



## Larry Parkinson

July 13, 1942 - May 14, 2009

KALAMAZOO—Larry Parkinson, age 66 of Coldwater, MI., passed away at Borgess Hospital on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

He was born on July 13, 1942, in St. James, Missouri, to Norma (Brown) and Winston Parkinson.

Larry attended the Missouri School of Mines in Rolla, MO., where he earned a BS in Nuclear Metallurgy, and Lehigh University in Allentown, PA where he received his MBA. On May 9, 1964, he married Claudette Shelden in Rolla, MO. after a three year courtship; they had met at a college party. Larry served as President of the Zinc Division of Interamerican Zinc.

Larry attended the First Baptist Church, Adrian, MI. where he was a deacon, a greeter and served on the finance committee. He had many interests which included spending time with his grandchildren, traveling with his wife and attending Zinc association meetings. He received many awards which included the ASTM Distinguished Service award and the Galvanizers Association Annual Award. He was also a Boy Scout leader. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Larry is survived by his wife, Claudette, children, Eric (Kim ) Parkinson of Osseo, MI and Theresa(Mike) Brittain of Kalamazoo; a brother Duane

(Rhonda) Parkinson of St. Charles, MO., and a sister, Norma Hudson of Saudi Arabia; eight grandchildren, Kelsey, Melissa and Emily Brittain and Teri Lynn, Sarah, Jordon, Katelyn and Ericka Parkinson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma and brother in law, Bruce Hudson.

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The funeral service for Larry will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2009 at Wagley Funeral Home with Pastor Geoff Koglin officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Sunday, May 17, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m.

You may also sign the register book or send condolences at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Parkinson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Claudette and Family,*

*Our hearts broke when we learned that Larry passed on. What a great friend he was (and you are too). It was always wonderful when we planned to go to ASTM or Galvanizers Association meetings to know that we would be seeing the two of you there and doing things together.*

*Larry, of course, was a treasure, as a terrific husband, father, grandfather and friend. He also was a treasure to the zinc industry which he knew so much about and he was always willing to share his knowledge. He always made a difference at meetings and was always willing to take on tasks and he did them well. Larry set high standards for himself.*

*Finally, I know Larry takes comfort in knowing that you and your family are there for each other - the family the two of you built is his continuing legacy, and yours.*

*Love always,*

*Lynn & Rich###imported-begin##Lynn and Richard  
Lynch###imported-end##*

June 09, 2009 at 01:35 PM



“ *Winston and family. We were so sorry to learn about Larry's passing and want you all to know that you are in our prayers. I was glad that I got to see Larry last year. Our sympathy to all of you.##imported-begin##Margaret & Al Richardson##imported-end##*

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May 19, 2009 at 03:48 PM



“ *All of the Adam family wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Parkinson family at this time of your loss. We all has such a good time and many wonderful memories of growing up with you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Kenny (Paulina), Alice (Dean), and Dale (Jean) Adam##imported-begin##Kenny Adam##imported-end##*

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May 19, 2009 at 10:08 AM



“ *Eric and Theresa, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. I'll always have fond memories of our baseball and scouting days. I still remember the time that he took us on a tour of the zinc plant and also when he had the baseball on a rope that he would use for batting practice. Take care. Scott##imported-begin##Scott Rye##imported-end##*

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May 18, 2009 at 10:52 PM



“ *So sorry about your loss. Our thoughts are with you all.  
Jim , Aaron, Elizabeth##imported-begin##Jim Gascoigne##imported-end##*

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May 18, 2009 at 11:32 AM



“ Claudette, Eric, Theresa, and the Parkinson family;  
Sorry to hea about Larry. Will miss visitng with him like we did on  
your trips to St. Charles. He will be missed.  
Roberta###imported-begin##Roberta Brown###imported-end##

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May 18, 2009 at 11:18 AM



“ Claudette, Eric, Theresa, Uncle Winston, Duane, Norma Jean, and  
families-Gene and I were so sorry to hear about Larry. He was a  
special cousin and I will always remember growing up and visiting  
your house. We were so glad that we got to visit with him last  
summer. Sorry we couldn't make the trip but you are in our thoughts  
and prayers. Linda and Gene###imported-begin##Gene and Linda  
McFarland###imported-end##

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May 17, 2009 at 06:37 PM



“ Theresa, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family  
are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Dawn LaVoy  
(Bradley)###imported-end##

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May 16, 2009 at 09:26 PM



“ Eric and Theresa,

I truely sorry to hear about the loss of your father. "Papa Parky" was  
a great man and will always be part of my memories. We will try to  
stop by Sunday Night and visit. You are in my thoughts and  
prayers.###imported-begin##Jay Marks###imported-end##

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May 16, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ To the Parkinson family

*You have our deepest sympathy, We will also will miss Larry. As you know Larry and I have been good friends since the 8th grade. We were so glad to see Larry and Claudette last summer. We had a wonderful visit with them. This is how we will remember Larry. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayer's.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*John and Rose Templeton##imported-begin##John & Rose Templeton##imported-end##*

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May 16, 2009 at 05:11 PM



“ *I am so grateful that I was able to see Larry in Missouri Last year and have a time to know each other as adults. I will keep you all in my prayers and hope you will find peace in the wonderful memories you have of the loving man he was. I know he will be with you always and watching over you now.##imported-begin##Judie Bradley##imported-end##*

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May 16, 2009 at 08:02 AM



“ *Eric, I am so sorry to hear about your Father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know what it is like to loose a father, and if there is anything I can do please feel free to contact me any time. 734-904-0433 or oscaro1969@hotmail.com Again you have my deepest sympathies. Oscar##imported-begin##Oscar E. Ortiz##imported-end##*

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May 15, 2009 at 01:09 PM