



Margaret Van Erp

May 13, 1943 - June 23, 2025

The Mass of Christian burial for Margaret Van Erp of Battle Lake and formerly of Bluffton, will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Monday, July 7, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton.

Visitation will be held at the Community Center in Bluffton on Sunday from 4:00 until 8:00 PM, with her eulogy at 6:15, a Prayer service at 6:30 and a Christian Mother's Rosary to follow. Visitation will resume at the church on Monday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Bluffton, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Facebook Page or YouTube Page

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Margaret passed peacefully from this world into her loving Father's arms with her family by her side on the afternoon of June 23, 2025, at age 82.

Margaret Anna Guck was born on May 13, 1943, to Hugo and Helen (Breuer) Guck in Wadena, MN. She was welcomed home by older brothers Ron and Duane, and a younger sister, Susan, arrived two years later. Margaret grew up across the road from the one-room schoolhouse she attended through 8th grade, after which she completed high school in New York Mills, graduating with the Class of 1961. Margaret earned her LPN (licensed practical nurse) degree in Thief River Falls and went to work at the hospital in Detroit Lakes,

MN. While she was in nursing school, she began writing letters to her friend's brother, Peter Van Erp, while he was serving in the Army in Germany. He wrote back and a lifelong love bloomed. Peter and Margaret were married at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton on May 11, 1964. They went on to have six kids: Ted, Tom, Theresa, Todd, Tammy, and Tonya. Peter and Margaret farmed for many years north of Bluffton and, by their example, taught their kids the value of hard work.

Margaret loved her life as a nurse, homemaker, 4-H Leader, seamstress, cake decorator, and volunteer. She was active in her church and Lion's club where she made many dear friends.

Margaret was a lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton, MN. She was a proud member of the Bluffton Lions Club and served as the District 5M9 Governor in 2012-13. More importantly, Mom was a devoted mother and Nana. She welcomed many extra people to her home over the years and if you left the table hungry, it was your own damn fault!

Margaret was especially proud of her six children and their spouses, 25 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Faith and family were always first in Margaret's life. Nana Papa Camp will be a treasured memory for all the grandkids.

Margaret is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years, Peter Van Erp; her children Ted (Becky) Van Erp of Battle Lake, Tom (Janelle) Van Erp of Battle Lake, Theresa (Ross) Ukkelberg of Clitherall, Todd (Nancy) Van Erp of Cold Spring, Tammy (Scott) Welsh of Lewistown, Montana, and Tonya (Dan) Zierden of Fergus Falls. She is also survived by 25 grandchildren – Ted's kids: Samantha (Kris), Petric (Sara and their children Piper and Theo), and Eric; Tom's kids: Evan, Andrew, Nick, Brady, and Grace; Theresa's kids: Jacob, Alex, Tyler (Madison), and Tony; Todd's kids: Maya, Faith, Luke, and Kate;

Tammy's kids: Anna, Logan, Claire, and Connor; and Tonya's kids: Nathan, Jade, Cole, Shane, and Brook. Margaret is survived by her sister, Susan (Ed) Vonderharr of Madison, and in-laws Jan Guck of Pharr, Texas, Deian Guck of Hastings, and Francis and Mary Ann (Van Erp) Seifert of Perham.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Hugo and Helen Guck; siblings and in-laws, Ron Guck, Duane Guck, Cathy and Al Lachowitz, Johanna Van Erp, and Theodore and Marie Van Erp.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Lions Clubs Empowering Service Fund, or a service group of your choice.

Margaret's family extends their gratitude to Vivie (formerly Knute Nelson) Home Care and Hospice, CentraCare-Fresenius Kidney Care staff, and all of Margaret's caregivers.

We are grateful for your love, care, friendship, and fellowship as we celebrate Margaret's life. Thank you for your kindness, love and for your presence through this journey. Please know we are so grateful and love all of you.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery

310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bluffton Community Center
202 Center St
Bluffton, MN 56518

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Mass

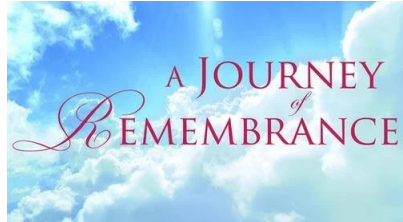
JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 01, 2025 at 05:10 PM

CS

What a beautiful tribute. ❤️

Cindy Stern - July 01, 2025 at 07:23 PM

GC

Very nice .. RIP Margaret

Gladys Chase - July 07, 2025 at 11:16 AM

GG

Our sympathy to you all in your loss. What wonderful memories you captured in your video. May they bring you comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.

Steve & Grace Girard

Grace A Girard - July 08, 2025 at 09:03 AM

NC

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Margaret was a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed.

Nevis MN Lions Club

Nevis Lions Club - July 11, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JP

“ Sorry to hear of Margarets passing. She was a sweetie. Always called me for peaches. She is at peace. May the many memories comfort you all. Prayers for all her families. God needed an angel. Deepest Sympathys. Jackie Perius



Jackie perius - July 09, 2025 at 03:24 PM

LW

“ Louise Wentworth lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Louise Wentworth - July 07, 2025 at 11:43 AM

GU

“ Pete and Family, My sincerest sympathies are with all of you. Margaret was an amazing person to know and I will miss her dearly.

Gary Umland - July 07, 2025 at 11:16 AM

KM

“ I have known Peter and Margaret Van Erp for many years. I got to know them while in the Hewitt Lions Club. They were such special people. Their grandson and my grandsons were friends. Their daughter and my daughter were friends. Her death is a great loss to many people. My prayers are with the family and friends.



Karen Meinz - July 07, 2025 at 09:55 AM

BB

“ *Wonderful lady! Bob and Irene Braukmann*

Bob Braukmann - July 06, 2025 at 07:43 PM

KF

“ *So sorry to hear of Margarets passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Peter and family. Kathy Muckala Foreman*

Kathy Foreman - July 05, 2025 at 08:54 PM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Gene & Mary Denny - July 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Van Erp.*



July 03, 2025 at 05:46 PM

LW

“ *Love Carey, Sandi, Kyleen & Jessie Welsh purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Margaret Van Erp.*



Love Carey, Sandi, Kyleen & Jessie Welsh - July 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JR

“ *I remember her always with a smile and a joke or two. If you had a reason to celebrate you were sure to have her bake your cake etc. It was always good and she never seemed to be too busy to bake upon request, even after working a night shift. Many memories to think back on. God Bless. JoAnn Reineke*

JoAnn Reineke - July 03, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DC

“ *Our deepest sympathies. We remember Margaret well from the days in 4H way back when, and through Lions. May God bring you comfort in your time of sorrow.*

Douglas Curtis - July 02, 2025 at 01:27 PM

TC

“ *The RossCo Crew purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Margaret Van Erp.*



The RossCo Crew - July 02, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DH

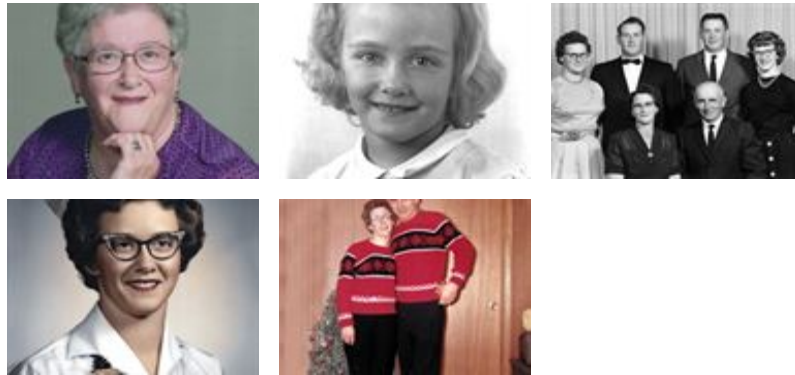
“ Peter and family - It is hard to believe that Margaret is no longer with you, but she was so blessed to have all of you as her family. She talked a lot about you all and she did it with such love in her voice. She was such an important part of our lives too, and we thank you for sharing her with us. We know she is without pain and living in such a beautiful place that we can't even imagine. We send our love and comfort to you as you journey through life without this beautiful soul. Love you all



Don and Pat Hendrickx - July 01, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 01, 2025 at 05:07 PM

FF

“ Fergus Home & Hardware family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Margaret Van Erp.



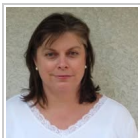
Fergus Home & Hardware family - July 01, 2025 at 09:23 AM

AM

“ Alan and Shirley Malone lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Alan and Shirley Malone - June 30, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ To Peter and the entire Van Erp family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Margaret. We got to know her when Peter, I and the rest of the incoming District Governors for 2008 - 2009 started our training in 2006. Margaret was a wonderful Lion and did so much to serve her community, so she will be missed.



Even more important than Lions, was her big and wonderful family! May you find comfort by remembering the wonderful memories you must have of all the family gatherings you had over the years.

Bernie Braegelmann & Larry Schultz

Bernie Braegelmann - June 30, 2025 at 02:43 PM

TB

“ The Budke's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Margaret Van Erp.



The Budke's - June 30, 2025 at 01:01 PM

DM

“ Dear Pete & family of Margaret,
My sincere sympathy at the loss of your dear wife & mom. She earned her rest after a very busy life as a wife, mom, nurse & all the things mentioned here that she did with & for others. May you find comfort in God's care & hope in the resurrection. Most sincerely,
Donna Moenck

Donna Moenck - June 29, 2025 at 09:27 PM

SH

“ Always a laugh and a hug even if years had gone by. She will be remembered.



Sandy Hunter - June 29, 2025 at 08:03 PM

SA

“ Margaret was a wonderful lady who I knew from Lions. She was always helpful and kind to me when I became secretary for the Underwood Lions. She always had time to answer my questions and give advice. My heartfelt condolences to Pete and to her family. GOD Bless.

Sandra Adams - June 29, 2025 at 07:18 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Glen Donna Wood - June 29, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Margaret Van Erp.*



June 28, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Van Erp.

June 28, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ *Margaret was so kind and patient with me and my questions when I was secretary of McGregor Lions. She was my "Go-To" person. What a loss. Condolences to her family. RIP*

*Shirley Scollard
McGregor Lions*

Shirley Scollard - June 28, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ *Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers*



Deb Dague (Peters) - June 27, 2025 at 09:39 PM

PP

“ PRIDE OF LIONS CLUB-PARKERS PRAIRIE purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Margaret Van Erp.



PRIDE OF LIONS CLUB-PARKERS PRAIRIE - June 27, 2025
at 11:27 AM

SP

“ Steve and Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Steve and Nancy Peterson - June 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KM

“ Margaret was such a talented lady, always willing to share with others. Prayers for all she leaves behind, cherish the memories!



Karen malone - June 27, 2025 at 10:29 AM

KC

“ Margaret will be missed dearly, her welcoming everyone as family was a blessing. Prayers to the family.

Kayla, Jason & Alison Carpenter - June 27, 2025 at 09:13 AM

MO

“ Mike Ortmann lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Mike Ortmann - June 26, 2025 at 10:24 PM

KM

“ I've known Margaret for years, way back when we both worked at the clinic, I was Thomson then. I always enjoyed chatting with her when I saw her out and about at different places over the past years. My heartfelt sympathy to Pete and the whole family.



Karen Munson - June 26, 2025 at 09:01 PM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Dixie Murray - June 26, 2025 at 08:36 PM

KS

“ I got to know Margaret and Pete through sports at NYM School. I always appreciated their positive energy and willingness to visit whenever and wherever I saw them!!! My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this very difficult time. Margaret will be missed dearly by all who knew her! 🙏🙏🙏



Kim Salathe - June 26, 2025 at 08:15 PM

KH

“ Karen and LeRoy Haman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Karen and LeRoy Haman - June 26, 2025 at 06:46 PM

VC

“ Heartfelt condolences to all of Margaret's family and friends.



Vicki (Theisen) Chesney - June 26, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JT

“ Jody Tigges lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Jody Tigges - June 26, 2025 at 06:43 PM

KD

“ Margaret certainly made the world a better place, and she and Pete raised amazing children. (It was my privilege to be a teacher for each one of them.) She will live on in the good works of those children.



Kathleen A. Dorholt - June 26, 2025 at 05:25 PM

SO

“ Margaret was an awesome nurse when she worked with Dr.McGraw. Our love and prayers to her family

Sharyl olson - June 26, 2025 at 03:14 PM

SO

“ Sharyl Olson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Sharyl olson - June 26, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CK

“ Carol Edinger Kert lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Carol Edinger Kert - June 26, 2025 at 02:36 PM

SH

“ *Pete and family,
I am sending my condolences, prayers, and hugs, across the miles
to all of you. Margaret was a force of nature and could always make
me laugh. She is in a better place resting in peace and I know her
memory will be a blessing.*
Susan Heltemes

Susan Heltemes - June 26, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JB

“ *Judy Beaver lit a candle in memory of
Margaret Van Erp*



Judy Beaver - June 26, 2025 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ *The Peterka/Atterberg families purchased the En
chanted Cottage for the family of Margaret Van
Erp.*



The Peterka/Atterberg families - June 26, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in
memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - June 26, 2025 at 10:51 AM

PN

“ Bert and I got to know Pete and Margaret thru Lions club. Margaret was a tireless worker and went above and beyond what the job description was for whatever her position was. She was willing to help out anyone who needed something. She also knew everybody! Great community person. She will be missed. May God and friends comfort Pete and the family during this difficult time. Rest is Peace with Jesus, Margaret.

Pamela Nelson - June 26, 2025 at 09:49 AM

KR

“ She was always a positive person and that is what I thought the first time I met her many years ago..We will miss her very much. Lion Karen Raddatz, Garrison Bay Lake Lions

Karen Raddatz - June 26, 2025 at 09:03 AM

TF

“ Terry Frost lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Terry Frost - June 26, 2025 at 02:32 AM

MH

“ I always enjoyed working with Margaret at Tri-County Hospital. My heartfelt sympathy to Mr. VanErp and family❤️

Mary Houle - June 26, 2025 at 12:36 AM

MH

“ *Mary Houle lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Mary Houle - June 26, 2025 at 12:32 AM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Sharon Boline - June 25, 2025 at 10:45 PM

MF

“ *Marty & Trudy Irons Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Marty & Trudy Irons Family - June 25, 2025 at 07:56 PM

DS

“ *Margaret was always so easy to talk with. Even if we had not touched base in a long while we could take up right where we left off. I enjoyed working with her on the Relay for Life projects. She loved her family and was so proud of them all. RIP Margaret, you have left many great memories.*

Dan Skogen - June 25, 2025 at 03:54 PM

JC

“ Your mom ALWAYS knew me and when saw me was sure to stop and chat. She was such a kind woman. Jody Guck Conlin

Jody Guck Conlin - June 25, 2025 at 01:40 PM

FD

“ From Jessica, Rachel, and Ryan Davis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Margaret Van Erp.



From Jessica, Rachel, and Ryan Davis - June 25, 2025 at 01:21 PM

FD

“ From Jessica, Rachel, and Ryan Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Van Erp.

From Jessica, Rachel, and Ryan Davis - June 25, 2025 at 01:21 PM

GH

“ Gene & Kathy Hinman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Gene & Kathy Hinman - June 25, 2025 at 12:50 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Karen Treangen - June 25, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MS

“ Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Mike and Lea Snyder - June 25, 2025 at 11:29 AM

CB

“ We have many memories of Margret as she was very important and one our Mentors as Lions.
Lion Corey and Dena Baker.

Corey Baker - June 25, 2025 at 10:58 AM

CG

“ My sincere sympathy to Peter and all the family. Though I haven't seen Margaret for a few years, she was often in my thoughts. A wonderful woman who gave of her entire self; was so proud of her family. God bless all of you. Sister Char Grossman, Little Falls, MN

Charlene Grossman - June 25, 2025 at 10:39 AM

TH

“ *Tammie Klawitter Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Tammie Klawitter Hamlin - June 25, 2025 at 10:36 AM

GC

“ *Gary and Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Gary and Marcy Collins - June 25, 2025 at 10:36 AM

AS

“ *Pete & family, you are in our thoughts & prayers. May you feel God's loving arms around you.*



Allen & Donna Schmitz - June 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

DG

“ *I fondly remember Margaret as a 4-H volunteer in my early career days. Later in life I appreciated the kindness she showed to my mother in law. Cherish the memories!*

Donna Geiser - June 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM

LW

“ *Louis and Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Louis and Tina Wegscheid - June 25, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LB

“ *Lucille A Belch lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Lucille A Belch - June 25, 2025 at 09:29 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Patty Desrocher - June 25, 2025 at 09:28 AM

MM

“ *Hey, I am deeply saddened by the loss of Margaret, she was like a 2nd mom to me for many years during high school. She made Rod and me a beautiful wedding cake. I was so lucky to have her in my life when we were in high school! What an incredible lady who had an incredible life! Our deepest condolences to all of you.*

Michelle Marsh - June 25, 2025 at 09:23 AM

HD

“ Harry and Judy Dahlin lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Harry and Judy Dahlin - June 25, 2025 at 08:53 AM

JH

“ Joe and Yvonne Horstmann lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Joe and Yvonne Horstmann - June 25, 2025 at 07:57 AM

RB

You have our sympathy and prayers.

Rich and Pat Bullard - June 25, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JJ

“ A dynamic and amazing wife, mom, grandma and friend. Our lives have been enriched by all that she has done for us.



Jon and Patty Johnson - June 25, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CU

“Pete and your family, I'm so sorry for your loss, hold on to the memories and share them. Each tear you shed symbolizes a love of a memory and a moment. Margaret she was a wonderful lady like an Aunt to me, and gave many wonderful memories to so many. I don't know of very many special occasions growing up that she didn't make the cake. Or wasn't at an important family event, confirmation, graduation, wedding, or recently funeral, Hugs to you all. The heart should be gold as she had a heart of gold 🧡.



Cindy Umland - June 25, 2025 at 07:35 AM

BB

“So sorry to hear of Margaret passing. She made our wedding cake. Always remember our 4H days.

Barb Badinger - June 25, 2025 at 04:30 AM

PL

“Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Pat Lorentz - June 24, 2025 at 10:27 PM

DS

Holding Margaret's family in our prayers, surrounding you with love and deepest sympathy during this time of loss.

Dick and Sue Stebbins - June 25, 2025 at 09:25 AM

ST

“ Prayers, Sympathy and lots of Love to all of Margaret's family.



Sue Theisen - June 24, 2025 at 09:56 PM

DS

“ Dan and Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Dan and Deb Sweere - June 24, 2025 at 09:52 PM

GC

“ Have known Margaret since country school. Have had many visits. Admire all that she did for others. Remember the Relay for Life events etc
Also the lovely cakes and sewing projects. RIP

Gladys Chase - June 24, 2025 at 09:51 PM

GC

“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp



Gladys Chase - June 24, 2025 at 09:46 PM

LE

“ *Our hearts are sad for your loss, but rejoice in her entering into eternal glory. God bless you, Pete and all your family!!*

Lee - June 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM

LK

“ *Lee &Patty Kicker lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Lee &Patty Kicker - June 24, 2025 at 08:36 PM

IB

“ *Margaret was a friendly and kind person. She will be missed by a lot of her family and friends.*



Irene Baron - June 24, 2025 at 08:19 PM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Linda McIntire - June 24, 2025 at 08:04 PM

RK

“ *Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Rich & Mavis Kendall - June 24, 2025 at 07:36 PM

KB

“ *Kelly Bain lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Kelly Bain - June 24, 2025 at 07:11 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Thelen lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Brenda Thelen - June 24, 2025 at 07:03 PM

EW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Pete and family. May Margaret rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus.*



Ellen & Steve Wallgren - June 24, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MM

“ *Marjorie Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - June 24, 2025 at 06:36 PM

KP

“ *Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Karen Priebe - June 24, 2025 at 06:28 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Van Erp*



Rita Anderson - June 24, 2025 at 05:42 PM