

## Rita Marie Piroutek

Rita Marie (Hannah) Piroutek, 83, passed away peacefully at Echo Ridge Assisted Living in Rapid City, SD, on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Rita, the daughter of Maurice and Rose (Hetzel) Hannah, was born on June 26, 1938, in Belle Fourche, SD, where she graduated from high school in 1956. She then went on to St. Johns McNamara School of Nursing in Rapid City, SD, and graduated in 1959. She was working as a registered nurse at St. John's Hospital in Rapid City when she met Gary W. Piroutek. They were married on September 4, 1961, at St. John's Catholic Church. She continued to work at the hospital until 1970, when they moved to Albert Lea, MN, and then onto Minneapolis, MN, in 1971. She worked as a nurse at Ft. Snelling VAMC there. In 1976, the family moved to Sturgis, SD, where she worked at Ft. Meade VAMC. Rita retired from the VA as a registered nurse in March of 1996 but continued to work in the long-term ward there as a care giver and then she volunteered for hospice. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Altar Society. In 2014, Gary and Rita moved from Sturgis to Rapid City to an apartment, then in April of 2021, they moved to Assisted Living.

Family was an important part of Rita's life. She was proud of her children and grandchildren. She had many dear friends. She loved to sew. She always had on an apron that she had made, and there would be a piece of hard candy with a wadded tissue in the pocket. Her hands were busy knitting. She made stacks of dish cloths that she was quick to give away. She loved to travel or "go tripping" especially to her sister's convent in Wisconsin, Yellowstone, and Canada, with their friends, Harry and Colleen Ohrtman, and brother, Gerald, and his wife, Judy Hannah.

She loved taking care of people and loved having her children and grandchildren around her. She was compassionate, loving, kind, and patient.

Rita is survived by her husband, Gary of Rapid City, SD; brother, Kenneth (Marlene) Hannah of Havre, MT; son, David (Rita) Piroutek of Cheyenne, WY; son, Michael (Caroline Faye) Piroutek of Milesville, SD; daughter, Mary Ellen (Robert) Bryant, Sioux Falls, SD; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Dorothy (Erwin) Holt, Phyllis (Paul) Kertzman, Marjorie Hannah, Genevieve (Mother Paula) Hannah, and Barbara (Richard) Lee; brothers, William (Janice) Hannah, Bobby Hannah, and Gerald (Judy) Hannah.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial in Rita's name to either Monument Hospice in Rapid City, SD, or the building fund for Valley of Our Lady Convent, [build.valleyofourlady.org](http://build.valleyofourlady.org).

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*In Loving Memory of*

**Rita Marie Piroutek**

**June 26, 1938 - March 7, 2022**

*The family would like to invite you to join them for  
fellowship and lunch following the committal service in the church hall.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*





## *Rita Marie Piroutek*

### ***Born***

June 26, 1938  
Belle Fourche, SD

### ***Died***

March 7, 2022  
Rapid City, SD

### ***Rosary***

Sunday, March 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### ***Memorial Service***

Monday, March 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Celebrants***

Father Timothy Castor  
Father Tony Grossenburg  
Deacon Roger Heidt

### ***Musicians***

Dr. Barry Furze     Myron Volk

### ***Musical Selections***

“On Eagle’s Wings” “We Remember”  
“I Am the Bread Of Life” “Ave Maria” “Amazing Grace”

### ***Honorary Urnbearers***

Alen Piroutek   John Piroutek   Wade Piroutek  
Paul Piroutek   Andrew Piroutek   Joseph Piroutek

### ***Final Resting Place***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

