

## Rita Marie Wiegand



Rita Marie Wiegand was born April 17, 1940, at Fairmont, MN, to Myrle and Esther (Fulton) Wiegand. At the age of 2, Rita and her parents traveled to California where her father worked for Douglas Aircraft. When Rita was a kindergartner, the family returned to Iowa where she started her schooling. In 1958, Rita graduated from Graettinger High School and then attended college where she received her elementary teaching degree. She taught several years in Montana before moving to Newell, SD, to teach the upper elementary grades. Rita taught at the Newell School for 34 years, where she coached basketball, took tickets at sporting events, and “ran” the chain at football games. Upon retirement, Rita substitute taught, served on the Newell School Board, drove bus, and “watched” the bus shed.

Rita was very involved in the Newell community where she was on the setup crew of the Newell Ram Show and Sale, served on the Newell City Council as council member and mayor, a representative of the Prairie Hills Transit, and a Newell Lion’s Club member where she served as president and was a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient. At the Newell Labor Day celebration, Rita could be found lining up the parade and taking tickets at the rodeo. Rita, an avid golfer, taught many youth how to have fun golfing.

Rita, longtime Newell educator, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2012, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Rita is survived by her dog, “Lucky” and a HUGE host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Newell School.

“We are all pencils in the hand of God”  
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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In Loving Memory Of

Rita Wiegand

1940 ~ 2012

*You are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church hall immediately following the memorial service.*



### ***Golfers Prayer***

*"Almighty God, as we play through our 18 holes of life, we pray that you will give us a drive that's both long enough to reach our goals, and yet straight enough to keep us out of trouble."*

*"Help us avoid the traps and hazards of life; nevertheless, should we find ourselves in them, give us the tools, skills and desire to escape them with no penalty. May we always stay in bounds."*

*"Help us to be willing to stand by - and not play through - those in genuine need. May we always play with honor."*

*"And finally, when we've putt'd out on the 18th green, we pray that we will have demonstrated the integrity of our character, so that you will judge us worthy enough to join your threesome and play eternally on your heavenly course. Amen."*

### ***In Loving Memory Of***

Rita Marie Wiegand

### ***Born***

April 4, 1940  
Fairmont, Minnesota

### ***Died***

January 7, 2012  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### ***Memorial Service***

Friday, January 13, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.  
Newell Christian Fellowship Church  
Newell, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Pastor Sean Carney

### ***Accompanist***

Annitta Stolnack

### ***Singers***

Jani Carney ~ Sean Carney

### ***Musical Selections***

"On Eagle's Wings"

### ***Congregational Hymn***

"Pass It On"

### ***Inurnment***

At a later date  
Sibley Cemetery  
Sibley, Iowa