

Luella M. Parkins, 96
Rice, MN
May 20, 1922 - Aug. 15, 2018



Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19, 2018, at Graham United Methodist Church in Rice for Luella M. Parkins, age 96, who passed away on Thursday. Pastor Ric Koehn will officiate and burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Graham United Methodist Church on Saturday and one hour prior to the services on Sunday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids.

Luella was born on May 20, 1922, to Albert and Emelia (Christiansen) Anderson in Greenbush, MN. She married Reuben Schumann on June 8, 1945 and he passed away in 1980. Luella married George Parkins on July 29, 1983, and he passed away in 2004. She received her teacher's certificate and was a country school teacher in District 31 East, which later became District 98. She then taught for District 62 which later became District 123. When

the country schools closed she began teaching in Pierz at St. Joseph's Catholic School. During that time, she went back to school and received her bachelor's degree in education. Luella was a member of Graham United Methodist Church and was active in the Women's Group, singing in the choir and was the Financial Secretary for many years. Volunteering was a huge part of her life. At Country Manor she was a part of the welcoming committee, the chapel choir, was the librarian at the upstairs library, she read to people that couldn't read, organized fundraisers and played lots of cards. Luella was outgoing, enjoyed visiting and in earlier years, she loved to square dance with her first husband Reuben. Her positive attitude will be dearly missed.

Luella is survived by her daughter, Lynda (Michael) Gans of Rice; granddaughter, Tonya (Scott) Schulte of Maple Grove; great granddaughters, Sydni Lyn, Abigail Lue, Kacie Grace; step children, Walter (Bonnie) Parkins of Royalton, Cady (Terry) Larson of White Bear Lake, Roberta Urbanski of St. Cloud; step grandchildren, Pat Scully, Chelsie Scully, Becky Lunda, Scott Larson, Amy (Allen) Faber, Ryan Urbanski, Scott Urbanski and Heidi (Isaac) Blaske; and 11 step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband Reuben Schumann; second husband, George Parkins; brother, Ivan Anderson; and sister, Mildred Christianson.

Memorials are preferred to Graham United Methodist Cemetery Fund.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.