



## Lila E. Rickert

January 15, 1936 - August 19, 2021

Lila Evelyn (Patt) Rickert, age 85, passed away at home with her husband and caregiver, Donald, at her side on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

She was born on January 15, 1936 in Van Dyne, the daughter of Milton and Martha (Schumacher) Patt. She graduated from North Fond du Lac High School in 1954. On June 26, 1954, she married Donald Rickert in Eldorado.

Lila was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Rosendale. She was active for many years along with being president of the Ladies Group.

She worked her whole adult life on the family farm that she and Don purchased from his dad, Eldor Rickert. Lila's talents included raising calves and helping with field work. She was blessed with a green thumb which let her keep the farmstead beautiful with flowers. Her cooking was something that everyone looked forward to. For many years she delivered meals to the harvesting crews. Her Grandson, referred to those meals as being "priceless."

She did all this while raising 5 children. Lila will be remembered with her kind and generous ways. Her eyes always sparkled when she shared her smile with a wink. She enjoyed dancing with her "Honey" Donald, while they attended many polka dances throughout the area. Lila and Donald enjoyed their vacations in Branson throughout the years, especially Daniel O'Donnell.

Lila is survived by her husband of 67 years, Donald and five children: Joan (Robert) Bump of Fairfield, CA, Patti (Doug) Korth of Mayville, Ken (Patty) Rickert of Fond du Lac, Jim (Kelly) Rickert of Eldorado, and Greg (Laura) Rickert of Eldorado; her grandchildren: Crystal Starbuck of Citrus Heights, CA,

Scott (Laura) Korth of Madison, Julie Korth, of Fairfield, CA, Heidi (Sam) Owens of Brandon, Jason (Kristen) Korth of Watertown, Melanie (Chuck) Baitinger of Fond du Lac, Desiree (Bob) Frank, of Brandon, Andrew (Shannon) Rickert of Van Dyne, David (Kelsey) Rickert of Bloomington, MN, Jenna (Andy) DeVries of Rosendale, Aaron (Rachel) Rickert of Eldorado, Tyler (Grace) Rickert of Fond du Lac; and her 20 great grandchildren. She is further survived by one sister, Lois Ninnemann of Van Dyne, Sisters-in-Law: Florence Kirk of Oshkosh, Lois (Ted) Chipman of Eldorado, and Gloria (Lee) Snidersich of Vassar, MI.

She was preceded in death by her parents, parents-in-law, Eldor and Edna Rickert, a grandchild, Garrett Rickert, brother and sister-in-law, Leroy and Elaine Patt, brother Hilbert Patt, brother-in-law Glenn Ninneman, brother-in-law Darold Rickert.

VISITATION: Friends may call from 10:00 – 1:00 PM, on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Peace Lutheran Church, 124 South Main Street, Rosendale.

SERVICE: Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM, on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Peace Lutheran Church, with Rev. Kimberly Stowell officiating. Burial to follow at Rosendale Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Agnesian Hospice along with their kind and compassionate caregivers for all their assistance. A special note of gratitude and endearment for the love and compassion that Virginia Fisher from HomeInstead home care, shared with Lila for the past two years of her life. Virginia is just like family in our eyes.

# Cemetery Details

**Rosendale Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 28.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church  
124 South Main Street  
Rosendale, WI 54974

### Funeral Service

**AUG 28.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Rita, you would of been very happy with the funeral service. I remember meeting you at North Fondy,High School. And you were so in love with Donny, your husband. Then again at Peace Lutheran Church, in Rosendale. What a wonderful family here on earth. Some day I'm sure that you will be together again.

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**Carol Marschall** - October 25, 2021 at 10:40 PM

KK

“ From the day Kenny and I moved to our house on Town Hall Road Lila made us feel like family. Even after moving 20 plus years ago she still remained our friend.. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor and will be so missed.

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**Karren Kimble** - September 02, 2021 at 03:12 PM

CM

“ I was in school with Lila in North Fondy. She talked about her Donald constantly being in love. She would go on Donald this & Donald that. I always remembered as it was cute. I didn't meet Donald until moving to Rosendale 30+ years ago.They made a great couple.

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**Carol Marschall** - August 30, 2021 at 02:23 AM

“ This is a tribute to my Mom from Jim Rickert. One word that reminds me of times in Mom’s life is sacrifice. Mom and Dad were married in 1954. They had to wait 1 week before they could go on their honeymoon because the first cutting of hay was not done.....Sacrifice

50 years later at their anniversary party, Dad commented that ironically, this was another wet year and we were not finished with 1st cutting yet again. They were married for 67 years and were the fourth generation to celebrate their golden Anniversary milestone.

My Mom, like many farm women of her generation, was an unsung hero. She worked many years with my dad and their family on the farm. She worked up fields, chopped hay and corn, and ran the grain cart. Each morning and evening she fed calves milk, cooked and cleaned, and kept the farmstead beautiful with flowers, while raising 5 kids....Sacrifice

Remember Mom’s chicken on the grill, along with her many other specialties; California Dream Bars, Coconut Cream dessert and other pot luck dishes that family or friends brought for meals? Well I remember our meal times at home and how Mom would not sit down and would eat last, often times eating the chicken left on the bones or other remnants..... Sacrifice

Growing up, we did not take family vacations. I didn’t know what WI Dells was until I had kids. What we did have was a lot access to a small lake by Neshkoro, that they purchased in 1973. Our family built a small cottage there 2 years later. My Grandpa Rickert was a good farmer, and a skilled carpenter for directing the project. Also, thanks to Mom’s brother Leroy and Elaine Patt for all their help. Many Sundays in summer, for a dozen years, we would get morning chores done and go there until evening milking. We kids would cut the lawn and then swim and play volleyball. Meanwhile, Mom and Dad would always be painting inside or outside, or doing other home improvements in their spare time.....Sacrifice

*Mom always made Christmas special. She always got the right presents for her kids and others on her list. Many nights she worked very late into the evening wrapping these presents..... Sacrifice*

*Throughout her life she had great faith. She made sure her family attended Sunday school and church on a regular basis. Mother's Day at her house included a noon meal and an afternoon kickball game, often including 3 generations. Family was always important to her.*

*My Dad completed a book about his life and gives much credit to his parents, my Mom and their family. I hope many of you get a chance to take a look at his book. There are so many other stories that can be told. I am sure many of you have special memories that you shared with Mom. Mom made many sacrifices for her family and we are forever grateful and will miss Mom. We are blessed that Jesus Christ gave us His ultimate Sacrifice of dying on the cross for us so that one day we will be reunited with Mom because our Redeemer, Jesus Christ lives.*

*(Job 19: 25-27) "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will see him with my own eyes.- I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"*

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**Jim and Kelly Rickert** - August 25, 2021 at 05:47 AM

DK

*“ We did not know Lila but for a very few years (her husband, Donald, since high school). During this time we found her to be a very happy, loving person, very fond of flowers ,loved to play cards, a fantastic cook, an all around wonderful person. We will miss her!  
Don & Emma (EJ) Klimke*

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**Don Klimke** - August 23, 2021 at 02:24 PM

AH

“ I was a neighbor to Don and Lila for many years. I always had to smile when I'd see Lila in her fancy cars driving into the fields to deliver meals to her family while they worked non stop. Lila always waved and smiled at me and would stop to chat if I was outside. My prayers go out to Don and family in this difficult time. Heaven gained an angel.

Amy Hansen

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Amy Hansen - August 22, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Lila E. Rickert.



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August 22, 2021 at 11:02 AM