

Lynette Teeples Parkin

June 5, 1966 ~ March 16, 2022

Lynette Teeples Parkin passed away Wednesday March 16, 2022 at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah peacefully surrounded by her husband and many family members who dearly loved her.

Lynette was born in Portland, Oregon on June 5, 1966, the second child of Daryl and Janet Teeples. Her mother always used to joke that Lynette was her only child who she was 100 percent sure was hers because Lynette was the only baby in the hospital at the time.

Lynette grew up in St. Helens, Oregon until the age of five. Oregon was an idealistic place for her childhood with beautiful green surroundings, and frequent trips to the beach. Their family loved picnics on the beach, even in the cool crisp air of the rainy season. They had many friends they came to know and love in Oregon, many whom they stayed in contact with for years after.

In 1970 Lynette and family moved to Friolzheim, Germany so her father could attend the University of Stuttgart to work on his master's degree. The year in Friolzheim was filled with many adventures to the beloved fairytale garden in Ludwigsburg, as well as trips to the Black Forest. Her first Christmas in Germany she wanted only one thing—a scooter. When she received her scooter she rode it absolutely everywhere.

After a year in Friolzheim, the family moved to a small German island in the North Sea called Spiekeroog where her Father taught at a German boarding school. At the school, the teachers and their children were assigned into “families” with the students. At first, the students they were assigned to were standoffish with the American family that had come to live there. But over time, they came to be one of the closest of the student families. The students took well to Lynette and her sisters, Perrine and Zoeanne, and grew to love them.

Living on an island afforded their family more time at the beach. There were no cars on the island, and again it was another idealistic and simple place to grow up. During their years in Germany, Lynette and her family had the opportunity to visit Holland, Belgium, France, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, and Denmark.

Lynette attended school on Spiekeroog through the first grade and spoke better German than English. Her mom was a bit saddened at having three little “German” girls instead of American, and after three years in Germany the decision was made to move back to the United States.

It was 1973 when the Teeples family left Germany and moved to Bountiful, Utah, where Lynette's father became a teacher at Woodscross High School. Lynette attended school at Bountiful Elementary. It was a hard transition at first from the German language and culture to American culture and English.

One day not long after their move from Germany, Lynette's mom asked her what she had had for lunch that day at school. Not knowing exactly what it was Lynette proceeded to tell her she had eaten a big “potato chip” with meat, lettuce, and tomatoes inside. Her mom puzzled for a moment before she realized Lynette had been fed a taco.

Because of living in Germany she had never seen a taco before.

After elementary, Lynette went to Millcreek Junior High for three years before attending Bountiful High School. While at school, Lynette developed a love of singing and greatly enjoyed being in the choir. Singing would be a big part of her life for many years. She graduated from from Bountiful High School and Seminary in 1984.

As a middle child, Lynette struggled to find her place in the family. She was an extremely caring, giving, and social child, with a streak of independence. She very much enjoyed deer hunting with cousins and extended family during fall breaks. Family was everything to Lynette. Family trips to places like Yellowstone and other National parks were another highlight.

While in high school, Lynette worked for the Queen Theater in Bountiful, and then Trolley North in North Salt Lake. Her younger siblings have many fond memories of going to see movies with her at both theaters, with all the free popcorn and drinks their hearts could desire.

Immediately after high school, Lynette started bank training with First Security Bank. Banking became a big part of her life. In addition to First Security she also worked for Bank One in downtown Salt Lake, as well as many years with Mountain America Credit Union. She also worked for Gem Insurance as well as Verizon Wireless, but she always returned to her love of banking.

In addition to being loved by her coworkers, Lynette was loved by her regular customers. She was genuinely interested in each of their lives. While working for Mountain America in Bountiful as a loan officer, she had a customer who immigrated from another country. The woman was a seamstress by trade and was struggling to get her life going financially in a new country. Lynette procured a sewing machine that she anonymously gave to the lady. Knowing Lynette's kind nature, her customer asked if it was Lynette who had given it to her. If Lynette saw a need and felt she could do anything about it she would.

One Christmas Lynette had a coworker who had a large immediate and extended family he was struggling to take care of. Lynette took it upon herself to head up a sub for Santa effort on their behalf. She got her whole family involved. Stockings were made with each child's name, and filled with surprises. Books, toys, clothes and other gifts were collected and delivered in a large red sack that Christmas Eve by Santa. It could easily be said Lynette loved her fellow man.

While Lynette had no children, she was beloved by many nieces and nephews. She couldn't do enough for them. She was very giving in all she did for her nieces and nephews. She was constantly on the lookout for something one of them would like. When hearing of her passing more than one of them commented that she was their favorite aunt.

To say Lynette loved cats was an understatement.

Lynette spent a few years living in St. George, where she thoroughly enjoyed the warm weather and being in the sun. She hated the cold and snow and loved her years in St. George. It was the perfect place for her lifelong love of sitting in the sun next to a pool getting tan.

A wonderful highlight for Lynette was when she was able to travel to Honduras to pick up her brother Tad from his mission. She had a very enjoyable time traveling around and experiencing the culture of Honduras. She was made to feel very welcomed and loved everywhere she went, and was even able to celebrate her birthday there.

During her time working at Verizon, Lynette had the opportunity to transfer to Nashville, Tennessee. It was one of the most spur-of-the-moment decisions she ever made. After first arriving in Tennessee, Lynette wondered what she had done, but it didn't take her long to grow to love living in the South. Like everywhere else, she made friends easily.

In Tennessee, Lynette became reacquainted with an old friend back in Salt Lake, Robert Parkin. Over time, and after many hours talking on the phone, Bob proposed marriage. Nothing or no one except Bob could have enticed her to leave Tennessee.

Lynette had gone through many hard times in her life and her father had prayed for her happiness. He, as well as the rest of her family, feel that Bob was a direct answer.

Bob was the love of Lynette's life. When speaking of Lynette, Bob said she brought love back into his life—love for her and love for family. Anybody watching them could see the love and happiness they brought to each other.

The last couple years of her life, as her health declined, Lynette had a lot of hardship accompanied by a lot of extreme pain. Through it all, Bob took diligent care of her and was her constant support.

Lynette is preceded in death by her father, Daryl Teeples. She is survived by her doting husband Robert Parkin, her mother Janet Teeples, sisters Perrine Alexander (Jay), Zoeanne Smith (Kendall), brothers Tad Teeples (Melanie), Darin Teeples, and sister Chalyce Glauser (Aaron), as well as many adoring nieces and nephews.

While we will all miss Lynette greatly, we are comforted in the knowledge that she is now pain free and able to have a blessed reunion with her father whom she loved dearly.

Funeral services will be held Thursday March 24 at noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel located at 115 E. Wicker Lane in Bountiful. There will be a viewing prior starting at 10:00 AM. Internment will be immediately following the funeral in the Bountiful City Cemetery.

The family wishes to give a heartfelt thank-you to the doctors and nurses at Intermountain Medical Center for their love and care for Lynette as she passed.

Those who wish to view the COMPLETED services via Zoom please click the "Watch Services" button or follow the link:
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