



## Erla (Rusty) Slater

May 9, 1939 - February 2, 2017

With Deep Regret that I am writing this to recognize the passing of Erla (Rusty) Marie Slater

May 09, 1939 – Feb 02 2017 “Rusty” passed away unexpectedly of an abdominal aortic aneurysm in Visalia, California where she has resided since 1998 She was loved by all that knew her and she Loved all those that she knew referred by all as “Mom” Grammy, Grandma, or Aunt She loved you unconditionally and put the needs of others miles in front of her own, she was truly beautiful inside and out. She will be missed beyond the imagination and her passion for her children and grandchildren will be unmatched she showed us how to be strong even through the toughest of times. Preceded in death by Her Soul mate of 33 years David Morgan Her Parents John Columbus and Imagard Pauline 2 Children Robert Gary and Joan Ellen 2 Great Grandchildren Kimberly Breanna and Alec Morin Survived by: 4 siblings Pauline Francis, Erna Kathleen, Dorothy Vivian and John Steven 6 Children Janet Marie (William), Lynda Pauline (Henry), Ronald Steven (Lori), John Phillip, Barbara Jean And George Alphonzo (Wendy) 14 Grandchildren Richard George, Danielle Marie, Janielle Leigh, De Shantel, Stacy Lynn, Dona Marie, Robert Edward, William Malone, Jennifer Anne, Moriah Pauline, Nickolas Clinton, Shawn Eric, Hannah Rose and Cash Alphonzo 15 Great Grandchildren Richard, Colton, Emilee, Madisyn, Landon, Milan, Dallin, Margaux, Ella, Dahlia, Ty, Joshua, Abby, MacKenzie, and Gabrielle. Numerous Nieces and Nephews and far to many friends to count. Services

will be held in San Diego February 25, 2017 time and location to be determined call Lynda 559-563-1560 or Ron 858-243-9413.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Rest in Peace Rusty. It was only a short time ago that I was telling you how much you meant to David. I have a sneaking suspicion that you needed to see what he was up to because we all know that boy could not be trusted to do the right thing without your love and guidance. But we were not ready to mourn again so soon. We all wish that you would have stayed with us for awhile. But you lived life on your own terms and graced us with your presence for a long time. You created quite a legacy of family and friends that evidences a life well lived. Thank you for all you did for all of us. Yes Rusty, Rest in Peace.*

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**Cameron Morgan** - February 25, 2017 at 11:55 AM

LY

*Thank you for your beautiful words and for your love!*

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**Lynda** - March 27, 2017 at 01:55 PM

DM

“ I thought long and hard to try to find the right words to pay tribute to Rusty. I give up. She was truly unique and the strongest woman I've ever known. Rusty had the role of wearing many hats for me, all with fine feathers-she was always my beloved sister in law, but also at many times like a mother to me, an older big sister I never had, who shared life's experiences and sisterly advice with me. She was Aunt Rusty to my daughter Mariah, She always was a treasured friend and confidant, Rusty was always just a phone call away and we spent many hours of our 27 years knowing each other staying in touch, having long talks, sharing our families trials and tribulations. Having not met Rusty's children and grandchildren until recently-you were already all family to me. She was always aware of what everyone was up to, loved to brag of your accomplishments, and yes, sometimes cuss you out. There were also some very trying, difficult times, and tears, many tears. But through that phone line-we gave hugs, shared lives, and love. And yes, we discussed General Hospital. I have to admit to her family members, I would sometimes get jealous-one of you would call in and she was quick to say-gotta go. Often, I wasn't ready to let her go yet. As I am not now. Selfishly, I still need Rusty here, as do we all. I know she is at peace and with David. Rusty may have taken off her hats for me, but I know they have been replaced by angel wings.



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**Deb Morgan** - February 25, 2017 at 11:02 AM

LY

*Beautiful Deb...thank you so much! Love you!*

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**Lynda** - March 27, 2017 at 01:57 PM

MM

“ My Aunt Rusty was a strong, free spirited woman who would tell you what she really thought and fight for anyone who she loved. To those who knew Rusty, you already knew that. Instead, I am going to share my most special memory about my Aunt Rusty. I was nine years old when my Aunt Rusty and my Uncle David came to visit my family in good ole' Arizona. It was for a Morgan family reunion. I remember my Aunt Rusty and my mom watching General Hospital, their favorite soap opera. Despite it being a vacation, they had to see it because it was an episode all about one of their favorite super-couples, Nicholas and Emily. From that episode, my Aunt Rusty was to blame for my addiction to General Hospital. I shared that love with my Aunt Rusty through talking about our favorite couples, story lines that we loved or hated and so on. General Hospital was one of the many things that I shared with my beloved aunt, and when I watched General Hospital, I think of Rusty. Looking back, we didn't need a soap opera to give us a super couple. My Aunt Rusty and my Uncle David were that wonderful couple that lived through it all. With all their quirks and flaws, they loved and devoted themselves to each other for all of time. I miss them both dearly. Thank you Aunt Rusty for all the lives that you touched, especially mine and my family and my Uncle David.



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**Mariah Morgan** - February 25, 2017 at 12:30 AM

LY

Thank you Mariah! She truly loved you all as well!! (Lol...I got her hooked on GH 😊)

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**Lynda** - March 27, 2017 at 01:59 PM

LK

“ My name is larry karns I remember you from my childhood you were a very nice person to me you even after you moved from Pariseo Av you would still come and pick me up to go play with Barbra and Georgie I remember you very well you are missed by many and never ever forgotten

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**larry karns** - February 18, 2017 at 09:38 AM

LY

Thank you Larry 💖

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**Lynda** - February 18, 2017 at 04:17 PM

AD

“ You were such a wonderful kind hearted and beautiful woman!! You were a mom grandma aunt and friend to everyone you came in contact with. You will always be loved and remembered.. love u!!!

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**Ashley Duarte** - February 17, 2017 at 12:17 PM

LY

Thank you Ashley 💖

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**Lynda** - February 18, 2017 at 04:18 PM

LS

“ *Proverbs 31:25-30*

*She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.*

*She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

*Her children arise and call her blessed; and her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all".*

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

*It was a joy and a privilege to call Rusty "mom." I hope I can take the lessons I've learned from her and teach my daughters to go through life with the dignity and grace Rusty and my mom taught me.*

*God Bless, I will love you always,  
Linda Simpson-Fogel*

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**Linda Simpson-Fogel** - February 16, 2017 at 01:07 PM

LY

*Thank you Linda, I love you!*

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**Lynda** - February 17, 2017 at 08:44 AM

JD

“ *In memory of my beautiful Mother who loved you with all of her heart, and blessed all those who knew and loved her*



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**Janet Reddoch/ daughter** - February 12, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ *A Child is Born  
Two Ropes, A Board a Father makes A Swing  
Up, Down, Spin Around, She Loves Her Swing Each Day  
Higher , Faster, Jumping, Flying, So Free  
Fall down hit the Ground, Run Around the Tree  
Push me, Pull me, Spin me  
Sharing, Laughing, Crying  
Slow Down, Turn Around  
A Mother Dies  
The Swing is Still*



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**Ron Rogers** - February 10, 2017 at 08:43 AM

LY

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Lynda** - February 10, 2017 at 08:08 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene Jessee lit a candle in memory of Erla  
(Rusty) Slater*



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**Darlene Jessee** - February 09, 2017 at 11:04 PM

DJ

*Such a pretty name, Erla! R.I.P. and be the brightest star watching over your children as they look to you for comfort and peace in their hearts.*

**Darlene Jessee** - February 09, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



**Ron Rogers** - February 09, 2017 at 10:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Ron Rogers** - February 09, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ My memories of this special lady, Rusty, go way back to my very young childhood. Packing me & my bros in the car along with John George and Barbara sometimes even Lynda to watch baseball games at Monte Vista High School. First time we ever had cool snacks from a concession stand. Oh you were so good to us Rusty. Playin all hours of the night at your house. It matter what u had hoin on or what. Never a bad thing to say about any of our shenanigans. Now you're with Jesus. I miss u already. Say hello to my mom for me beautiful lady. Until we meet again. ❤️

Daniel Henderson - February 09, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ She never met me, but she had so many encouraging words for me. They really meant a lot to me. She was a kind soul and a joy to have in my life. I was lucky to have her in my life. GOD bless your family! I know she is with GOD. Thank you for letting me be a part of her life!

Elizabeth Flaherty Greene - February 09, 2017 at 07:45 PM



“ My big Sister, Erla (Rusty) was always there for me-when I needed her-without having to ask-I had just spoke with her, and she sounded happy-we were laughing about something-probably all the snow we 've been getting here in Montana-and how cold it has been! She always would say something like, now I feel like a big wuss for complaining about 32 degrees above! We chuckled-many,many memories so many -I love you Erla, I will always miss our talks, I know Mama and Papa have you in their arms-You'll always be the Whisper on the Wind-There is a new Bright Star shining in the the Big Sky above-

Dot(Slater)Larson - February 09, 2017 at 05:41 PM

LY

*I love you Aunt Dorothy!!*


**Lynda** - February 10, 2017 at 09:08 PM

LY

“ *They say of you whisper I love you to a butterfly, it will fly to heaven and deliver your message....I LOVE YOU MOMMA!!*



**Lynda** - February 09, 2017 at 11:00 AM

  
Barbara  
Rogers

“ *Barbara Rogers lit a candle in memory of Erla (Rusty) Slater*



**Barbara Rogers** - February 08, 2017 at 08:03 PM

  
Barbara  
Rogers

“ *Momma im lost words cant even begin to say what im feeling*

**Barbara Rogers** - February 08, 2017 at 08:01 PM

MM

*My heart goes out to you her children and grandchildren, her many loved ones and special friends.  
She was such a delight.. and a bright strong soul!  
I will miss her so much!  
I love you aunt Rusty 🌹*

**Marilyn Weston Murdock** - February 08, 2017 at 09:54 PM

 Aviva  
Idell

“ Rusty was one of the most amazing women I have had the pleasure of crossing paths with. Her caring and compassion was beyond words. Her legacy is long and found strong in the children and grandchildren she created. Rest in peace . To the family , I love all of you dearly and know that Rusty is with us always protecting us as she always did

Aviva Idell - February 08, 2017 at 07:35 PM

LY

Thank you Aviva...I Love you!

Lynda - February 09, 2017 at 08:25 AM

 Stacy  
Copelan

“ I will miss Grandma Rusty so very much! I wish I could have hugged her one more time! We shared a unique and sad bond, knowing what it means to lose a child, and she helped me through some tough days more than I can explain! Lol you Grandma, so much!

Stacy Copelan - February 08, 2017 at 05:43 PM



Thank you for including her in your life she loved you guys with all her heart

Ron Rogers - February 09, 2017 at 03:29 PM

LY

“ Momma...I still cannot believe this!! I love you so much I know you are at peace...Rest in the arms of Jesus



Lynda - February 08, 2017 at 10:31 AM



*I love you all so much, she will be greatly missed , till we meet again  
R.I.P my lovely rusty*

**Sherri Gojara** - February 08, 2017 at 04:08 PM



*Mom it seems unreal ! I love you with all I am. Your out of pain and with  
family now, Beautiful lady Rest in Paradise*

**Mj Cagle** - February 08, 2017 at 05:08 PM



*My dear Aunt Rusty... many of life's lessons I learned from you.  
Forgiveness, unconditional love, compassion, understanding... to name  
a few. I am blessed to have had you in my life for so long, and look  
forward to seeing your beautiful smile and out stretched arms to  
welcome me home... I love you ♡*

**Sandy** - February 08, 2017 at 05:28 PM



*Rusty was one of the most amazing women I have had the pleasure of  
crossing paths with. Her caring and compassion was beyond words.  
Her legacy is long and found strong in the children and grandchildren  
she created. Rest in peace . To the family , I love all of you dearly and  
know that Rusty is with us always protecting us as she always did*

**Aviva Idell** - February 08, 2017 at 07:32 PM