

Ruth Catherine Partington was born on December 25, 1936, in Fargo, North Dakota, the daughter of James and LaVerne (Madigan) Folstrom. She grew up in West Fargo and graduated from West Fargo High School. She furthered her education at NDAC (North Dakota Agricultural College, the current NDSU) receiving her Bachelors Degree in Home Economics.

Ruth was united in marriage to Joseph Partington on May 31, 1958 in West Fargo at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Ruth and Joe met when Ruth's brother brought Joe home from St. Thomas College during vacation. They had a 2 ½ year long distance relationship, before marrying 5 days after Ruth graduated from college. They lived in Mound, MN for a short time while Joe finished up his masters in music, then moved to Villard where they both got jobs teaching. After their first child Jane was born, Ruth decided to stay at home to raise their family.

The couple moved to Forest Lake in 1961, then in 1966 they moved to Alexandria. Ruth had her hands full with 5 children in 7 years, and no car since Joe was on the road selling insurance. Ruth said raising her five children was the highlight of her life. They moved to Lake Latoka in 1968, living there for the next 49 years. Ruth loved following the kids activities and was always there supporting them and cheering them on. This continued with her nine grandchildren, with whom she was very close. Family always came first and Ruth was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother and great grandmother.

Ruth was a talented seamstress, starting her own business out of her home in 1984, the Latoka Bridal Shoppe. She made custom wedding veils, garters and First Communion Veils -for many of the local brides and first communicants over the next 20 years.

Ruth had a close circle of friends, who have remained true to each other over the last 50 years, supporting each other through good times and bad.

She was very involved in her church starting the Pre-School Sunday School Program at St. Mary's Catholic Church and was also active with CCD, the funeral guild and Neighborhood Church.

Ruth had many interests that she was passionate about. She was involved with the Runestone Museum, doing extensive research on the Kensington Runestone and Jacob Fahlstrom, her great, great grandfather who was the first Swedish settler in Minnesota. Ruth was also involved with the League of Woman Voters.

Ruth died on Monday, May 25, 2020 at Diamond Willow with her family at her side. She is survived by husband, Joseph; four children: Jane Michaels (David), Matt Partington (Patty), Kate Voller Reinking (Phil), Tom Partington (Jill); nine grandchildren: Allyson Radach (Micah), Erin Seidel (Shane), Daniel Partington, Kelly Partington, Vanessa Voller, Benjamin Voller, Nicholas Partington, Taylor Partington, Jacob Partington; five great grandchildren: Lylah Radach, Rhea Radach, Rexlynn Seidel, Taytum Seidel, Zayda Seidel; two sisters: Doris O'Keefe (Jerry), Jeanne Anderson; sister-in-law, Jeanne Cosgriff Folstrom.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary; brother, Roger; her parents.

Remembering the Life of



Ruth Partington

1936 ~ 2020

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

In Loving Memory of

Ruth Catherine Partington

December 25, 1936 ✠ May 25, 2020

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, June 6, 2020, 11:00 AM

Officiants

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

Kathy Fischer

Honorary Pallbearers

Ruth's Grandchildren

Allyson Radach	Daniel Partington
Erin Seidel	Kelly Partington
Vanessa Voller	Benjamin Voller
Nicholas Partington	Taylor Partington
Jacob Partington	

Inurnment

St. Mary's Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

