

Ruth Ann was born May 2, 1942 in Mandan, North Dakota. She grew up in Judson and graduated from New Salem High School in 1960. She married Wayne Werchau on May 4, 1963 at the Zion Evangelical Church in Judson. Together the couple had three children, Bonnie and twin boys Kevin, and Steven. Ruth Ann was just as kind hearted as she was strong willed. She enjoyed spending time with her family, fishing (only for walleye, not bass), gardening, sewing, card playing, and making sausage and homemade noodles. Ruth Ann also loved to keep track of all her family history. She had a book of all different obituaries and family genealogy. Ruth Ann worked for over twenty years as the secretary at Peace Church, where she also sang in the choir and was a member of the Women's Guild. Ruth Ann will be remembered for her kind hearted nature. Ruth is survived by her husband Wayne of New Salem; daughter, Bonnie Toepke of New Salem; twin boys, Kevin Werchau, Steven (friend Cindy) Werchau both of New Salem; grandchildren, Jamie Myers, Hollie (Jared) Kautzman; great-grand-triplets; Landry, Graeme, Camryn; sister, Alyce Mae Koch of IN; brother, Jerome (Lauretta) Wolff of Judson; sister-in-law, Gloria Klug of Dickinson; brother-in-law, Martin (Meredyth) Werchau of New Salem; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Art and Sophia; brothers-in-law, Gene Koch, George Klug; and niece, Katherine Wolff.



In Loving Memory

Ruth Ann Werchau

May 2, 1942 - October 3, 2023



Ruth Ann Werchau

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Saturday, October 7, 2023 10:00 am CT
Peace Church
New Salem, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Darrel Aleson

MUSIC:

Organist: Michelle Kaelberer
Bonnie Toepke & Shiree Wolff

READING OF THE POEM:

Granddaughter - Hollie Kautzman

URNBEARERS

Great-Grandchildren
Landry, Graeme, Camryn Kautzman

INTERMENT:

Judson Cemetery

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home



Ruth Ann's Light

There are few memories that roll around freshly in my mind
Those that are unlocked easily when there are good times to find

I remember staying up late with you watching shows
until wee hours of the morning
Fishing, Nertz tournaments, and baking my favorite cookies
- time was never boring

I felt your kind heart in the times we could hang out together
And your strong will that I admired and will carry with me forever

There's not one person in our family who won't think
of you when the lake water shimmers in the sunlight
When eating a star anise cookie or laughing over
a friendly card game fight

And although we feel like we did not have enough
time and we lost you too fast
Your 81 years were spent in all the best ways- with memories
and smiles that last

We will feel your love and presence in wide open spaces
And you in the smiles of innocent great grandchildren's faces

Words of course could never explain exactly what
you mean to all those here
But the impact you have made in the lives you touched is clear

So, even though you may not be here in the ways
we wish you still were
I know where your soul finds rest, in heaven,
where death does not hold fear

But in peace and without suffering where you will finally rest
For we all know that deep within us, letting you go was best

So, although we may be sad in this adjustment
we will not dwell in sorrow
But be happy in the memories and time that
we were allotted to borrow

We love you and we want to gather here not in
sadness but in celebration
We will all meet you again someday
in that heavenly destination

-Jamie Myers (Granddaughter)