



Rita L. Lichti

September 16, 1946 - December 24, 2019

Rita Louise Lichti was born on September 16, 1946 in Friend, Nebraska to Leo Urban and Anna Capek Urban of Milligan, Nebraska. She graduated from Milligan High School in 1964 and attended Vocational School of Practical Nursing in Kearney. She graduated in 1965 with a degree as a licensed practical nurse. She started working at Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva in 1966 and retired after 50 years of dedicated service at that same hospital in July of 2017.

She married the love of her life, Louis Lichti, on September 22, 1967 after three months of courting and a three month engagement. They had five children, Patricia Ann Wenz, husband Jamie and sons Nathan and Zach; Audrie Louise Bates, husband Brian and son Ryan, daughter Carlie; Carmen Denise Westfahl, husband Brion and daughters Emily and Elizabeth; Craig Louis Lichti, wife Kayla, all of Lincoln. She also had many grand dogs and grand cats.

Rita, who came to be known as Ritsi, enjoyed her work as a nurse and was always a caretaker of those around her, whether she was nursing a cold or making sure they had a cold drink. She was an avid supporter of everything her kids and grandkids were involved in and was always so proud of their accomplishments. She loved to travel and spent many hours with her family in the RV whether it was to Lovewell, Worlds of Fun, South Dakota or Disney

World. Her kids enjoyed having her and Lou along on family vacations and involved in family activities. She loved to experience things with her family and saw the world through the eyes of a child with enthusiasm and excitement. Rita loved to work in her yard gardening and caring for animals. She never met an animal, stray or house broken, that she didn't love. She supported Husker football and volleyball. If they weren't playing on tv, she had some other sporting event on. If not sports, it would be Molly B's Polka Band.

Rita passed away on Christmas Eve at 8:24 p.m. after a battle with breast cancer. She is preceded in death by her sister Eunice, parents Leo and Anna, son Daniel Louis and grandson Tyler Wenz.

A Funeral Service for Rita was held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kimberlee Osborn officiated the service. Kaleb Wilkening accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Children Of The Heavenly Father," "Borning Cry," and "Amazing Grace."

Pallbearers for the service included Tim Warrelmann, Jim Warrelmann, Glen Capek, Roger Capek, Ryan Bates, Nathan Wenz, Zach Wenz, and Max Lichti. Honorary pallbearers included Carlie Bates, Emily Westfahl, Elizabeth Westfahl, Bill Reinsch, Darin Lichti and Brandon Lichti.

A Graveside Service for Rita was held at the Geneva Public Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Fillmore County Hospital or The Lichti Family to be designated at a later day.

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
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Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
1015 Lancaster Lance
Lincoln, NE 68505

Graveside Service

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Geneva Public Cemetery
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

DY

“ Rita was a co-worker of mine at Fillmore County Hospital. She was always a joy to be around. She was an excellent nurse. My sympathies to her family.

Donna Yost - January 03, 2020 at 02:11 PM

NB

“ Nick Boyes lit a candle in memory of Rita L. Lichti



Nick Boyes - December 30, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 30, 2019 at 02:32 PM

GW

“ Rita and I worked together many years at Fillmore County Hospital. She was a skilled and caring nurse. I enjoyed her sense of humor and appreciated the love and devotion she had for her family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Glenda Weintz - December 29, 2019 at 09:08 PM



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



December 28, 2019 at 02:36 PM

UD

“ University of Nebraska Foundation, ITS dept purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rita L. Lichti.



University of Nebraska Foundation, ITS dept - December 28, 2019 at 10:52 AM

JR

“ Joan Riel lit a candle in memory of Rita L. Lichti



Joan Riel - December 28, 2019 at 08:38 AM

LP

“ *LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Rita L. Lichti*



LaDonna Pendleton - December 27, 2019 at 10:06 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Rita L. Lichti*



steve & barb sadd - December 27, 2019 at 03:28 PM

RK

“ *Rocole Family: Tracy, Holly, Kirsten and Kayla purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita L. Lichti.*



Rocole Family: Tracy, Holly, Kirsten and Kayla - December 27, 2019 at 07:33 AM

MW

“ *Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of Rita L. Lichti*



Melea Walters - December 27, 2019 at 02:06 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rita L. Lichti.*



December 26, 2019 at 11:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita L. Lichti.*



December 26, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *We were so sad to hear that Rita passed. Her and I had a lot of humorous conversations, years ago. She was always so kind and caring. She will missed by many. Praying for strength for all of you to get thru this sad time
With Love and Caring
Pat and Dayle Gewecke*

Pat Gewecke - December 26, 2019 at 08:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita L. Lichti.*



December 26, 2019 at 07:28 PM

LK

“ *the Lichti's have always been very special ! so sorry to hear about Rita..she always had a smile and hug to share .. sending love and light in this trying time ..*



Larissa Kay - December 26, 2019 at 07:03 PM

HF

“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Rita L. Lichti*



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - December 26, 2019 at 03:00 PM

BT

“ *Brandon & Kara Tomlin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita L. Lichti.*



Brandon & Kara Tomlin - December 26, 2019 at 11:10 AM

LE

“ *Lou and Family,
So sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was a great nurse, very
compassionate and kind to all she cared for. She was a dedicated
asset to Fillmore County Hospital for many years. She worked the
night shift and was always there as scheduled. I enjoyed having her
on staff and also as a friend. May the peace of Christ surround all of
you now and in the days ahead.*
Larry & Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - December 26, 2019 at 10:25 AM

CR

“ *She was an awesome and very sweet person
and will be missed! Prayers to the family*



Caleb Rippe - December 26, 2019 at 09:13 AM