



Linda Lee Sparr

February 1, 1948 - June 22, 2020

NORFOLK - Celebration of life service for Linda L. Sparr, 72, of Norfolk, will be held at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, June 28, 2020 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Pastor Eric Biehl officiating. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service. Private family burial will be held at a later date. The service will be live streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. She passed away peacefully at her home in Norfolk on Monday, June 22, 2020. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the family for a later designation.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Linda was born on February 1, 1948 in Kentfield, California and was the only child of Robert "Pineapple Bob" Powell, who married Peggy (Megremis) Powell when Linda was just a toddler. Linda was their only child and spent her younger years in San Francisco. Bob's naval career took them all over the United States, but the family eventually landed in Honolulu, Hawaii where they settled in, put down roots and fell in love with the Sunshine State. After graduating from Radford High School in Honolulu, Linda came to Northeast Nebraska with a girlfriend, for what was supposed to be a six-month visit. Fate had something else in store and Linda met and married Larry Sparr in 1967. Larry and Linda had one daughter, Candace Leigh, in 1969. While the marriage ended after 39 years, Linda continued to consider Nebraska her home although she always had a longing for both San Francisco and Hawaii, and visited often. Linda, a stay at home mom for most of Candace's growing

up years, did manage to get herself elected to the Meadow Grove Village Board in the early 80s, she was reportedly the first woman in Northeast Nebraska to be elected to a similar position. In 1985 Linda rejoined the work force and went to work at the Norfolk Regional Center, doing reality-based groups with the patients of the mental health facility. Linda truly loved her work with the patients and never lost her “heart” for those suffering from mental illness.

In 2007 Linda transferred to the Norfolk Veterans Home and spent the remainder of her State of Nebraska career as the Administrative Assistant there. In 2009 Linda met John Heckroot. Not only was John “the love of her life” he became family to Linda’s daughter, and Linda’s many family and friends. Isabella Zoe Heckroot aka Izzie came into their life in 2013 and immediately became “spoiled rotten empty nest doggie”. Linda served many years on the Board of the American Red Cross, as well as chaired the PATCH Health Fair. While living in Meadow Grove she also was a part of many Spring Fling events, community activities and assisted with instigating Bath Tub Races on Meadow Grove’s main street. Linda loved her family and friends. Linda cherished her many groups of girlfriends she was a part of.

Linda is survived by her daughter Candace Olson and her husband Dean, granddaughter Dr. Sydney Olson-Greiss and her husband Gary Griess, grandson Maxwell Olson, grandson Paxton Olson, partner John Heckroot, John’s children Shannon Mills and her husband Kenny, Wesley Heckroot and his wife Heather, her dog Izzie, brother in law and wife, Steve and Patti Sparr, sister in law Judy Galyen, their children and all her beloved nieces and nephews, her Greek family in California, a newly found half-brother Mack Voyles, and her former husband Larry Sparr.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bob and Peggy, brother in law Roger Galyen and brother in law and wife Lyle and Beverly Sparr.

A note from Linda . . .

First off – Aloha all! And then -If I were to have written my life story I had the title all picked out . . . I TOLD YOU I WASN’T EXAGGERATING!

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Celebration of Life Gathering

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Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Lee Sparr*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Ann& Roy Martinsen lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr*



Ann& Roy Martinsen - June 28, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *To Candace, John and the Sparr family - We were so sorry to read of Linda's passing. Betty and I both worked with her at the Norfolk Regional Center. I worked several health fairs and job fairs with her. I believe Linda worked at the Regional Center in the late 60's before she left to be a stay at home mother. Shortly after I started in Human Resources in the late 60's, she called and told me she needed a replacement W-2 Form because her dog had eaten it. When she returned to work at NRC a number of years later, I told her I remembered her and the episode with the W-2. I think she had forgotten about it, but I told her I remembered as I don't think I ever got another such request for a duplicate W-2. After we retired, we enjoyed our visits with her at Music in the Park at Skyview. Betty was blessed to be able to have lunch with her several times following her retirement. We will miss Linda and her bubbly personality.*

Don & Betty Dammast - June 26, 2020 at 03:50 PM

CC

“ Carol And Jay Curran lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr



carol and jay curran - June 25, 2020 at 11:53 AM

LT

“ I met Linda when I worked in community action and we served together on a Norfolk task force. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Linda, one of the loveliest and fun-loving women I've had the good fortune to meet. She used to speak Pigeon-English for us -- much to our delight. LaRayne Topp

LaRayne Topp - June 24, 2020 at 06:54 PM

DM

“ I'll never forget the 18mo old blonde, curly-haired little girl that came to live in our Greek household. We were 5 girls with parents that immigrated from Greece in the early 20th Century. We all adored Linda. She would sleep in Yaya and Papooli's bed with them and learned to speak Greek before her cousins were born. They are all gone now; only I am left. Now Linda is gone too. But I will not forget the wonderful times we had together. The good times, troubled times, the in-between times in San Francisco, Meadow Grove, Hawaii, Russian River and Norfolk. I miss you little girl. AuntiMaMa

Diana Merlo - June 24, 2020 at 04:30 PM

DS

“ *Don And Regina Seamann lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr*



Don and Regina Seamann - June 24, 2020 at 01:06 AM

AM

“ *Anita Mills lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr*



Anita Mills - June 23, 2020 at 10:57 PM

KO

“ *Kara Osborn lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr*



Kara Osborn - June 23, 2020 at 10:42 PM

JB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jan Brandstetter - June 23, 2020 at 09:45 PM

TS

“ *A wonderful woman who will be missed* ”



Terry Sparr - June 23, 2020 at 09:17 PM

BS

“ *Brian J. Schlote lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr* ”



Brian J. Schlote - June 23, 2020 at 08:49 PM

JL

“ *Jenny Last lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr* ”



Jenny Last - June 23, 2020 at 02:38 PM

DB

“ *Deb Becker lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sparr* ”



Deb Becker - June 22, 2020 at 08:23 PM