



## Rita T. Koetter

September 22, 1942 - August 5, 2015

Rita Koetter, 72 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN with Father Ken Popp officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Monday and from 9-10 A.M. on Tuesday at the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN. A Christian Mother's rosary will be prayed at 4:30 P.M. on Monday followed by Parish Prayers at 7:00 P.M. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Rita was born on September 22, 1942 in Buh Township, Morrison County to the late Raymond and Marie (Tretter) Hoffman. She attended school at St. Joseph's Elementary School and graduated from Fr. Pierz Memorial High School. Rita was united in marriage to Gerald Koetter on April 28, 1979 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN. She worked various jobs through out her life which include Fingerhut, Redwood Industries, Franklin, Morrison County Record, and Pierz Villa which she retired from several years ago. Rita was a very active person, always on the go, living life to the fullest. She enjoyed, playing Bingo, going to the casino, playing cards, and going fishing. Rita also had a green thumb tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. Her grandchildren were her true joy spending time with them and teaching them

how to play Go Fish. Rita will forever be remembered for always having a wonderful meal prepared at the last minute. She was member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pierz, MN, Christian Mother's, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Rita is survived by son, Alan (Sandy) Koetter of Alexandria, MN; daughters, Judy (Jason) Hudalla of Little Falls, MN and Janice (John) Poegel of Swanville, MN; brother, Lloyd (Sharon) Hoffman of Pierz, MN; and grandchildren, Daniel Poegel, Kaitlin Hudalla, Hunter Hudalla, Alexander Koetter, and Joseph Koetter.

Rita was preceded in death by husband, Gerald Koetter (2013) and parents, Raymond and Marie Hoffman.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz  
202 Main St. South  
Pierz, MN

## Visitation

AUG 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz  
202 Main St. South  
Pierz, MN

## Service

AUG 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
68 North Main Street  
Pierz, MN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita T. Koetter*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - August 07, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ *Rita T. Koetter*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I worked with Rita at the Pierz Villa, I always loved when I was "paired" with her at work and enjoyed listening to her stories about her children. And then later was a bridesmaid in her nephew, Joe Thoma's wedding (I went to college with Joe's bride, Jessica). Rita was so surprised to see me at the wedding and so sweet to me all day. I remember her coming up to me, asking "what I was doing there" and the chat we had while we sorted out how we knew the bride & groom. Thinking of your families.*

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**Sara Hoheisel-Grieser** - August 11, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Rita's passing, she will be missed at Bingo, our sympathies to her family, from the staff at the VFW, Bingo*

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**Cary Blechinger** - August 10, 2015 at 10:01 AM

JT

“ John & Kathia Thoma purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rita T. Koetter.



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**John & Kathia Thoma** - August 09, 2015 at 09:51 PM

JT

“ Rita had warmth & humor that will be fondly remembered and as surely missed. She was a caregiver in so many ways & taught others by example. I'll take with me the memory of visiting her house in my youth, playing games with the cousins, and hearing Rita's hearty laughter - and also the loving relationship she shared with Uncle Jerry. They seemed to make it to all the family events especially those pertaining to life milestones like a graduation party or a wedding. The absence of her everyday strength of character and comforting, intelligent conviction will certainly leave a void that can only be met with the memory of her life. God bless and keep a generous, kind, and caring soul. My condolences to the family and friends whose lives she touched the ways she touched my own.

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**John Thoma** - August 09, 2015 at 08:03 PM

MT

“ Hard to believe that somebody who seemed so filled with life and laughter is gone so suddenly. She will be missed.

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**Mary Thoma** - August 09, 2015 at 03:07 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Stuckmayer lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Koetter*



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**Nancy Stuckmayer** - August 09, 2015 at 01:36 PM

JS

“ *John & Sharon Schwinghammer lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Koetter*



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**John & Sharon Schwinghammer** - August 08, 2015 at 12:51 PM

LP

“ *Rita was a lifetime neighbor! Our sympathy to her brother Lloyd and wife Sharon - also neighbors.*



*Ron and Lois Peschel - now in St. Paul*

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**Lois Peschel** - August 08, 2015 at 11:34 AM

PR

“ *Paula Rocheleau lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Koetter*



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**Paula Rocheleau** - August 08, 2015 at 08:39 AM

CS

“ Rita was one of the kindest and nicest persons I've ever met!! Her and Jerry were a special couple So hard to lose mom & dad within 2 yrs! Our hearts go out to all of her family May the good Lord wrap you all in his loving embrace and comfort you with beautiful memories. Connie & Dan Sullivan

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**Connie Sullivan** - August 07, 2015 at 01:23 PM

BP

“ Our hearts go out to Rita's family. It was always a pleasure seeing her at VFW bingo. Her friendly smile and pleasant demeanor will be truly missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bruce and Deb Pederson** - August 06, 2015 at 08:23 PM

LH

“ LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Koetter



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**LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel** - August 06, 2015 at 04:17 PM