



Rita Boehland

April 12, 1959 - November 1, 2024

The memorial service celebrating the life of Rita Boehland of Verndale will be held at 4:00p.m on Thursday, November 7, at the Verndale Alliance Church with Pastor Tony Stanley presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday, from 3:00p.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

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You may view the live-streamed service by going to the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services' Facebook or YouTube page.

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After a lengthy illness, Rita passed away at the age of 65 on November 1, 2024, at her home in rural Verndale, MN. Loving care was provided by her family and Vivie (Knute Nelson) Hospice.

Rita was born the sixth of seven children, to Lloyd J. and Lorraine (Worden) Sellnow on April 12, 1959, at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN. She went to school in Verndale and graduated with the Class of 1977. While growing up on the farm she was an avid horse rider winning many ribbons and trophies and could milk the cows better than anyone! Rita married Harry Boehland but they later parted ways. After several years, she met Don Zerfoss and they became constant companions. Her career included working at local ag businesses for over 25 years, later working for Brunswick in New York Mills. Time away from work Rita spent outdoors, perfecting her flower gardens and yard or enjoying

seasonal fishing and camping. She also liked golfing, going to casinos and farm work.

Preceding Rita in death were her parents Lloyd and Lorraine; sister-in-law Beverly Sellnow; nephews, Garrick Isakson and Vincent Sellnow; and great-nephew, Edmund Sellnow.

Rita is survived by her children, Tracy Smith of Brainerd and Stephanie (Adam) Minten of New York Mills; five grandchildren; siblings: Diane (Zeke) Isakson of Powers Lake, ND, Steven (Connie) Sellnow of Sartell, Michael (Rhonda) Sellnow of Pine Island, Thomas (Kathy) Sellnow of Long Prairie, Richard (Doreen) Sellnow of Brainerd, and Nancy (Brad) Braaten of Bertha; significant other, Don Zerfoss; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Honorary urn bearers will be Rita's grandchildren: Lily Boehland-Goeden, Olivia and Evan Ithivongkham and Beau and Nora Minten.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Boehland*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 05, 2024 at 11:45 PM

ML

“ *Terry and Mary Lynk*



Mary Lynk - November 17, 2024 at 12:20 PM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Linda McIntire - November 07, 2024 at 04:17 PM

VJ

“ I'm So very sad to see this. Please know that I'm keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. I know for certain Rita will be missed. Hugs



Vicki Jahnke - November 07, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JM

“ I'll always remember the fun we had, how people thought we were twins, the days we skipped school and the long, long, long talks in study hall.



Juanita McCormick - November 07, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ I enjoyed being friends with Rita for about 6 years. I told her how amazing I thought she was. A loving mother, hard working lady, very beautiful but she would blush. Being able to see her slideshow allowed me to see her with her family and her life in pictures. Amazing woman whose life made a lasting impact on those left behind. Until we meet again Rita- fly high sweet lady. 💜 Michelle Krotzer



Michelle McGrath - November 07, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DS

“ Rita, you were a great neighbor. I have so many fond memories of our talks out in the yard. Blessings to your family now.

Diane Schultz - November 07, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DS

“ *Diane Schultz lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Diane Schultz - November 07, 2024 at 10:58 AM

RH

“ *From the Warehouse Team at Lunds (Brunswick)*



Randal J. Hendrickx - November 06, 2024 at 08:51 AM

NO

“ *Nate, Erin & Family in Oregon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita Boehland.*



Nate, Erin & Family in Oregon - November 06, 2024 at 12:59 AM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 05, 2024 at 06:41 PM

JB

“ *Janice Bastian lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Janice Bastian - November 05, 2024 at 05:40 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Derby lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Mary Ellen Derby - November 05, 2024 at 05:07 PM

JD

“ *fly high Rita, hugs and prayers*



jane dettmer - November 05, 2024 at 11:15 AM

KM

“ *My sympathies go out to Rita's family.*



Karen Meinz - November 05, 2024 at 09:36 AM

KF

“ *Kash Wacker Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Boehland.*



Kash Wacker Family - November 04, 2024 at 09:36 PM

GW

“ *So very sorry for your loss...we always enjoyed visiting with Rita.
Glenn and Doris Winter 🙏❤️*

Glenn and Doris Winter - November 04, 2024 at 08:55 PM

HS

“ Heidi Stokes lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Heidi Stokes - November 04, 2024 at 07:15 PM

SR

“ Steve and Kathy Richter lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Steve and Kathy Richter - November 04, 2024 at 03:07 PM

TR

“ Tim and Karen Rogers lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Tim and Karen Rogers - November 04, 2024 at 01:00 PM

BK

“ Bob Keppers lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Bob Keppers - November 04, 2024 at 11:48 AM

LG

“ *Linda (Bramer) & Scott Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Linda (Bramer) & Scott Gustafson - November 04, 2024 at 11:45 AM

TB

“ *I was a classmate of Rita's. She could always make you smile 😊. Sorry for your loss*

Ted Black - November 04, 2024 at 11:30 AM

TO

“ *Tina & Jimmy Olson lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Tina & Jimmy Olson - November 04, 2024 at 10:07 AM

MB

“ *Matt & Carla Blashack lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Matt & Carla Blashack - November 04, 2024 at 10:03 AM

PH

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all of the family.*

Patsy (Jasmer) Holmquist - November 04, 2024 at 09:46 AM

RW

“ Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Roger Wiese - November 04, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JW

“ Jim & Kathy Wilhelmi lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Jim & Kathy Wilhelmi - November 04, 2024 at 09:22 AM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Gene & Mary Denny - November 04, 2024 at 07:09 AM

LB

“ LeRoy Bramer lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



LeRoy Bramer - November 03, 2024 at 11:18 PM

SK

“ *Sally Kopp lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Sally Kopp - November 03, 2024 at 11:03 PM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Glen Donna Wood - November 03, 2024 at 10:25 PM

IH

“ *Ida Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Ida Hennagir - November 03, 2024 at 10:11 PM

WS

“ *Always loved visiting w Rita and will always remember her beautiful smile! Her presence here will be greatly missed, grateful her pain is gone n what a blessing to be right there with Jesus!! Our sincere sympathy to all her family and Don too. Our love n prayers will be with each of you* 💕



Wayne and Sheila Stave - November 03, 2024 at 09:55 PM

MC

“ *Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Marlene Campbell - November 03, 2024 at 09:09 PM

LJ

“ *In memory of Rita Boehland*



Lee and Helen James - November 03, 2024 at 08:40 PM

JP

“ *Our sympathies to the family*



Judy & John pokorney - November 03, 2024 at 07:35 PM

BF

“ *Braaten Nieces, Nephews, and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Boehland.*



Braaten Nieces, Nephews, and families - November 03, 2024 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ *John and Audrey Blashack lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



John and Audrey Blashack - November 03, 2024 at 06:22 PM

KV

“ *Kim Voge lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Kim Voge - November 03, 2024 at 06:09 PM

SB

“ *Rita was a dear dear friend of family for 40 years. Infact I considered her one of my children. R.I.P.*



Shari and Jerry Branson - November 03, 2024 at 05:59 PM

MS

“ *Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Mike and Lea Snyder - November 03, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Rita was part of our family ! She lived next to my grandparents in Bertha! Her laugh was the best ! You will be missed Rita! Give Grandpa Hank and Grandma Alta a hug for me!! Until we meet again 💜



Deb Brunko Ferrucci - November 03, 2024 at 05:38 PM

RR

“ Roland & Donna Roth lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Roland & Donna Roth - November 03, 2024 at 04:57 PM

DH

“ Rita has fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith 🙏. May God bless you all as we pray for Him to comfort you and help us all remember Rita forever ❤️.



Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg - November 03, 2024 at 04:54 PM

NO

“ Nadine Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Nadine Ostlund - November 03, 2024 at 04:42 PM

BB

“ *Lifting the families in prayer!!*”



Barbara J Brown - November 03, 2024 at 02:14 PM

VH

“ *So very sorry to hear of Rita's passing.*”



Vicki Hansen - November 03, 2024 at 01:55 PM

IB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Rita was a good friend.*”



Irene Baron - November 03, 2024 at 01:46 PM

NB

“ *Hugs and prayers for all the family and siblings. She is with Dad and Mom.*”



Neal & Leona Bowman - November 03, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JK

“ *With Sympathy, Julie & Norm Krause*



Julie & Norm Krause - November 03, 2024 at 12:26 PM

KT

“ *Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Karen Treangen - November 03, 2024 at 11:38 AM

DJ

“ *Sending prayers for comfort.*



Dennis & Kathy Johnson, - November 03, 2024 at 10:41 AM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Leo haisman - November 03, 2024 at 10:41 AM

SK

“ Steve & Janet Kneisl lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Steve & Janet Kneisl - November 03, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DC

“ Debra (Kendall) Chandler lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Debra (Kendall) Chandler - November 03, 2024 at 10:19 AM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Karen Treangen - November 03, 2024 at 10:13 AM

JH

“ I have such wonderful memories of Rita and Nancy from when I was a kid and spent the night. Rita could make me laugh so hard and always made me feel welcome. I am so sorry for your loss and you have my heartfelt deepest sympathy.

Jody Derby Holmwig - November 03, 2024 at 10:09 AM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - November 03, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. 💜💜*



Becky Shaw - November 03, 2024 at 09:06 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Patty Desrocher - November 03, 2024 at 09:05 AM

DC

Tracy & Stephanie sorry for you loss. We sure had some laughs living on Cherry Street in Bertha when you were kids. Rita will be missed.

Debra (Kendall) Chandler - November 03, 2024 at 10:12 AM

MB

“ *Michelle and Roger Boehland,*



Michelle Boehland - November 03, 2024 at 08:34 AM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Rita Anderson - November 03, 2024 at 08:04 AM

TC

“ *Tabitha Captain lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Tabitha Captain - November 03, 2024 at 07:49 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland*



Jon Johnson - November 03, 2024 at 07:45 AM

JC

“ So very sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Our sincerest condolences and prayers to her family.



Jim and Janell Carr - November 02, 2024 at 11:28 PM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed chatting and working with at Northern Co-op/Leaf River Ag.

Terry Frost - November 02, 2024 at 11:09 PM

PA

“ Pam Afari lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Pam Afari - November 02, 2024 at 09:59 PM

DO

“ Doug Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Rita Boehland



Doug Ostlund - November 02, 2024 at 09:07 PM

MA

“ *Mark & Barb Allen lit a candle in memory of
Rita Boehland*



Mark & Barb Allen - November 02, 2024 at 08:34 PM