

Wall of Life

*I look upon a wall tonight
seeing the passing of my life.*

I see a young man who I became his wife.

*He has been my life and love as I traveled
down this road of life.*

*I see the past with our Moms and Dads
knowing that their spirits are still by our sides.*

*I can see our sons change from babies
to men up on the wall.*

*We are so proud of the men they are;
it is our greatest achievement by far.*

The wall has the future on it now.

Three beautiful grandbabies to love and cherish.

*God has granted me a wonderful life
full of love, laughter and joy.*

*It is easy for me to see it all
as I sit and view my wall of life.*

*I pray the Good Lord grants me more time
to add to our wall of life.*

Rusty Eckles ~~~ 10/3/2018

In Loving Memory of



Rusty Eckles

February 11, 1952

October 12, 2024

Rusty Eckles

Melinda "Rusty" Eckles, 72, of Sedalia, MO, lovingly embraced by her family, passed away peacefully at home on October 12, 2024. Born on February 11, 1952, in Sedalia, she was the cherished daughter of Barney and Jean Taylor, who welcomed her into the heavens.

Rusty was united in marriage to her beloved husband, Carl "Shorty" Eckles, on August 18, 1973, at Sacred Heart Church in Sedalia. Their enduring love story was a testament to their commitment and joy in each other's company.

A proud graduate of Sacred Heart School, Rusty spent her early career as a waitress at the State Fair Restaurant, where her warm smile and kind heart made her a favorite among patrons. She later joined Print Lynx, where she worked seasonally until her well-deserved retirement.

Rusty had a passion for life that shone through in everything she did. She adored dancing, participated in field trials, and cherished moments with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren. A devoted member of Sacred Heart Church, she found joy in her faith and community. Cooking and crocheting were her creative outlets, with baby blankets made especially for her loved ones being a hallmark of her generosity. Her favorite place was the family-run Big Bear Pumpkin Patch, where laughter and memories flourished.

In addition to her loving husband, Shorty, Rusty is survived by her children: Jake and Sherri Eckles, Zeb and Amber Eckles, and Abe and Addison Eckles; and her precious grandchildren, Abiner, Averlie, and Arden Eckles. She is also lovingly remembered by her sisters, Sandy and Don Evans, Rocky Smith, Tina and Jim Foy, and Bobby and Howard Simon; her sister-in-law, Karen and Glenn Powell; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who were touched by her warmth and kindness.

Rusty's legacy of love, laughter, and generosity will forever resonate in the hearts of those who knew her.

Memorial Service

6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 8, 2024

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Chaplain Ariell Simon

Order of Service

"On Eagles Wings" - Congregational Singing

Welcome/Opening Prayer - Ariell Simon

Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 - by Karen Powell

Eulogy - Zeb Eckles

"Go Rest High On That Mountain" - Video Tribute

Intercessions - Bobby & Rachelle Simon

Closing - Ariell Simon

Recessional - *"Silver Wings"*

Inurnment

LaMonte Cemetery - Private Burial at a later date