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In her early adulthood, Ronda worked at Rentschler's Truck Plaza in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, while also attending college at Stewart School in Sioux Falls. She graduated from Stewart School as a cosmetologist in 1987. Following her work at Rentschler's, she worked as a bar tender in Garretson, South Dakota and later at Ellison Meats in Pipestone, Minnesota. Along with being a hard worker, Ronda was a natural care giver. She took care of her father Delbert until his passing in 2011. She also took care of Donald Streich, her fiancé Jack Streich's father, in his time of need until he was placed in a nursing home.

When Ronda wasn't working hard, she could be found spending time with her family, Jack's family whom she loved as her own, and with her beloved foxes, Yoshie and Willow. She loved supporting and helping with the Auxiliary women, planning and participating in events and parades the Pipestone Legion hosted. Her love for celebrating Halloween and relaxing while fishing will forever be remembered by her family and loved ones.

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Officiating - Rev. Evan Schiller

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Scripture

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"Dancing In the Sky" as recorded by Dani & Lizzy
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Michael Boock American Legion Post 6
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