



## Linda Marie Parson

September 2, 1952 - March 27, 2024

Linda Marie Parson, age 71, Moravia, IA, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at MercyOne in Centerville, IA, under the care of EveryStep Hospice.

Linda was born on September 2, 1952, in Fremont, NE, to Ralph and Katherine (Lemke) Widhelm. She grew up attending school and graduated from North Bend High School.

On September 1, 1973, she was united in marriage to Steve Parson and to this union, 3 children were born, Aubrey, Natalie, and Nolan. Linda and Steve later divorced. On April 21, 2001, Linda married Carl McElroy. Linda and Carl shared 19 years of marriage prior to his passing on July 12, 2020.

Linda was a lifelong Catholic who was very strong in her faith. She enjoyed being outdoors, vegetable and flower gardening. Her passion was bicycling with her husband, Carl. She was very talented with arts and crafts. She loved to paint, especially Easter eggs and bunnies, as well as embroidering. Linda and Carl enjoyed traveling and his career with the NOAA provided opportunities for them to live in locations including Camp Springs, Maryland, Brownsville, Texas, Barrigada, Guam, and Miami, Florida. Above all else, family was everything to Linda and she cherished all of the time she spent her children, brothers, sisters, and especially her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by 3 children, Aubrey (Mike) Robinson, Natalie (Travis) Hunter, and Nolan (Karen Meredor) Parson; her grandchildren Peyton, Kaylen, Clayton, and Jayden Robinson, Brooks Hunter, and Emily and Avery Parson; and 6 siblings, Doris (Mike) O'Malley, Gary (Robin) Widhelm, Jane (Don) O'Neill, Nancy (Denny) Petersen, Greg Widhelm, and Genni (Steve) Cerny. Linda is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Linda is preceded in death by her husband, Carl McElroy and her parents, Ralph and Katherine Widhelm.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Linda's family present to greet family and friends. A Rosary will be held at 4:00 p.m. led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. and Father Timothy Armbruster, C.P.P.S. co-officiating. Burial will follow services at Hillcrest Cemetery in Moravia, IA.

Memorials have been established to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia or Centerville and to EveryStep Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest

Moravia, IA 52571

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Rosary

APR 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## **Christian Wake Service**

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APR 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
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<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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APR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ Linda was one of the sweetest classmates. I only got to see her at our class reunions. I remember her riding her bike behind our haystack at one Old Settlers reunion and she wiped out. Rest in peace friend. I'm sure you are riding high in the sky!! You will truly be missed. 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Bev Ratkovec - August 20, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



April 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM

BB

“ Bri, Brayden and Brody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Marie Parson.

Bri, Brayden and Brody - April 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM

MA

“ Megan Aerisolphal purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



Megan Aerisolphal - April 01, 2024 at 07:10 AM

LG

“ Love you kids!! Barb and Oris Glass purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



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**Love you kids!! Barb and Oris Glass** - March 29, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



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March 29, 2024 at 03:06 PM

LM

“ Lestel and Mike. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Marie Parson.

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**Lestel and Mike.** - March 29, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



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March 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM

TL

“ The Thurston Family (Travis & Linda) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Marie Parson.

The Thurston Family (Travis & Linda) - March 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



March 29, 2024 at 01:49 PM

PC

“ Patrick Chan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Marie Parson.

Patrick Chan - March 29, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



March 29, 2024 at 12:22 PM

SS

“ Susan McElroy Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Marie Parson.

Susan McElroy Smith - March 29, 2024 at 12:22 PM

RE

“ I will my many conversations with her especially during the annual Tour de France race...she really like Peter Sagan!

Roger Edson - March 28, 2024 at 11:14 PM

RE

'Miss'

Roger Edson - March 28, 2024 at 11:15 PM

NP

Greg LeMond was her favorite when we were kids.

Nolan Parson - March 28, 2024 at 11:39 PM

AR

That is true Roger! I know she appreciated your conversations also. Thank you.

Aubrey Robinson - March 29, 2024 at 03:05 AM

LF

“ Love Amy Rhoades and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Marie Parson.



Love Amy Rhoades and Family - March 28, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SC

“ *Damn it Nolan, I didn't cry until I read your post. There are absolutely no words to describe the loving, caring person that was your mom. I'm gonna miss her*  
*Sherri and Jeff Chips*

**Sherri and Jeff Chips** - March 28, 2024 at 11:41 AM

AR

*Mom really loved you, Sherri and Jeff. Thank you so much for all of your support.*

**Aubrey Robinson** - March 29, 2024 at 03:07 AM

TJ

“ *The Hunters The Fuss's The Jacaways purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Marie Parson.*



**The Hunters The Fuss's The Jacaways** - March 28, 2024 at 09:03 AM

NP

“ *When mom got to heaven Carl was waiting for her with a big hug and her bicycle helmet in his hand. I am pretty sure they took a long bike ride today. Love you mom. Nolan.*

**Nolan Parson** - March 27, 2024 at 10:26 PM

BG

*What a beautiful vision of your mother in heaven ❤️ I'm sure you're absolutely right! God bless you and your lovely family!*

**Barb Glass** - March 29, 2024 at 09:37 PM