



Louis John Sparks

August 15, 1950 - January 3, 2023

The family of Louis John Sparks of St Margaret's Bay, NS is saddened to announce his passing on January 3, 2023, at the age of 72 years.

Louis (Lou) came from a loving family having grown up in Saint John, NB. He had a contagious zest for life and a from a young age a deep passion for music. He was a talented drummer and moved to the UK at the age of 19, where he became a founding member of the band, The Hollywood Brats. It was also here that he met the love of his life, Linda.

Lou and Linda married and settled back in the Maritimes, eventually to the St Margaret's Bay area, which they called home for the past forty years. Lou began a long and successful career in the auto industry and soon welcomed their first child, Jesse (aka Dash Rip-Rock) and a few years later, brother Kyle (aka Dash Rip-Rock the 2nd). Lou was a dedicated, loving and hands-on father. He passed on many life skills and a deep passion for music to his sons, who also carry on Lou's appreciation for hard work, loyalty and family. Lou's personality was warm and inviting and could instantly make anyone feel welcome. He was a legendary storyteller, and on rare occasions, shared tales

of his adventures of the 1970's London rock scene that were almost too good to believe. He was down to earth, viciously funny and liked his G & T just so - tall glass, two ice cubes.

Being a grandfather came naturally to Lou. Like with his sons, Lou always demonstrated an incredible ability to teach and be patient. His grandkids loved to tell Lou about their interests, enjoyed grampy hugs and would show off their new beats on grampy's drums any chance they could get. His time spent with them was impactful and will be cherished by them and their families.

Through the years, Lou had many health struggles, but persevered time and time again often against the odds. He was grateful for the support and care he received, particularly at the QEII Heart Clinic and from his family doctor, Dr. Holly Zwicker. In recent years, the support from Closing the Gap homecare enabled him to enjoy a life at home and Lou thought of many of the staff as friends.

The most cherished jewel of Lou's life was his soulmate and wife Linda, who provided him with the unwavering support that could only come from the truest love. Whether it was moving across the Atlantic Ocean, or enjoying a cup of tea together, they were partners for all of it. Their love and commitment to one another continues to be inspirational to all who are close to them.

Lou is survived by his wife, Linda; their children Jesse (Erin) Sparks and Kyle (Suzanne) Sparks; grandchildren, Kieran, Theo, Wiley, Sunny and Ari; his sisters Linda (Lloyd) Garnhum and Karen Anne (David) Alchorn and brother Gary (Patricia) Sparks. He is predeceased by his parents John and Joan Sparks.

The family has plans to gather privately and will hold a celebration of Lou's life at a later date.

In Lou's memory, donations can be made to the Nova Scotia Food Bank, or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make." - the Beatles

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Oh dear Linda, I am so sorry to hear of Lou's passing. Every time I think of you two, I always remember the first day I was scheduled to see Lou. I picked up the flyers at the end of your driveway and put them in my car. And in my car is where they stayed. The next time I came by you both teased me and called me the flyer girl. I will never forget that memory. And I will also never forget all the silly jokes and that contagious laugh of Lou's. Sending all the love and strength to you Linda and your boys.

Melissa AKA the Flyer Girl

Melissa - January 11, 2023 at 04:24 PM

MM

Linda. So sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in your children and grandchildren. Monica McQueen

monica mcqueen - February 12, 2023 at 07:53 AM

DC

“ *Some souls will leave a trail of light that is never forgotten.....*

Our world is now devoid of the warmth and unrivalled wit that was Lou Sparks. A special person that touched many souls during his time here.

Lou and I were friends for close on 50 years, we were the rhythm section in a somewhat unique yet obscure band in the early 70s. He was a great drummer, we worked well together from the first time.

Apart from his musical talents, he had many others; artist, cook, mr fixit, etc., a fantastic father, grandfather, husband and a great friend.

Rest in peace mate, thanks for everything. Sincere condolences to Linda and all the family. Derek Carter

Derek Carter - January 10, 2023 at 04:35 PM

LD

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences go out to you and your family Linda. Thinking of you, Lisa

Lisa Durling - January 10, 2023 at 02:20 PM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of Lou's passing. Thinking of you and the boys at this difficult time.

Janet Fryday Dorey - January 10, 2023 at 07:32 AM

MT

“ Linda & family... as Louis cousin I remember that found laugh & him playing drum sticks on anything that was around including the old staircase at his homestead. His kindness & smile will always be remembered. May treasured memories help ease some of the pain you are feeling from your loss. Marg & Peter

Marg (Fennell) Taylor - January 09, 2023 at 06:39 PM

DP

Karen, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family

Debbie Parent - January 10, 2023 at 03:38 PM

BF

“ LINDA AND FAMILY
Sincere condolences on the passing of Lou. The world has lost a great individual, a great friend, and a great drummer.
He has joined other great drummers in the beyond. R.I.P. Lou.
Bill and Fay Ferguson

bill ferguson - January 09, 2023 at 10:21 AM

SR

“ I was so sorry to hear the sad news about Lou. I didn't know him, only through Linda, but it was obvious they were a special couple. I'm thinking of you, Linda, and all your family, at this sad time.

Susan

Susan Rickett - January 09, 2023 at 09:21 AM

MZ

“ Deepest Condolences to Jesse, Erin and Family at your great loss.
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Mary Zinck - January 09, 2023 at 08:44 AM

AM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Lou's passing. I only met him a few times, but knowing him through Linda and how happy he made her, was enough to know that he was a kind husband, father and grandfather. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you Linda, Jesse and Kyle and the entire Sparks family in this time of sadness. Hang on to the memories...they will get you through these difficult times!

Anna and Scottie

Anna MacDougall - January 09, 2023 at 07:09 AM

FW

“ I remember those summers many years ago sitting in the kitchen of Jack and Joan's house. Lou would have us all laughing with his humor. My condolences to all of his family. He will be missed.

Fred White - January 08, 2023 at 09:06 PM

CV

“ *Louie as I called him kept me in stitches all through out High School We sat everyday beside each other which made my days joyful and memorable. Hugs & Prayers to all his Family. RIP Dear Friend.*

Connie (Stevens) Vanwart - January 08, 2023 at 08:52 PM

AN

“ *Louis could light up a room. If he was in it you knew he was there. So sorry for your Loss Linda & family. Cousin Anne (Fennell) Chaiko*

Anne - January 08, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Rest in peace my beloved brother you will be missed dearly Love your baby sister Karen Anne and David and family xoxo*

Karen David Alchorn - January 08, 2023 at 06:28 PM