



## Virginia "Virgie" M. Rixen

November 4, 1927 - January 29, 2017

Virginia "Virgie" M. Rixen, 89, of Fond du Lac, died on January 26, 2017, at Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac. She was born on November 4, 1927, in Judd, North Dakota, the daughter of the late John and Stella (Barnick) Vandeberghe. On February 11, 1946, she married Anthony Rixen in Richardton, North Dakota where they resided until 1959. From 1959 to 1971 the couple made their home in the state of Oregon. Anthony preceded her in death on June 9, 1998. Virginia and Anthony owned and operated restaurants in Wisconsin and North Dakota. She was employed as a Food Service Supervisor at Villa Loretto Nursing Home in Mt. Calvary from 1971 to 1978 and assisted at JRP and Corrente Automotive. She was a member of Lighthouse Christian Church. During her free time she enjoyed crafts, knitting and sewing. Survivors include seven children, Sharon (Billy Belanger) Rixen of Portland, Oregon, Shirlene (Mike) Hennessy of Sherwood, Oregon, Antoinette (Jim) Schuh of Prineville, Oregon, Yvonne Braun of Lamartine, James Rixen of Sandy, Oregon, Marie (Francesco) Corrente of Fond du Lac and John Rixen of Simpsonville, South Carolina; 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, two brothers, five sisters, other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, Virginia was preceded in death by her son, Vernon, a brother, Tommy, her son-in-law Danny Braun and an infant granddaughter, Allissa. SERVICE: A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2017, at Grace Christian Church, 1596 4th St, Fond du Lac.



# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Grandma, We will finally be putting you to rest on Monday and we now get to say goodbye. Although it's going to be very hard to do, I'm glad that you will finally get to be in your final resting place here, where you belong, in Oregon. There was never a doubt that you loved your family. You may have been a little tough sometimes, but it made us all a little tougher. You demonstrated a work ethic that is legendary. Your willingness to take on projects to help others will always stand out to me. Whether it was baking trays and trays of your amazing brownies and pecan caramel rolls for our church auction, or helping us strip and stain our windows on our house to knitting and crocheting anything and everything for anyone (especially the Villa), you always did everything with "get it done" attitude! No slacking! Even when you forced us grandkids to help make pounds and pounds of creamed corn at the restaurant because you ended up getting your hands on a truckload of fresh corn on the cob, and you couldn't let it go to waste, I still find myself looking back at that as a fond memory, it was time I got to spend with you. I will miss you more than you know. I will always love you Grandma. Love, Angie

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**Angie Hennessy** - March 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy to you Sharon, Shirlene, Antoinette, Yvonne, Marie and John. Diana (Redmann) Michener,

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**Diana Michener** - February 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Grandma, You were tough as nails, the ultimate field boss and baker extraordinaire. You taught me how to work hard and to strive for more. I wish I could send you postcards in heaven, but I guess I'll just have to fill you in on my adventures when I see you again.  
Love you,Anna

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**Anna Fischer** - February 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Marie,I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. You and the family have our deepest sympathy.Amy & Morgen

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February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Virginia,I was thinking about you this morning and what a wonderful person you are. Never met anyone who worked so hard and loved her children so much.Trust you are with the most holy one.

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**Anthony Cairo** - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Grandma, words cannot explain the love I have for you! Nor could they explain the love you had for me! Thank you so very much for constantly flooding me with love, wisdom, guidance, and knowledge of so many things! To marry a woman as strong as you, would be a grand blessing. Rest in the sweetest of peace and happiness up above the clouds. Remember to keep an eye out for me as I persevere forward in this life. You were an Angel here on Earth... Now you're truly an Angel for all you loved! Love you Grandma!Your loving grandsonA.J.

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**Anthony Rixen** - January 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *My condolences to the Rixen family for the loss of this strong loving women.*

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**Margie Anderson** - January 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Ma, My heart breaks that I will no longer see you on this Earth; however, it rejoices that I will one day see you again in heaven. To know that you are in the presence of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ brings me great comfort. I love you.*

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**Shirlene Hennessy** - January 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *I miss you already grandma. I love you...*

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**Melissa Robinson** - January 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM