



Rita Venske

July 31, 1927 - February 13, 2020

Rita Venske, 92 year old resident of Randall, MN, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Amazing Love Care Center in Randall. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Bob Mueller officiating. Burial will take place in the Randall City Cemetery in Randall, MN. A visitation will be held from 9:30-11:00 A.M. on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Rita was born on July 31, 1927 in Holdingford, MN to the late Phillip and Theresa (Heitzman) Opatz. She grew up in Holdingford, MN where she attended school, graduating with the Class of 1946. Rita was united in marriage to Curtis Venske on July 28, 1951. Together the couple farmed together for many years while they raised their family. Later, Rita went to work at Dr. S.G. Knight Elementary School in Randall, MN where she was the head cook. She was a lifetime member of the Randall VFW and the Randall / Cushing Lioness Club. In her free time, Rita enjoyed cooking, canning, gardening, and cross-stitching dish towels. She was an avid card player and bowler for many years. Her greatest joy in life was traveling and took many trips with Gary Block Tours and she especially enjoyed the mystery tours. Rita was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Rita is survived by children, Daniel (Laura) Venske of Randall, MN, Laurie (Mike) Koll of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Curtis Venske, Candace Reed and Allannah Koll; great-grandchildren, Cameron Gosiak, Jeremiah Reed, William Reed, Lucas Venske, Katelyn Venske, and Davon'Tay Mims; siblings, Edward (Elaine) Opatz of Sartell, MN, George (Della) Opatz of Rice, MN, Lloyd Opatz of Avon, MN, Bill (Shirley) Opatz of Avon, MN, Jack (Janey) Opatz of St. Anna, MN, Eugene Opatz of Buffalo, MN and Judy Rossell of St. Cloud, MN.

Rita was preceded in death by parents, Phillip and Theresa Opatz; husband, Curtis Venske; sisters, Lorraine, Delores, Mary Ann, and Darlene; and brother, LeRoy.

Cemetery Details

Randall Cemetery

22806 Dove Road
Randall, MN 56475

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Venske*



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“ *Rita Venske*

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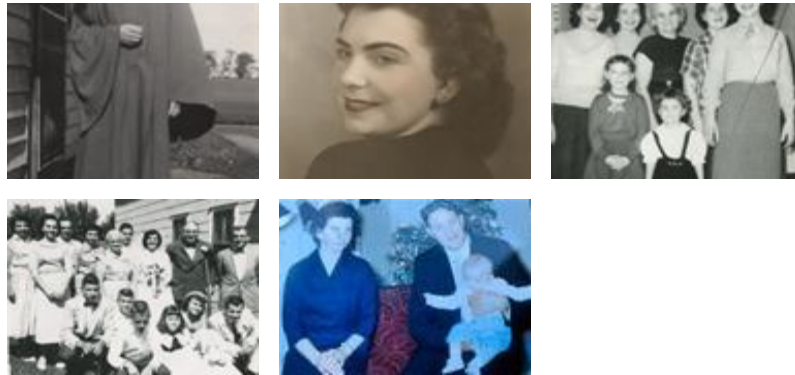


“ *Rita was the best cook! I remember her cooking in elementary school and I'll never forget how awesome her sloppy Joe's were! I was in elementary school a long time ago, so that shows you how good they must've been :) A wonderful lady! So sorry for your loss. Sincerely,
Amy Wenzel Opatz*

Amy Wenzel Opatz - February 20, 2020 at 08:23 PM



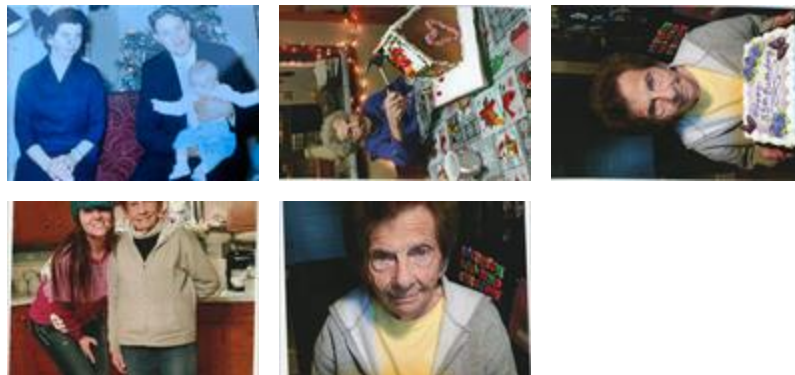
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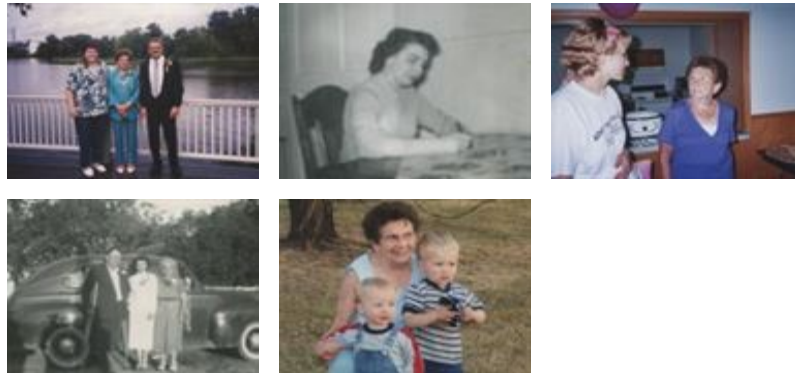
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“ Laurie Venske Koll sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Venske



Laurie Venske Koll - February 18, 2020 at 07:06 AM



she;s at peace now and has her wings, and her and dad are finally together again forever

Laurie Venske Koll - February 18, 2020 at 07:07 AM

BO

“ Brian Opatz lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Brian Opatz - February 16, 2020 at 09:22 AM

RS

“ Rodney Schuett lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Rodney schuett - February 15, 2020 at 08:34 PM

JJ

“ Jackie Janey lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Jackie Janey - February 15, 2020 at 05:23 PM

MA

“ My sympathy to Rita's family. Gog bless you all.

Marilyn Anderson - February 15, 2020 at 02:23 PM

ND

“ Nancy Doucette lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Nancy Doucette - February 14, 2020 at 10:28 PM

LV

“ Lynn Vetsch lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Lynn Vetsch - February 14, 2020 at 06:42 PM

SO

“ Steve And Shirley Olson lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Steve and Shirley Olson - February 14, 2020 at 05:40 PM

SK

“ Shirley Kuchinski lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Shirley kuchinski - February 14, 2020 at 04:00 PM

GF

“ Gary & Suekye Fafara lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Gary & Suekye Fafara - February 14, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RO

“ Many years ago while I was working at the Randall Cafe, Rita and Pat came in and asked if I would like to join their bowling team in Little Falls. I did and to this day I am still bowling. Rita was a very funny lady and a good bowler, she made great cookies and grew lovely flowers. When I asked her why she was still living way out in the country she smiled and said because it was her husbands dream. After not seeing her for a year or two she would always give me a hug.

She will be sadly missed

Ronda - February 14, 2020 at 02:41 PM

RL

“ Rick And Donna Lundgren lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Rick and Donna Lundgren - February 13, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ Spent many hours at your house as a kid. Some of the best memories. Thank you for sharing your home and family. Jane Wippler Kunkel

Jane Kunkel - February 13, 2020 at 10:45 PM

SW

“ Rita was such a wonderful lady . Im so sorry Laurie I'm here if you need anything.

Sherri weikert - February 13, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ Laurie Venske Koll lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske



Laurie Venske Koll - February 13, 2020 at 08:33 PM



my heart is heavy and i will miss you mama, i will miss our bingo days, i will miss calling you every day, but mostly i will miss our time together. i am thankful you are at peace and now you can fly free with your new wings, i love you mom

Laurie Venske Koll - February 13, 2020 at 08:36 PM

KS

Laurie I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a very nice lady. Hugs

Kim Schultz - February 14, 2020 at 04:57 PM

L(

Laurie, so sorry to hear about your mom, what a wonderful woman and great memories of her in the lunchroom at school and at your house when my bus missed my stop and i got out at your place. sending love and prayers to you and your family.

Lori J Sall (Olson) - February 18, 2020 at 07:55 AM

DW

“ My deepest sympathies. Ive known her all my (almost) 70 years. She was a kind and caring person. Although I haven't seen her much over the past 50 years, she was always glad to see me and give me a hug. A truly good person.

Doug Woodworth - February 13, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Sharon Defoe-Venske lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske*



Sharon Defoe-Venske - February 13, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *What an amazing woman. I am so sorry for your loss. I am honored to have known her. Big hugs and much love.*

judy (cyrus) thompson - February 13, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your Mom. I have many memories of Rita. May your memories be of comfort to you during this difficult time. Hugs to you Laurie* ❤️❤️



Sandy Frey Statema

Sandy Frey Statema - February 13, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ *Laurie, Danny, and Families,*

So very sorry to learn of your mom's passing. You have our deepest sympathy.



Val and Steve Jones

Valerie Jones - February 13, 2020 at 05:51 PM

RS

“ *Richard & Mary Schneider*

To all the Fenske family, our deepest sympathy and prayers go to you all. Rita was both a great lady and a wonderful person. Lord, may her soul Rest In Peace & a home in heaven with you forever. God bless you all.

Richard Robert Schneider - February 13, 2020 at 05:31 PM

CF

“ *Our hearts are heavy and our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Dan's godmother was a precious lady...we loved Rita! God rest her soul! Peace in your hearts.*



Connie & Dan Fenske - February 13, 2020 at 05:16 PM

 Kelli Olson

“ *Kelli Olson lit a candle in memory of Rita Venske*



Kelli Olson - February 13, 2020 at 04:51 PM

MR

Danny, Laurie, and families, thoughts, and prayers to you in your mom's passing. She was a lovely lady. After all these years she is reunited again with uncle Curt. Love Jim and Shelly Robinson

Michelle Sanders Robinson - February 14, 2020 at 02:31 PM