

*Rita* was born August 4, 1941, to George and Lola (Henderson) Schuetze at St. Francis Hospital in Breckenridge. She grew up and attended school in Morris, MN, graduating in 1959. Following high school, Rita attended nursing school.

On June 8, 1963, Rita was united in marriage to Dennis Ehrens in Morris, MN. They made their home in Wahpeton and their union was blessed with three children. Rita spent the majority of her adult life as a caregiver. She was employed by the St. Francis Medical Center and Nursing home in Breckenridge as well as St. Catherine's Nursing home in Wahpeton. She officially retired in 2006. Her caring for others continued even as she was lovingly cared for at St. Gerard's Community of Care.

Rita enjoyed spending time at the Wahpeton Senior Citizen Center playing cards and delivering Meals on Wheels with her husband Dennis. She had a green thumb and loved caring for plants and flowers. She also loved birds, particularly owls of which she maintained a large porcelain collection. Rita's greatest joy was spending time with family and friends.

Rita is survived by her son Duane (Karen) Ehrens, Bismarck, N.D., and their daughter Emily; and daughter Denise (Tim) Kriese, Fargo, N.D.; her brother Steve Schuetze, Lindstrom, MN, along with several nieces and nephews.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Dennis; her parents, George and Lola; her daughter Darlene; her brothers, Floyd and Lowell; and her sisters, Dolores and Ramona.





IN LOVING  
*Memory*

*Rita Estelle Ehrens*



Born: August 4, 1941 ~ Breckenridge , Minnesota  
Died: February 10, 2023 ~ Hankinson, North Dakota

**FUNERAL MASS**

St. John's Catholic Church  
Wahpeton, North Dakota  
11:00 a.m., Friday, February 17, 2023

**PARTICIPANTS**

Father Dale Lagodinski, Celebrant  
Mary Jane Pauly & Karen Kreller, Musicians

**PALLBEARERS**

Todd Schuetze ~ Dan Carpenter  
Butch Ehrens ~ Dean Ehrens

**CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC**

In the Garden ~ On Eagle's Wings ~ Prayer of St. Francis  
Song of Farewell ~ How Great Thou Art

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Karen Ehrens, Flute Soloist*  
Amazing Grace

**BURIAL AT A LATER DATE**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Breckenridge, Minnesota

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be **ALWAYS**  
at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,

*And until  
we meet again,*

May **GOD** hold you in the  
palm of His *hand.*



*The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Rita with your presence at the service.*