



## Sharon Parriott

December 22, 1938 - September 18, 2014

Sharon Parriott, age 75, of Spirit Lake passed away Thursday, September 18, 2014, at Hilltop Care Center in Spirit Lake. She was born on December 22, 1938, in Rudd, Iowa, to Ed and Elsie Folkerts.

Sharon graduated from Charles City High School in 1956, and Drake University in 1960. She was married to Toby Parriott for 36 years and parented four children with him.

Sharon appreciated the Spirit Lake Drug Store, Indian hills Golf Club and Lake Okoboji activities. Her satisfactions came from mothering her children and grandchildren and from music, theater, teaching, reading and writing. She was a mentor for all youth in school and church. Sharon was thankful for community support in her projects and as an organist serving several church families. She had special appreciation for those who encouraged her poetry writing.

In 2001, Sharon moved to Spencer, Iowa. Three years later, she became companions with Harry Rasdal and remained as such.

Sharon is survived by her four children, Liz Ryan, and her husband, Dan, Susan Spalding, and her husband, Dave, Ann Butler, and her husband, Rob, and Chris Parriott, and his wife, Britt; grandchildren, Will, Hannah, Toby, Annie, Bradley, Emmalene, Elsie, Ryan and Ross; sister, Evelyn; and her companion, Harry Rasdal. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Dean and Dale.

A Celebration of Sharon's Life will be held from 2:00P.M. until 5:00P.M. at the

Indian Hills Golf Club Saturday, October 4, 2014. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Sharon's name to the Spirit Lake Public Library, the Pearson Lakes Art Center, Arts on Grand or the Okoboji Summer Theatre.

The Schuchert-Lentz funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Parriott

October 28, 2014 at 03:16 PM



“ Sharon Parriott

October 27, 2014 at 05:01 PM



“ Sharon Parriott

October 27, 2014 at 05:00 PM



“ Sharon Parriott

October 27, 2014 at 04:56 PM

LP

“ My Dear Liz, Susan, Annie & Chris,  
You are all so fortunate to have had such an amazing parent. Sharon is right up there at the top of my list of great parents. Your mom had the most patience of anyone I have known, and I do not remember ever hearing her use a loud voice with you kids. We became friends & neighbors when Liz & Denise were about 2. The hours Sharon & I spent entertaining them, and they us were many. We used to put the girls down for their afternoon nap and float on air mattress's around the dock. We also spent hours at Pike's Point talking and playing in the water with the two girls. She taught me to knit and we made sweaters for Liz (red) & Denise (turquoise).  
I remember holding Susan & then Annie when they each first came home. Annie was always quiet and thoughtful, and of course Annie was always a package of energy. I was not sure how she would do with a boy, but Chris seems to have turned out just fine. Sharon was a wonderful friend and I will always remember her with love and admiration.  
Linda Mathews Hawkins Paulson

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**Linda Mathews Paulson** - September 30, 2014 at 03:04 PM

CS

“ Sharon Parriott

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**Chad Schuchert** - September 30, 2014 at 02:52 PM

EG

“ What a special lady your mom was. I have a story that I can share with you about the first experience I had with her before I even started teaching at Spirit Lake. Sharon was such a kind and caring person and what a wonderful musician. She's pain free and making beautiful music in heaven now. May many memories help you through this difficult time and in the future.

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**Elaine Greer** - September 30, 2014 at 08:35 AM

ML

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family during this difficult time. We enjoyed Sharon as a customer and we are grateful we got to know her.*

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**Motor Inn of Spirit Lake** - September 24, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BW

“ *I thank Sharon for encouraging her music students to do the best they could. For some it meant a life of great musical accomplishments all the way to New York. For others like me it meant a life of music appreciation and the enjoyment of being able to play piano for my own enjoyment. Thank You Sharon*

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**Bev Mathews Wittler** - September 23, 2014 at 06:58 PM

SH

“ *Dear Parriott Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Sharon's passing.  
I send all of you my most sincere condolences, and hope you'll find strength and comfort in each other during this difficult time.  
Sharon loved her family SO much. It's been many years, but I remember that she was always very kind to me. I will keep her, and you, in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you all the best as you go forward.  
With love,  
Shelley Parriott*

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**Shelley** - September 23, 2014 at 04:02 PM

MC

“ Dear Liz and family,  
I want you to know my thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. I know how hard it is to lose your mom. I hope you find peace and joy in your wonderful memories of her.

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**Melanie Banning Christensen** - September 22, 2014 at 03:38 PM

MB

“ Liz, Sue, Ann and Chris, So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I have many childhood memories of time enjoyed with your family. Your mom took great care of us all in the neighborhood! Be comforted in knowing she is no longer in pain and at peace. Prayers to all of you. Mary Vande Brake

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**Mary Vande Brake** - September 21, 2014 at 10:02 PM

JT

“ High School friends, she was so kind and sweet. Im sure will be missed by all who knew her

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**Jan Trotter** - September 21, 2014 at 09:45 AM

KK

“ Sharon was one of the very first people I met when I moved to Spencer in 2006. We met during a production at Spencer Community Theatre in September 2006. She invited me to attend 3rd Age College at Iowa Lakes, which I did. I enjoyed her class there and became an active participant. When she decided to retire, she asked me to take over her class which I have done. She helped me create a social network of friends in a town where I was a stranger. She will always have special place in my heart.

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**Kella Klinker-Simonin** - September 20, 2014 at 05:36 PM

DD

“ To my dear friend Liz, Susan, Annie, and Chris I am so sorry about your loss. You were so blessed to have her for a mom. I feel as if I was blessed because I got to have her as a second mom for many years, since Liz and I seemed to spend most free time together back in the day.

I can't count the times that Liz and I would beg Sharon to marry us. We would take turns dressing up as the bride and groom. Sharon would play the wedding march and once we neared to the front of the room, she would "marry" us. Her patience must have been amazing; because I am pretty sure we played it over and over each time I came over, which was often.

She helped us design May Day baskets, and then drove us around the neighborhood to drop the baskets off at the door of an unsuspecting people. She would have the car ready for the getaway. We would "sneak" up to the door, leave the basket, and run as fast as we could to the car so we wouldn't be seen. We spent hours swimming and or playing in the snow, and your mom, always the perfect hostess, always made sure we were properly dressed for the occasion , always had snacks, and made sure the entertainment kept us busy at all times.

I loved to be at your house on Sunday afternoons because we would have the bacon and cheddar melts sandwiches made on the hamburger buns. I teach a culinary art class, and often talk to my students about food and its connection to memoires. I have told them so many stories of my adventures with Liz and how so many of them were started with encouragement from her mom. She encouraged us to use our imagination, to be creative, to be ourselves, to be nice, to do what inspired us. Liz, Susan, Annie, and Chris, I know that this is a difficult time for you, know that you are in my thoughts I have no doubt that there is a huge whole in the hearts of your entire family. I am sure I can hear the music in heaven as Sharon does her magic on the piano, I am sure she is telling those she hasn't seen for a while, what a wonderful life she lived and what a beautiful family she was blessed with.

I hope the memoires of your time with your mom; comfort you in this time of mourning. I am sure there are so many memoires from the

*people your mom's life touched, that if everyone wrote them all down, the internet would be overloaded. Please know my memoires are held dearly in my heart. Liz I love you and so glad that we were bestest of friends. Sharon, thank you for being such a kind and loving woman to me, you are a very dear person to me.*

*Love always,  
Denise Hawkins Dahll*

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**Denise Hawkins Dahll** - September 20, 2014 at 01:41 AM

ME

“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to the Parriott family for your loss. I asked her one time about a certain song she sang to us in elementary school. The next time she came into the photo shop she had a copy of "The Foolish Frog" for me so I could pass it along to my son. Our loss is Heaven's gain.*

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**Mike Early** - September 19, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MM

“ *I'm so sorry to read of Sharon's death. I remember well Mom (Margaret Duhn) babysitting for the Parriott kids, and Sharon's kind nature. She was a blessing to many. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Marcia (Duhn) Morrison** - September 19, 2014 at 08:26 PM

CR

“ The whole Radcliffe family extends our deepest sympathy to you, Chris, and your sisters in the loss of your mother. She was a special lady! A few years back she gave me some of her favorite organ and piano books which I use all the time, and I think of her everytime I play from them! A special memory I have of the past is she and I sitting on the sand at Pikes Point back in the 70's and watching all you kids swimming. She was such a kind thoughtful person, and her presence will be greatly missed by many friends and family in the community. May God grant you His peace at this difficult time. Our sympathy and prayers go out to your family.

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**Charlene & Jim Radcliffe** - September 19, 2014 at 06:07 PM

CH

“ We are so saddened by the loss of your mom, Liz, Sue, Chris, and Ann and families. Chris, I am so glad we had our visit about mom a few weeks ago. Of course, Chris, you were another "son" at our home, and always so close in seeing you and your sisters as you grew up. Thinking of all of you at this sad time. May looking back in memory help comfort you in the days ahead. Many hugs.

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**Connie aand Walt Homan** - September 19, 2014 at 04:44 PM

MA

“ Dear family: The Issues & Answers Bridge Club has lost our youngest member! Lizzie especially will remember how 'quiet' we were in the big house!! :) And you know we were her sounding board on raising children because you all were younger than ours! We shared our love of music and organ. I know these last months were difficult but know you were blessed to have this time to say good-bye. My love & prayers to each of you.

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**Mary Lou Ayres** - September 19, 2014 at 10:54 AM

SE

“ *The Parriott family, I am so sorry for your loss. She was a great lady. I always enjoyed her. She always had great stories. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this difficult time.*

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**Sandy Enderson** - September 19, 2014 at 10:13 AM

HP

“ *Ann, Liz, Chris, and Sue: We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.*

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**Hutch & Brenda Pederson** - September 19, 2014 at 09:52 AM

KC

“ *Liz, Sue, Chris, and Ann: I am very sorry for your loss. My condolences to all, my thoughts will be with you.*  
*Kirt*

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**Kirt Carstens** - September 19, 2014 at 07:15 AM

SD

“ *Liz and family, I was so sorry to hear about your mother. Sharon used to come to my fitness class. She was such a delight to have. So kind and graceful. Hugs to you all at this difficult time. Take care.*

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**Sally Christensen DeLoss** - September 19, 2014 at 07:03 AM

ML

“ *Sharon Parriott*

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**Mary Eddy Linton** - September 18, 2014 at 10:23 PM

PR

“ *Dear Parriott family,  
I so remember meeting your mom when I had you kids in school  
and then she became part of the SL School District. She always had  
wonderful music in the library. We all lost a classy lady today.  
Prayers to you all.*

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**Peg Rick** - September 18, 2014 at 05:34 PM