

She loved watching professional sports, and had a special interest in the Minnesota Twins. Being able to attend games at Target Field with her son was often one of the highlights of her summer. Although she was retired, trips to the farm during planting and harvest were always special. She liked riding in the combine and at age 94 was still able to enjoy these rides with her grandson, Jadin. In June 2018, Rita moved into Golden Acres Manor where she lived until she passed away on Friday, October 12th, 2018, at the age of 96. She lived a full and rewarding life, a woman of strong faith, who touched many lives with her kindness, grace and positive outlook.

She is survived by brother Joseph Schaefer, Fessenden; sister LeNore (Del) Rood, Sturgis, MI; sister-in-law Darlene Daugherty, New Rockford; three children: Marvin (Happy) Jr (Mary) Riedesel, Prior Lake, MN; Penny (Leon) Mindt, Beloit, WI; and Jeff (Kristi) Riedesel, Carrington; daughter-in-law Renee Riedesel, Carrington; and family friend Ellen Geier, South Saint Paul, MN. Thirteen loving grandchildren: Lisa (Dave Atkins) Riedesel, Debbie Riedesel, Kara (Eric Larsson) Riedesel, Curt Johnson, Chris (Kandee) Johnson, Jeff (Mary) Johnson; Ryan (Kara) Riedesel, Erin (Andy) Gray, Shelly (Chris) Clark, Lynette (Brett) Rusert, Tyler Riedesel, Jadin (Katie) Riedesel, Ashlyn Riedesel and 26 great-grandchildren: Andrei, Alexander, Aidan, and Alyssa Atkins; Caitlin Schlusser, Zachary and Benjamin Bangura; Rachael and Rebecca Johnson; Asher Johnson; and Emma Johnson; Lana and William Riedesel; Annika Erickson, AJ, Tempe, and Wayland Gray; Marissa Meyer; Collin, Casper, and Kacy Clark; Claire, Elena, Audra, and Nadia Rusert; and Oliver Riedesel. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents Herman and Catherine Schaefer; her brothers Herman Jr, Louis, and James William (Bill) and sisters Helena, Dolores, Kathryn, Josephine, Beverly Annella, and Lois; her husband Marvin, and her son Patrick.

In Loving Memory of



Rita E. Riedesel

April 2, 1922 - October 12, 2018



An Angel

Author Unknown

*An angel lived among us,
A gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness
And shared with us her love.*

*She cherished every moment
With the man who was her life;
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.*

*She loved her children dearly,
Each one a different way.
Nestled close within her heart
Though, now, she's far away.*

*She's gone to live with Jesus,
But, she's here with us, today.
Smiling down on every one of us,
And telling us she's O.K.*

Rita Elizabeth Schaefer, daughter of Herman and Catherine (Steinbach) Schaefer, was born April 2, 1922, on her parents' farm in rural Wells County where she was raised with her 11 brothers and sisters. She attended Fairview Country School grades 1 - 8 and then attended New Rockford High School. After high school graduation, she attended Minot Business College and worked in Minot.

On January 21, 1943, she married Marvin Riedesel from Cathay, ND. She and Marvin purchased the farm 1 mile west of Cathay in 1944 where they were blessed with 4 children: Marvin Jr, twins, Patrick and Penelope, and Jeffrey. Together they ran the family farm, tended to livestock, and worked in their garden until they retired in 1986. They remained on the farm until Marvin passed away in 1998.

Rita always had a freezer full of baked goods that she would pull out for a "snack" at a moment's notice. She looked forward to hosting family gatherings over the holidays or on other special occasions. Rita was a devout Catholic and was an active member of Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Sykeston. Rita was also involved in the Royal Neighbors Association and served as a leader of the local 4-H club in Cathay. In addition to being an active farm wife, Rita found time for square dancing with Marvin, quilting in neighborhood and church groups, and participating in various card parties held in the community. Both she and Marvin were very family oriented, attending many events for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, locally and in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

After Marvin died, Rita moved to Carrington where she lived independently until 2015, when she moved to Golden Acres Estates in Carrington. During her years in Carrington, she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and graciously volunteered in various church groups and at Golden Acres Manor fixing hair for the residents. She continued to be involved with events for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of

Rita Elizabeth Riedesel

April 2, 1922 - New Rockford, ND

October 12, 2018 - Carrington, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, October 19, 2018 - 7:00PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 10:00AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington

OFFICIATING

Father Bernard Pfau

MUSIC

Jennifer Hoornaert, Pianist

Sacred Heart Choir

CASKET BEARERS

Lisa Riedesel Debbie Riedesel

Kara Riedesel Ryan Riedesel

Erin Gray Shelly Clark

Lynette Rusert Tyler Riedesel

Jadin Riedesel Ashlyn Riedesel

Chris Johnson

HONORARY BEARERS

Rita's Great-Grandchildren

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington

Arrangements by

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