by his loving wife, Katherine, and his children, Andrew, and Kelly (Justin Cronkhite); and grandchildren, Zoey and Jackson; brother,

William Reynolds, half-brother, Jim (Sue) Reynolds, and half-sisters, Melissa (Gil) Smith and Robin (Claus) Holm; his brother-in-law, Thomas (Janice) Cagle, sister-in-law, Karen Cagle (James Smith); and numerous family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National MS Society or a charity of your choice.

Please join us in celebrating the life of

Jeffrey Richard "Sparks" Reynolds  
July 17, 1950 – January 9, 2019

Beloved husband to Kathie, father to  
Andy and Kelly,  
Grandfather to Zoey and Jackson

A reception in Jeff's honor will be held at the  
Lincoln Center, Columbine Room  
417 West Magnolia Street  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

April 13, 2019 from 3 – 5 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.  
Jeff loved to be comfortable so attire will be casual.

The reception is open to all family and friends  
RSVP: Call or text Andy 970-412-0440

Kelly 970-222-0032 or Kathie 970-310-3142

With number of persons attending

Hope to see you all there!

# Previous Events

## Reception

APR **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Lincoln Center  
417 West Magnolia Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Richard Reynolds "Sparks"

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



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“ When my sister married Jeff, I was lucky to gain a second older brother. Jeff was always there for me, whether I needed someone for advice and counseling, or if I needed help cutting down a tree. When I entered college after a gap of a few years, he tutored me through my weaker areas, math and science, giving me confidence and ensuring my road to academic success. I don't think I could have done it without Jeff's help. He also helped countless members of my family in their time of need; he was ALWAYS there. Everyone loved him so much. He was so much part of our family.

He was always fun too, and incredibly knowledgeable about so many things. He looked out for the underdog, even when it got him into hot water at times. He showed respect to every military veteran he met and thanked them for their service, and he sincerely meant it. Whenever we traveled with him, he tried to connect with everyone he met.

We both had a lot in common with music, like the Doors, Cream, and the Moody Blues, but Jeff introduced me to much more of the music I still appreciate today: Dylan, the blues masters who influenced most of the great rock musicians, and classic Americana music, I could go on and on. Thanks Jeff.

He helped my husband when he was diagnosed with MS, since Jeff had already been living successfully with it for 25 years. Jeff never let the MS hold him back—he lived his life fully. No one would have ever known Jeff had this debilitating disease.

He showed his love to my sister daily and treated her with great respect. He was a kind and loving father to my nephew and niece, as well as being a wonderful uncle to my son. He was lucky enough to enjoy his grandchildren before he left us; we can see many of Jeff's manners and characteristics in his little grandson.

Jeff, I will miss you as long as I live. You'll always be with us in our hearts.

**Karen Cagle** - February 03, 2019 at 04:59 PM

PJ

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Jeff's passing. We have so many great memories of him and what a great man he was. Our deepest sympathies to all of you, Jon and Pat*

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**Pat Juchartz** - January 20, 2019 at 12:10 PM

LS

*Kathie just saw this about Jeff! My heart breaks for you all! We all just loved Jeff and remember so many fun times we had with you guys! He was such a great guy! If you can email us at [linda@sandbergweb.com](mailto:linda@sandbergweb.com) when you know the memorial time. We would like to come. Hugs and blessings to you all!*

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**Linda Sandberg** - February 01, 2019 at 10:35 PM

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“ *I met Sparks in 1971 when I rented the basement apartment at 618 S. Loomis. Jeff had the upstairs. It was filled with these wonderful electronic devices that buzzed, sparked, and were fascinating to watch. I was an observer at his wedding to Kathy, and ran into him over the years. He was a good man and I will always cherish his memory. RIP Sparky.*

*Mike Gard*

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**Michael Gard** - January 20, 2019 at 11:39 AM