



## Rita Wehking

November 15, 1938 - February 20, 2025

The Mass of Christian Burial for Rita Wehking of Eagle Bend will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Wednesday February 26, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clarissa.

Visitation will be Tuesday, from 4:00 until 8:00p.m. at the church in Clarissa with a rosary at 5:00 and prayers at 7:30p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Wednesday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery, Eagle Bend, 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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With family at her side, Rita passed away at the age of 86 at her home in Eagle Bend on February 20, 2025, with additional gentle care by Vivie (aka: Knute Nelson) Hospice.

Rita Mae Stich was born the daughter of Jacob and Dorothy (Gerszewski) Stich on November 15, 1938, in Stephen, MN. She attended Stephen Elementary School and graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Crookston. Following graduation she attended Thief River Falls Vocational School to take a secretarial course.

Rita found employment at Northwestern National Life Insurance Co in

Minneapolis. There she met Verne Burke, and they were married May 1959, at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Stephen. Four children were born of this marriage, Therese, Michael, Patrick and Timothy. Verne passed away March 26, 1964. In 1969, Rita and her children moved to St. Cloud where she attended St Cloud State graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. She accepted a second-grade teaching position at St. Anastasia Catholic School in Hutchinson.

Rita met Carl Wehking at the Lake Marion Ballroom, and they were married on November 24, 1973, in Hutchinson. The spring of 1974, they moved to a farm north of Rose City. Jennifer and Jason were born of this marriage. Rita helped on the farm. She taught Title I in Parkers Prairie and Eagle Valley along with fifth grade in Eagle Valley. She spent several years as a substitute in the area schools.

Faith, family and friends were very important to Rita. She was a member of and served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clarissa. She also was a member of St. Mary's Mission. Rita was a talented cake baker and decorator for many occasions and baked cookies for Treasured Treats at the Hill Top Kitchen. Getting together with family was important, especially with her grandchildren. They all received a denim quilt when they graduated and embroidered dish towels as a bridal shower gift. She enjoyed being a member of the Eagle Bend Kitchen Klatter Band, Eagle Bend Red Hat Mamas, dancing and playing cards. Rita and Carl took many bus trips to Alaska, Nova Scotia, Canada, Arizona and the West.

Preceding Rita in death were her parents; first husband; an infant son; brother, Adolph Stich; an infant sister; parents-in-law, Ernest and Lillian (Buehler) Wehking; daughter-in-law, Lisa Wehking; and sister-in-law Karen Stich.

Surviving Rita are her loving husband, Carl; children: Terry (Jim) Langmaack, Mike (Lori) Burke, Pat, (Laurie) Burke, Tim (LeAnn) Burke, Jen (Ryan) Glebe, and Jason Wehking; 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren; siblings: Ron (Marge) Stich, Jerry (Karen) Stich; sister-in-law Yvonne Stich; along with several cousins, nephews and nieces.

# Cemetery Details

## Hope Lutheran Cemetery

15115 County Road 22  
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa  
105 John Street S  
Clarissa, MN 56440

## Rosary

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa  
105 John Street S  
Clarissa, MN 56440

## Prayers

FEB **25**. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa  
105 John Street S  
Clarissa, MN 56440

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa  
105 John Street S  
Clarissa, MN 56440

## Mass

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa  
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# Tribute Wall



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



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DM

*I enjoyed giving this sweet woman many hairdos and great conversation Rest in peace my friend*

David Rolstad and Marsha - February 25, 2025 at 04:24 PM

PH

“ Pat Hinzmann lit a candle in memory of Rita Wehking



pat hinzmann - February 27, 2025 at 01:54 PM

GD

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



Gene & Mary Denny - February 25, 2025 at 07:31 PM

DS

“ Don and Laura Shircliff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Wehking.

Don and Laura Shircliff - February 25, 2025 at 04:08 PM

DS

“ Don and Laura Shircliff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rita Wehking.



Don and Laura Shircliff - February 25, 2025 at 04:08 PM



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

February 24, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Wehking.



February 24, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Wehking.



February 24, 2025 at 05:04 PM

NS

“ *What a wonderful lady. My sympathy to her family and friends.*



Nancy Stepaniak - February 24, 2025 at 03:17 PM

CF

“ *Chad & Emily Olson & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Wehking.*



Chad & Emily Olson & Family - February 24, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MH

“ *Mike and MerLynda Heiser purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita Wehking.*



Mike and MerLynda Heiser - February 24, 2025 at 09:06 AM

FF

“ *From your A.B.A.T.E. of MN friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Wehking.*

From your A.B.A.T.E. of MN friends - February 24, 2025 at 09:04 AM

FF

“ From your A.B.A.T.E. of MN friends purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita Wehking.



From your A.B.A.T.E. of MN friends - February 24, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Wehking.



February 23, 2025 at 08:47 PM

RS

“ We have so many fond memories of Rita. She was an amazing woman, with so many talents. Her first wedding cake was for our daughter Sara. We were fortunate to have shared many breakfast with her and Carl. Her wisdom will be missed by many people. Our sympathies to Carl and her family. Ron and Jane Swanson

Ron Swanson - February 23, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JE

“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Rita Wehking



Judy Erdahl - February 23, 2025 at 06:54 PM

LH

“ Rita was an amazingly sweet lady...she subbed in Bertha for several years and she made Chelsey & Martin a beautiful wedding cake❤️. She forever left an imprint on my life!



**Lisa & Darrell Hoemberg** - February 23, 2025 at 04:14 PM

JS

“ Jillmarie Stich lit a candle in memory of Rita Wehking



**Jillmarie Stich** - February 23, 2025 at 11:48 AM

-M

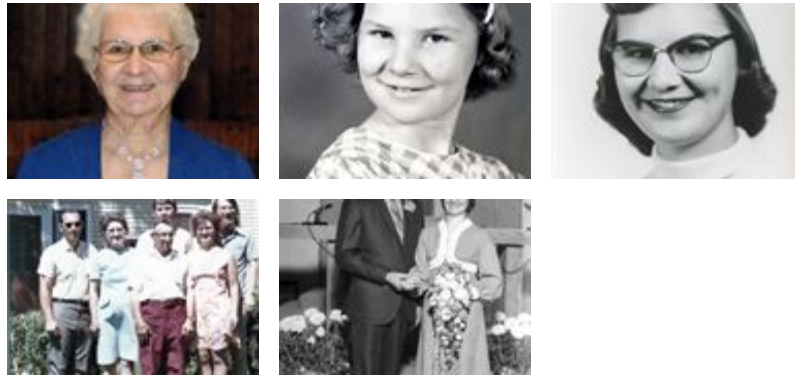
“ -Ben & Beth Johnson Family Drew & Megan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rita Wehking.



**-Ben & Beth Johnson Family Drew & Megan** - February 23, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 22, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rita Wehking.



February 22, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ *I met Rita when I worked as a substitute teacher at the school in Clarissa. She was always so kind and positive. I looked forward to visiting with her whenever I went there. After that I enjoyed seeing her at St Joseph's church in Bertha occasionally.*  
*Deanna Lipinski*

Deanna Lipinski - February 22, 2025 at 01:28 PM

GD

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



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**Gene & Mary Denny** - February 22, 2025 at 11:40 AM

DO

“ *Dale & Denise Olson lit a candle in memory of Rita Wehking*



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**Dale & Denise Olson** - February 22, 2025 at 07:17 AM

DL

“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Carl and family. God be with you in this time of sorrow and always.*  
*Loren Coyer and Donna Larson*



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**Donna Larson** - February 21, 2025 at 07:18 PM