



REMEMBERING

*Stevie Parker*

1947 - 2024



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Stephanie Ann “Stevie” Parker, age 76, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at Stonebridge Oak Tree surrounded by her loving family.

Stevie was born on November 22, 1947, in Jefferson City, Mo., a daughter of DuBart “Bart” and Sophie “Billye” (Edwards) Neidert.

A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Stevie graduated from Helias High School in 1965. It was during her time in high school that she met the love of her life, John Parker. They were married on August 20, 1970 in Jefferson City, Mo. and blessed with 53 years together before her passing.

After high school, she graduated from Lincoln University in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in education. During her time in college, Stevie was honored to be on the Lincoln Military ROTC Court. In 1994, obtained her master’s in education from Lincoln University as well.

A beloved elementary school teacher, Stevie dedicated three decades to educating students from kindergarten to eighth grade. Her teaching journey commenced in 1969 at North Elementary School before a brief stint at St. James Elementary School in St. James. The bulk of her career was spent nurturing young minds at St. Joseph Cathedral School and South Callaway Elementary in Mokane, Missouri, where she retired in 1999. Her legacy is one of unwavering dedication and compassion towards her students and colleagues alike. Throughout her tenure, she actively participated in the National Education Association, advocating passionately for education.

Stevie was a member of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, a longtime member of Healthplex, and volunteered her time with the Partner’s Program through Capital Region Medical Center.

Stevie was a woman of boundless passions and creativity. Family gatherings saw her excel as a cook and host, her home a welcoming sanctuary. Decorating, especially for Christmas, was her forte, making her home welcoming to all family and friends. Winters were spent in Myrtle Beach and Scottsdale with John, embracing the warm weather. Crossword puzzles and books were her quiet pleasures, but it was in her craft store where her creative spirit truly shone, as she lovingly made different decorations for all to enjoy.

Stevie will be remembered for the boundless love she shared with all. Her generous and uplifting spirit made her a joy to be around. With an enormous heart, she expressed her love for her family, students, and friends through her radiant personality.

Survivors include: her loving husband, John Parker; one daughter, Sarah Parker-Fullmer (Jon) of Jefferson City; three siblings, Mary “Tuck” Van Dyne, Dubart “Nip” Neidert (Nancy) and Kim Neidert (Maribeth), all of Jefferson City; one brother-in-law, Tim Parker (Roxanne); nieces and nephews, Andrew Neidert (Lasha), Kelly Hays (Brian), Jay Van Dyne (Melissa), Molly Maassen (Tom), Jay Meyer, Amy Sheffield (Ken); and a wonderful caregiver.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister-in-law, Tina Meyer.