



## Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters

October 18, 1946 - June 3, 2015

Bobbie Riitters, 68 year old resident of Randall, MN passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Faith Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Nate Bjorge officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Monday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and from 10-11 A.M. on Tuesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN.

Bobbie was born on October 18, 1946 in Chisholm, Minnesota to the late William and Ann (Muhar) Mainerich. She grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota where she attended Hibbing Jr. College. Bobbie graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1968 with a B.A. degree in Elementary Education. She taught at Lindbergh and Dr. S.G. Knight Elementary schools, and all her students loved her and she loved them.

Bobbie and Bob met while in college at St. Cloud State and were married on June 21, 1969 in Hibbing, MN. They lived in Randall since 1969, and were married for over 45 years. Bobbie loved to do crosswords, puzzles, read, knit, crochet and just visit with people. Her pride and joy were her two sons, their wives, and her grandchildren. She was an avid Flyer fan, season ticket holder for the St. Cloud State Husky hockey team, and a faithful member of Faith Lutheran Church in Little Falls. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all. She was humble, gracious, generous and compassionate. Everyone she met was her new best friend. The unwanted twist to her life

started on January 6th and ended peacefully on June 3rd. She will be dearly missed by all.

Bobbie is survived by loving husband, Bob Riitters of Randall, MN; sons, Tim (Sarah) Riitters of Half Moon Bay, CA; Tom (Katie) Riitters of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Ellie and Will Riitters of Little Falls, and Abby and Mara Riitters of Half Moon Bay, CA; mother, Ann Mainerich of Proctor, MN; sister, Peggy (Randy) Zahn of Esko, MN; mother-in-law, Margie Riitters of Little Falls, MN; brothers-in-law, Jon (Sally) Riitters of Little Falls, MN; and Kurt Riitters of Chapel Hill, NC; sisters-in-law, Jane (Ed) Meyer of Thompson, ND; Jane (Kevin) Myhre of Montevideo, MN; and Juliette Riitters of Little Falls, MN.

She was preceded in death by her father, William; brother, William, Jr.; father-in-law, Vernon Riitters; brother-in-law, Jay Riitters.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials are Preferred.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

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

Faith Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
303 18th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
[pastornate@faithlutheranlittelfalls.org](mailto:pastornate@faithlutheranlittelfalls.org)  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - June 08, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ *Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I met Bobbi in an exercise program that we both participated in for the past several years. She would light up the room whenever she arrived! She would give us hugs and individual greetings with a sparkle in her eyes. Her sense of humor could cheer up anybody. She was such a warm and caring person. I feel privileged to have had a chance to get to know her.*

*Joyce McDonald*

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**Joyce McDonald** - June 08, 2015 at 09:07 PM

TR

“ I just found out about Bobbie and am so sad I didn't get to the wake. My thoughts are with Bob, Tim & Tom and all family and friends. Bobbie was one of my first teachers when my family moved to MN when I was 8. I remember vividly how nice and patient and welcoming she always was. I really enjoyed talking to her even if just for a minute. With all the lives she touched passing down stories her presence and memory will never be lost. Peace and bright blessings.

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**Tanya Rickman** - June 08, 2015 at 07:17 PM

GP

“ Heart felt condolence's go out to Bob and family.

*Bobbie was such a treat to work with at Gosch's Store over the years along with Bob. Her genuine interest in caring for everyone she met was a God given talent. Many rewards for her are surely being enjoyed at this moment as she hears her Savior say "Well done! good and faithful servant"*

*Germain Petermeier- SCR Inc./St. Cloud Refrigeration*

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**Germain Petermeier** - June 08, 2015 at 04:09 PM

CP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.. Every time I saw Bobbie she was happy and smiling and so proud of her family. She will be missed by so many. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Christina Smieja Pennell

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**christina pennell** - June 08, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters.*



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June 08, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters.*



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June 08, 2015 at 10:38 AM



“ *No matter where or when I ran into Bobbie she had a huge smile on her face and we always found something fun to laugh about. When I think of Bobbie, it will be about that infectious smile, the genuine laugh, and the spark in her eyes. She will be missed.*

*Sandy Backowski*

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**Sandy Backowski** - June 08, 2015 at 09:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters.*



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June 08, 2015 at 12:09 AM

PS

“ *Pure Storage purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters.*



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**Pure Storage** - June 07, 2015 at 09:04 PM

JG

“ *Dear Bob, Tim, Tom and your families, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Bobbie was truly one of those people that you are privileged to have passed through your life. We pray that God will hold you close in the days ahead without her. Joanie and Mark Gates*

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**Joanie Gates** - June 05, 2015 at 02:16 PM

JJ

“ *Bob and boys, I will never forget the great memories we made with y'all in the south end in Hawaii. Bess and I will always remember last summer in the mountains of South Carolina. Bobbie was an inspiration to us with her superlative Sudoku, but Jesus will be your strength now. Love you all, and see you soon. Jack and Bess Johannes*

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**Jack and Bess Johannes** - June 05, 2015 at 01:15 PM

 Sharon  
Ballou

“ *It's hard to understand why people are taken from us. Bobbie was a special part of so many lives. Your memories of her are her legacy to your family. Her smile will be remembered by so many. I hope it lightens your sad burden knowing that so many friends are here to help you through this challenge. She was always so proud of her family and especially her "boys" Hold your memories of Mom in your heart and you will never be without her. Duane and Sharon*

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**Sharon Ballou** - June 05, 2015 at 08:26 AM

KW

“ *"The minute I met Bobbie in 11th grade at Hibbing High School, we became best friends! Although I was only there for one year, when we moved to Grand Rapids, Bobbie got all our girlfriends together and had a silver charm bracelet made for me to remember all of them. We laughed as we remembered them a few months ago when I brought the bracelet to church. Now, it means even more to me as I wonder why after we finally reconnected after all these years, why I didn't make more time to get together again to share laughs and smiles. You, her dearest family, were SO blessed to have such a terrific wife, mom and friend and all of us who knew her in some way will always be a better person because of her memory. My prayers and love to you all."*

*Kathy Whittington (Roberts)*

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**Kathy Whittington** - June 05, 2015 at 07:25 AM

TM

“ *Bobbie was the greatest example of Flyer Pride! That smiling face and infectious spirit we witnessed all the time at the Exchange Arena and always taking time to chat whenever you saw her, is something we all will miss but never forget! Bob, Tom, and Tim, please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers and may God bring all of you and your families peace knowing our community was made a better place because of Bobbie!! With deepest sympathy- the Miller's Tom, Barb, Thomas II, Abi*



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**Tom Miller** - June 04, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters.*



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June 04, 2015 at 05:04 PM

DL

“ *So saddened to hear of Bobbi's passing.....She was a great lady, always with that beautiful smile to greet you! Enjoyed our visits when we would meet & have a chance to visit! Our hearts, thoughts & prayers are with Bobbi & her family! Love, Brad & Dawn Laager*

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**Dawn Laager** - June 04, 2015 at 04:42 PM

CF

“ I remember Bobbie coming over to mom's to make lefse. We laughed as we rolled the lefse and cooked it and in the end each of us got to take a batch home. She would just smile each time Bob called to ask when she was coming home. What a night of fun and my mom (Lois Olson) is really going to miss this special lady in her life. You were one in million Bobbie!

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**Connie Flanery** - June 04, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters.



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June 04, 2015 at 02:46 PM

PM

“ Bobbie was one in a million. I don't ever remember when she wasn't smiling or laughing. She always had something to tell me about Tom or Tim. She was so proud of her two boys! She will be missed terribly but never, ever forgotten. Sending our deepest sympathy.  
*John & Paula Monahan*

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**Paula Monahan** - June 04, 2015 at 02:21 PM

SF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Bobbie. What a wonderful and positive person - always having a smile on her face and good things to say about everyone! I enjoyed chatting with her at the SCSU hockey games.

*My thoughts are with you and your families, Tim, Tom and Bob.*

*Shari Force-Smith*

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**Shari Force-Smith** - June 04, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ Heather Marie lit a candle in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters



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**Heather Marie** - June 04, 2015 at 10:02 AM

MH

“ Twenty eight years ago I was a "wet behind the ears" first year teacher. Because of the care and guidance of my teaching partner, Bobbi, I found success as a teacher. I jokingly called her "Ma" as she did so many things for me. Bobbi was a wonderful role model who truly cared for all those around her, especially her young students. For all the people that were touched by this wonderful woman, I say thank you Bobbi. God Bless!

*Mike Hendrickson*

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**Mike Hendrickson** - June 04, 2015 at 09:48 AM

LF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. God's speed-Lynda Flicker

Lynda Flicker - June 04, 2015 at 07:14 AM



“ God's Comfort and Strength. Bobbie's light is shining in Heaven. Praying and caring for you, Precious Family of Bobbie Larry and Naomi Engel



Naomi Engel - June 04, 2015 at 06:50 AM

JJ

“ i worked with Bobby at the little falls care center. She always had a smile on her face even when we put alarms on her chair. she will be missed by many. you are in my prayers and thoughts. Judy J



judy jensen - June 04, 2015 at 12:19 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry to hear that wonderful woman has passed on. She was so kind every time I saw her. Never once did she forget who I was and never, ever failed to ask me about my beautiful daughters. What a lucky place heaven is to have that angel up there. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Pam Huck

Pam Huck - June 03, 2015 at 11:01 PM

AH

“ I am so saddened on hearing of Bobby's passing. She was such a terrific person. My condolences to you Bob and your family.



Arlene Hansmann - June 03, 2015 at 10:35 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear that Bobbie has passed on. She was such a fun lady with so much to share and give to others. She will be missed. My prayers go to all the family.

Julie Hochsprung - June 03, 2015 at 10:14 PM

NS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Dennis & Nancy Sanoski



Nancy Sanoski - June 03, 2015 at 09:59 PM

NA

“ Norma Jean Andersen lit a candle in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters



Norma Jean Andersen - June 03, 2015 at 07:28 PM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to you all at this very difficult time.*



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**Dan & Connie Fenske** - June 03, 2015 at 07:13 PM

MG

“ *So saddened to hear of the passing of Bobbi. Our condolences to the family. She was a lovely lady. Murial and Tom Goebel*

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**Murial Goebel** - June 03, 2015 at 05:23 PM

AA

“ *Annie Adamski lit a candle in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters*



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**Annie Adamski** - June 03, 2015 at 05:14 PM

GL

“ *Gale & Linda LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Riitters*



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**Gale & Linda LeBlanc** - June 03, 2015 at 04:47 PM



Angie Magee

“ *What a special person Bobbie was. I adored her! She was my favorite elementary teacher. I enjoyed our little chats we would have while shopping in Gosch's, or wherever we ran into each other, talking about the latest happenings in town. Our community is really going to miss her! Bob, Tim, Tom and families.....I am so so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers ~ Angie Magee*

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**Angie Magee** - June 03, 2015 at 04:30 PM



LK

“ *I will never forget the first time I met Bobbi it was at a football game rain delay and we were all in the commons at the middle I was in the bathroom and Bobbi came up to me and said are you Seth Kaiser's mom. She was a very warm and caring person she give you her right arm for you and help you with anything. Love to all the Ritters. Linda Kaiser*

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**Linda Kaisr** - June 03, 2015 at 02:36 PM



Lori Boyer

“ *I'm heartbroken to hear of the passing of such a wonderful lady! Bob, Tim and Tom I'm praying for strength for you at this hard time!! Craig and Lori Boyer*

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**Lori Boyer** - June 03, 2015 at 02:02 PM



RT

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Bobbie. Our prayers are with the Riitters family. To the best Flyer basketball fan, rest in peace Bobbie. Randy and Lynn Tabatt.*

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**randy tabatt** - June 03, 2015 at 10:57 AM

SO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Bobbie was a wonderful human being. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.  
Steve and Shirley Olson

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**Shirley Olson** - June 03, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ Bob, Tim, Tom & Families, we are so saddened to hear of Bobbie's passing!!! Each of you are in our thoughts & prayers during this most difficult time. Love, Jeri & Larry



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**Jeri Betts** - June 03, 2015 at 09:11 AM