

Linda "Rusty" Parkin was born on September 3, 1937, to her parents Arnie and Pearl Olson in Hendricks, MN. She graduated from high school in 1955 in Marshall MN and worked in manufacturing in St. Cloud. During this time, she married Bruce Campbell in 1966 and soon after their son Erik was born.

Rusty started her daycare business "Rusty's Rug Rat Ranch in Alexandria and some of the children she cared for grew up and started bringing their own children to her. Rusty married Robert Parkin on January 28, 1985, and moved to Lake Latoka where they still live. Rusty's last summer of daycare was in 1999, officially retiring after 27 years.

Rusty enjoyed fishing and frequently went with her sisters June and Sharon, traveling as far as Alma, WI, to fish the Mississippi River. After Bob and Rusty retired, they became snowbirds and enjoyed 12 years of the warm winters in Casa Grande, AZ.

Linda "Rusty" Parkin, age 85 of Alexandria, died on Friday, May 19, 2023, at Alomere Health in Alexandria.

She was preceded in death by her parents Arnie and Pearl Olson, sister Bonnie Sue and brothers Lincoln and Arnie Jr.

Remaining are Robert Parkin - husband, Erik & Claudette Campbell – son and daughter in law, Jeff and Shelley Parkin – stepson & daughter in law, sister Sharon Miller, sister & brother-in-law June & Ed Wolf, brother Scott & Ginnie Olson, and sister-in-law Sheila Olson. 4 grandchildren Michael Campbell, Danielle Parkin, Stacia Parkin and Cody Parkin and 8 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory



Linda "Rusty" Parkin
1937-2023

Fisherman's Prayer

*God grant that I may
Live to fish,
Until my dying day,
And when it comes
To my last cast,
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord's
Safe landing net,
I'm peacefully asleep,
That in his mercy I be judged,
As big enough to keep.*

In Memory of **Linda "Rusty" Parkin**

September 3, 1937



May 19, 2023

Memorial Service
First Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Thursday, May 25, 2023
11:00 AM

Officiant
Reverend P.J. Malin

Organist
Randy Morken

Urn Bearer
Erik Campbell

Interment
Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota