



## Debra Lynn "Debbie" Parrish

August 28, 1957 - March 21, 2026

Debra "Debbie" Lynn Parrish, 68, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2026, in Fort Collins, Colorado, with many of her loved ones by her side.

Debbie was born on August 28, 1957, in Rawlins, Wyoming, to Charles Makinen and Tempest "Irene" Makinen. She was the sixth of ten children and was raised in Rawlins, where she built a life full of family, hard work, and love.

On July 1, 1976 Debbie married the love of her life, Larry Parrish. Together they had a family and raised their three children, Wesley, Heather, and Bobby. Debbie and Larry also helped raise their Grandchildren Raven and Davonte, loving and caring for them every step of the way.

Debbie worked for many years as a head housekeeper at Best Western and also as a CNA at South Central Wyoming Rehabilitation Center. She spent much of her life caring for others, both through her work and in the way she loved the people around her.

Debbie loved with her whole heart. She had a way of making people laugh, cracking jokes and bringing smiles to those around her. She loved spending time with family and friends. Before Larry passed, you could often find them enjoying time with friends during pool tournaments. Debbie also loved her nieces and nephews like they were her own, and the bond she shared with

her family meant everything to her.

Debbie is survived by her children, Wesley (Partner Sheri), Heather, and Bobby, all of Rawlins; her grandchildren, Raven Parrish of Rawlins, Davonte (Alysea) Perry of Cheyenne, and Chance Parrish of Cheyenne; her great-granddaughter, Zola Perry of Cheyenne. Siblings, David Makinen (Partner Darla) of Torrington, Clay (Debra) Makinen of Rawlins, Toni (Chris) Nickelson of Rawlins, Melvin Makinen of Torrington, and Jackie (Adan) Gonzalez of Montrose, Colorado. Sister-in-law, Kathy Makinen; Uncle, Ray (Chrissy) Brown; Aunt, Deb Dahlke; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry, her parents, Charles Makinen and Irene Young; her stepfather, Bill Young; her in-laws, Vern and Delores Potter; as well as four siblings, two nephews, and many other beloved family members.

Debbie will be remembered for her fierce love, her caring heart, her sense of humor, and the joy she brought to so many lives. She was deeply loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Debbie will be cremated and laid to rest next to Larry. A celebration of life will be held on April 10, at 2:00 pm at the Rawlins Cemetery with a potluck dinner to follow at The Depot in Rawlins. Please join the family and share your stories about Debbie.

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Shawntele Ogle ogle lit a candle in memory of Debra Parrish*



Shawntele Ogle ogle - April 07 at 04:28 PM

LS

“ *Lisa seidell lit a candle in memory of Debra Parrish*



Lisa seidell - April 02 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Lisa seidell lit a candle in memory of Debra Parrish*



Lisa seidell - April 02 at 10:06 AM

DD

“ *First time I met Deb she was a skinny little middle school kid. She was always the type to help if you needed her. What a great smile through all theses years. Im so glad she got to go on that cruise with Clay and all of you. You gave her such a warm memory with that. She will be missed. God bless you all.*

Debra Dahlke - April 02 at 04:11 AM



“ I love picturing her cooking on the stove, pushing her beautiful hair back. She always treated me like family and always had my back. Miss this great lady. She is peaceful and happy now though. I see her smiling. Condolences and respect to the family.



Tracy Johnson - April 01 at 07:57 PM

AS

“ Ashlie lit a candle in memory of Debra Parrish



Ashlie - April 01 at 11:50 AM

SG

“ I'm not saying she stole my fork... but i was missing one since her visit ☐ she can keep it now as long as she feeds my Blaze boy all the treats he wants up there 💜

Sara Gonzalez - March 31 at 08:20 PM

ML

“ Misty Langwell lit a candle in memory of Debra Parrish



Misty Langwell - March 31 at 03:13 PM

ML

“ *I love and miss you so much Aunt Debbie. Throughout our childhood you were always there. Even as adults, you never forgot a birthday. You loved all of us as your own. I love you, Misty.*

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**Misty Langwell** - March 31 at 12:36 PM