

*Rita Y. Leinen, 92, of Breckenridge, formerly of Campbell, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours surrounded by loving family on Monday, August 7, 2023, at St. Catherine's Living Center.*

*Rita was born on September 6, 1930, on the family farm near Tyler, ND, to Ralph and Fern (Reese) Rubish. She attended and graduated from Fairmount High School in 1948. After high school, she worked in the Tyler General Store. After a short courtship, she married Roland "Rollie" Leinen on June 23, 1951, in Fairmount at the United Methodist Church. Together they welcomed three children: Ryan, Rhonda, and Rory. The couple spent over sixty years on their farm until health issues forced them into town, and they resided at Twin Town Villa until Rollie passed away. Rita spent the next couple of years there alone, shining and loving life with her girlfriends.*

*Rita found something good in everyone she met and could find a silver lining in the darkest of clouds. She never let anything get under her skin and didn't have a mean bone in her body. She was the quintessential farm mom and wife, loving to garden and can vegetables, and enjoyed her homemaker's group. She loved crocheting, puzzles, and crosswords, spending time at their cabin on Pickereel Lake with family, and shopping at Thrifty Horizons.*

*She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the West Brandrup Homemakers, and the Breckenridge United Methodist Church. Rita also gave samples at demo stands at the grocery store, a job she loved.*

*Surviving Rita are her children: Ryan (Dorothy) Leinen, Rhonda (Bob) Ginsbach, and Rory (Mary) Leinen; grandchildren: Nick (Lindsey) Leinen, Angie (Aaron) Heck, Natalia (Joe) Heitkamp, Michael Ginsbach; great grandchildren, Ava Lee Leinen, Aubrie and Addyson Ginsbach, and Marley and Easton Heitkamp; brother, Merle (Jean) Rubish; brother and sister-in-law, Connie and Teddy Reber; and sisters-in-law, Laura and Doris Leinen.*

*Preceding her in death was her husband, Rollie; her parents; her brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Vinnie Rubish; and sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Floyd Colemere.*



*Celebrating*  
T H E L I F E O F  
*Rita Y. Leinen*

September 6, 1930 ~ August 7, 2023

*An angel whispered in my ear,  
Believe in me and have no fear.  
Come with me and take my hand,  
I will take you to another land.  
A place of peace a place of light,  
Don't be afraid, just hold on tight.  
Your earth days are done but don't be sad,  
Remember all the times you had.  
Loved ones will join don't despair,  
You have many in heaven waiting there.  
Your body dies your soul is free,  
That's why you get to fly with me.*  
- John F. Connor

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 9, 2023  
Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home  
Breckenridge, Minnesota

**OFFICIANT**

Pastor Mark Gronseth

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"In the Garden"  
"How Beautiful" ~ Twila Paris  
"Amazing Grace"

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Nick Leinen	Ava Lee Leinen	Angie Heck
Michael Ginsbach	Aubrie Ginsbach	Addyson Ginsbach
Natalia Heitkamp	Marley Heitkamp	Easton Heitkamp

**INTERMENT**

At a later date  
Riverside Cemetery  
Breckenridge, Minnesota

*Arrangements entrusted with Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home  
Breckenridge, Minnesota*