



Rita Voss

December 21, 1946 - April 28, 2019

Rita Voss, 72, of Oskaloosa, died Sunday, April 28, 2019, at her home in Oskaloosa under the care of her family and support of M.H.P. Hospice. She was born December 21, 1946 in Oskaloosa, the daughter of Gentry “Jiggs” and Rosemary Evans McMillian. She graduated from the Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1965. On July 11, 1964 she was united in marriage to Dale Voss at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Together they shared 45 years of marriage until Dale’s passing in 2010.

Following high school, she started working at the Oskaloosa Hospital as a candy striper. She took a few years off after her son Jason was born. She later went back to work at the hospital as a C.N.A. until retiring in 2010.

Rita was a member of the Gateway Church in Oskaloosa, The Red Hat Ladies and The Basement Babes. She looked forward to Christmas every year and prepared by shopping for decorations as soon as she could. She enjoyed attending the New Hope Free Methodist Church, league bowling, playing cards, traveling, cooking, baking and spending time with her family. She was a dedicated wife and mother that took care of her family’s needs and always kept her house immaculate.

Her family includes her children: Jason (& Talisa) Voss of Oskaloosa and Nikki (& Kris) Fleurestil of Des Moines; eight grandchildren: Jesse, Ethan, Trevor, Lyndsey, Ryan, Carlie, Kenny, and Kiyah; a sister, Ellen (Howard) Thompson of Oskaloosa; a brother, Charlie (Bert) McMillian of New Sharon; and many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three grandchildren, Enzo, Tatianna and Zane Fleurestil; and a brother, Terry McMillian.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with the Reverend Charlie McMillian officiating. Burial will be in the Forest Cemetery at Oskaloosa. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the

arrangements. Visitation will begin at the Bates Funeral Chapel on Wednesday after 12 noon, and the family will be present Wednesday 5-7 p.m. to greet friends and relatives.

Memorials may be made to the Rita Voss Memorial Fund designated for cancer research and care.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Comments



“ Rita was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. A Red Hat sister and I enjoyed playing games with her on Sunday afternoons. She will truly be missed!



Carol Jansen - May 01, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Rita Voss



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - May 01, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ 152 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - May 01, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Rita was our first babysitter. Us kids all loved her. She was a great lady an i will miss her contiguous laugh. My heart goes out to Ellen an Charlie. Prayers for your family. RIP my friend.

Sherry Werner - May 01, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ Rita & I worked together for 10 years in surgery - she was wonderful in numerous ways! Such a blessing to many people. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Cheryl Van Weelden - April 30, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita Voss.



April 30, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Rita Voss.



April 30, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Voss.



April 30, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ Jean, Judy, and Bob Evans purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Voss.



Jean, Judy, and Bob Evans - April 30, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Voss.



April 29, 2019 at 11:34 PM



“ Rita was always with a smile and wonderful friend and coworker. She was one of a kind. We will miss her so much. May she Rest In Peace. God be with her.

Sandra George - April 29, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ Rita was such a beautiful woman inside and out. I remember the times that we were over at her house when Dale was alive. She was a great lady. She will be missed by a lot of people. Linda and Tom Johnson

Linda Johnson - April 29, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Rita Voss.



April 29, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Voss.



April 29, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ Rita was so kind.. I always enjoyed visiting with her..she always had a smile & kind words. Thoughts & prayers to her family Renee Roorda-Hamburg



Renee Roorda-Hamburg - April 29, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ Kelly Simmons lit a candle in memory of Rita Voss



Kelly Simmons - April 29, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ Always a smile, so beautiful, inside & out. Contagious laugh. Kind, caring & easy to get to know. Sorry for your loss Jason & Nikki & the rest of the Family. Until we meet again! She will be missed as she was such a Blessing to all she meant. Not to mention a wonderful neighbor. Kelly, Dustin, Jimmie & Michelle Teeter

Kelly Simmons - April 29, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ God bless the family and friends. Always when we seen each we say Hi. She was a joy to be around. RIP Rita.

Cheryl Eissens - April 29, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ Rita has always been such a loving, caring person with a smile and happy laugh. Heaven is richer! Will miss her!

Verjean Rexroth - April 29, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ I met Rita when I moved to Oskaloosa in 7th grade. She always remained a constant..... such a sweet, dark haired beauty, with a great laugh and smile. She treated everyone exactly the same, as if each person was her special friend. She was a great nurse as well, so caring and genuine. I was blessed to have her join a group of classmates & friends for lunch in recent years. May her children cherish their memories as will those of us fortunate to have know her for over 50 years.

Jean Binns - April 29, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ Jason, Nikki and family so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Always such a delightful lady.



Cindy Williams - April 29, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ Jason, Nikki and family, so sorry to hear of Aunt Rita's passing. She was a beautiful person and a favorite Aunt, Love you, you will be forever missed. Rest In Peace.

Betty - April 29, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ So many great memories of vacations and camping. Staying at her house when my parents were out of town. Loved how her and Dale would get after each other. She made delicious food. Had such a flare for decorating but what I remember most about Rita was her gift of welcoming people into her home. No matter what she was doing, she'd insist you come in for a glass of tea which was always accompanied by great conversation I. She was a very special aunt to me. I pray she knew how much she meant to me. My heart hurts for her kids and grandkids as they continue life without her. Words don't come as I try to express how much her life, her smile, her contagious laughter, her encouragement always meant to me. I won't forget you Rita! I I am so thankful this isn't goodbye. Simply until we meet again. Rest In Peace. You are among so many loved ones where disease and pain exist no more. You were loved by me more than you probably ever knew.

Debbie Carlson - April 29, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ This is so sad , Rita was a lovely person I always enjoyed our visits. She was the sweetest lady. So sorry to the family for you loss. RIP dear lady .

Marty Burke

Marty Burke - April 29, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Rita was a sweet kind caring lady. She always had a smile for everyone. She touched many lives and will be greatly missed♡ Love and prayers to her family♡♡♡



Mary Sandholdt - April 29, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ Rita will always be remembered as one who was kind, sweet, and caring to everyone. I met and worked with Rita in the 70's. We were lucky to have raised daughters who became best friends in kindergarten and remained close friends through high school. Rita may you RIP, you will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to family and friends.

Cindy Stirratt - April 29, 2019 at 02:45 PM