



## Rita Decker

August 28, 1939 - December 18, 2024

The funeral service celebrating the life of Rita Decker will be held at 10:30 am. on Monday, December 23, at the Domina-Anderson Chapel in Bertha, with Pastor Porter presiding. Visitation will be held at the chapel on Monday, from 9:00a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha, MN.

Rita Genette Peery, a beloved farmer, community volunteer, and lifelong learner, passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on December 18, 2024, at Lakewood Health Care Center, in Staples, MN.

Rita was born on August 28, 1939, the daughter of Frank and Irene (Conrad) Peery on her grandfather's farm in Cottonwood County, MN. She was baptized at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Jeffers where she began her spiritual journey.

The family moved to a farm in Todd County near Eagle Bend. Rita was part of a close-knit family that included her siblings: Woodrow, Elmyra, and Julia. Rita attended Red Oak District 82 Country School then graduated from Eagle Bend High School.

On December 28, 1957, Rita married Wallace Decker. The couple initially lived in the Twin Cities for a year before returning to the Eagle Bend area to

farm. Throughout her life, Rita was deeply involved in her community. She was passionate about church and local organizations, participating enthusiastically in the Todd County Homemakers Group, Dairy Association, and Todd County Farm Bureau. She was a dedicated Bible school and Release time teacher, served as President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), and was an active member of the Great River Regional Library Board. Her community spirit was evident in her continuous engagement and willingness to serve.

Rita and Wallace shared a love of travel, taking numerous bus trips together. They particularly enjoyed visiting country music destinations like Branson, MO, and Nashville, TN. Their travels also included cultural excursions to Chicago's museums and historical trips to the East Coast, including Boston and Washington D.C., where they explored Civil War sites.

In August 2016, Rita made Lakewood Care Center in Staples her home. Even in this new chapter of her life, she remained active and vibrant, participating in various activities and forming new friendships with residents and staff.

Preceding Rita in death were her husband Wallace Decker and her parents Frank and Irene Peery.

She is survived by her sisters Elmyra and Julia, and her brother Woodrow and his wife Rosamond. Rita will be missed most by her children Carolyn, Susan, Elaine, KyLynn (Carmen), Beth and Todd (Katie) and her grandchildren Jamese and Sammuel.

Rita touched so many hearts in her community, her friends, and all who knew her kind and generous spirit.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

13499 Palomino Road  
Bertha, MN 56437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel  
309 2nd Avenue NW  
Bertha, MN 56437  
(218) 924-4000

## Service

DEC **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ Carol Decker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Decker.

Carol Decker - December 21, 2024 at 02:45 PM

CD

“ Carol Decker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rita Decker.



Carol Decker - December 21, 2024 at 02:45 PM

CD

“ My deepest condolences

Candy Decker - December 21, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ So sorry about losing your mom, Beth. Sending hugs to you and the family.  
Kim and Thomas

December 21, 2024 at 12:21 PM

TK

“ Toni and Dean Kasperek purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita Decker.



Toni and Dean Kasperek - December 20, 2024 at 11:51 PM

JB

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



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**Janice Bastian** - December 20, 2024 at 11:03 PM

CB

“ *Chuck and Emily Brody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Decker.*

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**Chuck and Emily Brody** - December 20, 2024 at 10:21 PM

CB

“ *Chuck and Emily Brody purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita Decker.*



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**Chuck and Emily Brody** - December 20, 2024 at 10:21 PM

DW

“ *We didn't visit often but Rita was always interested in what was going on in my area! She was an avid reader. I will miss my chats with her.*

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**Doris Winter** - December 20, 2024 at 05:53 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Rita Decker



Karen Treangen - December 20, 2024 at 10:57 AM

WJ

“ Wilferd & Shirley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rita Decker



Wilferd & Shirley Johnson - December 20, 2024 at 06:24 AM

TP

“ Terri Castle Pappas purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rita Decker.



Terri Castle Pappas - December 19, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this sending prayers

Kathy Yoder - December 19, 2024 at 08:52 PM

NB

“ Neal & Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Rita Decker



Neal & Leona Bowman - December 19, 2024 at 08:17 PM

GF

“ Gary & Ardith Christenson and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rita Decker.



Gary & Ardith Christenson and family - December 19, 2024 at 06:46 PM

GF

“ Gary & Ardith Christenson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Decker.

Gary & Ardith Christenson and family - December 19, 2024 at 06:46 PM

GK

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



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - December 19, 2024 at 06:14 PM

RK

“ *Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Rita Decker*



Rich & Mavis Kendall - December 19, 2024 at 05:48 PM

BB

“ *Bob and Lucy Berglund purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita Decker.*



Bob and Lucy Berglund - December 19, 2024 at 05:45 PM

NK

“ *Norman and Julie Krause lit a candle in memory of Rita Decker*



Norman and Julie Krause - December 19, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Decker.*

December 19, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Rita Decker.*



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December 19, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *Cathy Hebig lit a candle in memory of Rita Decker*



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**Cathy Hebig** - December 19, 2024 at 12:31 PM



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



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**Rita Anderson** - December 19, 2024 at 11:52 AM