

Linda Rockey – AD 1985 Nursing

Long-time Fargo resident Linda Rockey was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and died of a sudden heart attack at age 78 at home in Fort Lauderdale on February 16, 2017. Linda and her husband Dr. James Rockey had retired in the Fort Lauderdale area several years ago and both kept ties with friends in the Fargo area.

Linda was a well-known personality of Fargo television, Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre, Junior League, Prairie Public Television, Southeast Mental Health, and numerous other area venues. Her community activities covered a broad spectrum, including dealing blackjack for Prairie Public Broadcasting, and graduating at the head of her nursing class at NDSU, giving the commencement address at the nursing school graduation ceremony. In Washington, D.C., Linda also served as legislative aide to U.S. Representative from North Dakota Mark Andrews.

Mrs. Rockey is survived by her husband Dr. James Rockey, Pompano Beach, Florida, daughter Christy O'Hearn, Renton, Washington, a stepson Jay Ford, Iowa City, Iowa, and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother Mary Lou Hodges in 1971, and Linda's former husband Dr. Tal Russell, retired professor of theatre at NDSU, who later moved to Fort Lauderdale, where he died after a long illness in 2007.

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