



## Rita Vonnahme

May 29, 1927 - July 31, 2013

Rita Vonnahme, age 86, of rural Arcadia, died Wednesday evening July 31, 2013, at her residence surrounded by her family following a brief illness.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 3, 2013, at St. John's Catholic Church in Arcadia. The celebrant will be Fr. Gary Snyder. Music will be by Darlene Leiting and the St. John's Choir. Mass Servers will be Jason Berg and Colin Johnson. Lector will be Ron Eich. Gift bearers will be Rita's grandchildren, Tasha Bothun, Dr. Kate Pedersen, Jessica McAvoy, Dr. Rob Pedersen, Erica Vonnahme, Kayleigh Midyette, Alyssa Guthrie, and Corinna DeLost. Eucharistic ministers will be Audrey Siepker and Deb Pedersen. Casket Bearers will be Bob Pedersen, Ernie DeLost, John Guthrie, Dr. Rob Pedersen, Scott Bothun, and Travis Wilson. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Mt. Carmel.

Friends may call after 3:30 p.m. Friday at St. John's Catholic Church in Arcadia where there will be a Rosary at 4 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service by St. John's Parish at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be left at the church for St. John's Parish or the Kuemper Catholic School Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in

Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Rita's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com)

Mrs. Vonnahme was born on May 29, 1927, at Roselle, the daughter of Henry and Mayme (Heithoff) Behrens. She spent her younger years in the Roselle area and attended Holy Angels School. On September 6, 1949, she was united in marriage to Erwin C. Vonnahme at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Roselle. As a couple, they were engaged in farming at Arcadia. She was a member of St. John Parish, the Parish Ladies Guild, and the Arcadia Auxiliary. Mrs. Vonnahme enjoyed and dearly loved her family, and also enjoyed baking, playing cards, embroidery, quilting, gardening, and having coffee with friends and relatives.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Robert Vonnahme and his wife Janice of Manning, Deborah Pedersen and her husband Robert of Dunlap, Illinois, John Vonnahme and his wife Kathy of Adel, Jane Guthrie and her husband John of San Ramon, California, and Connie DeLost and her husband Ernie of San Diego, California; her daughter-in-law Judy Vonnahme of Des Moines; eight grandchildren: Natasha (Scott) Bothun, Dr. Katrina (Travis Wilson) Pedersen, Jessica (Ryan) McAvoy, Dr. Robert D. Pedersen, Erica Vonnahme, Kayleigh (Christopher) Midyette, Alyssa Guthrie, Corinna DeLost; four great grandchildren; a sister Florine Eich of Carroll; brothers Donald Behrens and his wife Arlene of Carroll, and James Behrens and his wife Margaret of Carroll; and sisters-in-law, Virgene Behrens of Carroll, Delores Vonnahme of Carroll, and Celie Vonnahme of Auburn; as well as many extended relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin; her youngest son, Daniel Vonnahme; her parents; father and mother-in-law Henry and Sophie Vonnahme; brothers: Robert, Virgil, and Harry Behrens; sister Marie Siepkner; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Behrens, Louise Behrens, Bertha Vonnahme, Margaret Wieland, Gertrude Wieland, Rita Nepple, Teresa Kasparbauer, and Caroline

Vonnahme; brothers-in-law Ed Siepker, Harold Eich, Fred Vonnahme, Carl Vonnahme, Ferdinand Vonnahme, Raymond Vonnahme, Clarence Vonnahme, Al Nepple, Art Wieland, Norbert Wieland, and Paul Kasparbauer.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Prayers to Bob and Janice and the family*



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**Jane N Dave Meiners** - November 04, 2013 at 08:30 AM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Sickness is so hard on families, especially when it cause the death of a loved one and God know the pain it brings to families that is why at Isaiah 33:24 he says: No resident will say "I am sick" so soon we want worry about losing our loved ones to it for it will be gone, never to return, because God love you and your loved and your family. I hope this bring you some comfort in the difficult days ahead and in your time of need.*

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**Mary Miller** - August 10, 2013 at 01:05 PM

PH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and the entire Vonnahme family. Rita was an incredibly special woman and she will be deeply missed. She will be watching over each of you in her own special way.*

*Love,  
Pam Hunter and Cathy Kent*

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**Pam Hunter** - August 03, 2013 at 01:48 PM



“ *Margaret Vonnahme lit a candle in memory of Rita Vonnahme*



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**Margaret Vonnahme** - August 03, 2013 at 06:52 AM



*The Vonnahme Family; Our deepest sympathies are with you today on the loss of your beautiful mother, Rita. I had the pleasure of knowing her for a great many years. She was a woman of integrity and great substance. She will be remembered fondly by so many people. Have comfort in knowing that she did not suffer too long, and transitioned with Godspeed.....Peace and Love~*

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**Margaret Vonnahme** - August 03, 2013 at 06:59 AM



“ *Matthew LaVelle lit a candle in memory of Rita Vonnahme*



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**Matthew LaVelle** - August 03, 2013 at 12:30 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Vonnahme.*



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August 02, 2013 at 03:40 PM



“ *Christine Mather-Poole lit a candle in memory of Rita Vonnahme*



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**Christine Mather-Poole** - August 01, 2013 at 04:17 PM



*John & Kathy and all of the Vonnahme family, you have our deepest heartfelt condolences at the loss of your loving Mother, Rita. This is a terribly hard time for all of you. Take comfort in knowing your Mother, Rita is in heaven with your Father and Brother. Remember and cherish all the wonderful times you shared with your beautiful Mother! God Bless each one of you. Rita rest in peace! With all our love, Ron & Christine Poole and family*

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**Christine Mather-Poole** - August 01, 2013 at 04:34 PM

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“ *One of Rita's blankets still graces my daughter's bed. We've always called it a "love blanket"- a surprising and beautiful gift of love from a beautiful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family during this sad time.*

*With much love,  
Mike, Becky (Cervetti) and Danielle Pohlson*

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**Becky Cervetti** - August 01, 2013 at 02:24 PM