

## **Rita Peet – BS 1982 Child Development and Family Relations, BS 2000 MedCenter One School of Nursing**

BISMARCK - On April 12, 1960, a compassionate soul entered this world, bringing warmth and love to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Rita Peet, a resident of Bismarck, ND, and a winter enthusiast of Cabo, Mexico, peacefully left this earthly realm on December 20, 2023, at age 63.

Rita spent her formative years in a close-knit community 20 miles northeast of Devils Lake, ND. She graduated from Devils Lake Public School in 1978 before pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Development at North Dakota State University graduating in 1983. Her passion for caring for others led her to Med Center One, where she graduated in 1999 with a nursing degree, marking the beginning of a dedicated career in the medical field.

Rita found her soulmate, Roger M. Peet, at the Capital Curling Club in Bismarck, ND. They married on October 15, 2004, creating a union based on love, support, and shared interests. Her professional journey began in Crookston, MN, where she worked as a daycare provider from 1983 to 1986. She continued her career in Langdon, ND, serving as the Director of the Daycare Center. During this time, Rita earned her EMT license and volunteered as an ambulance driver, a pivotal moment that redirected her career towards the medical field.

Since 1999, Rita has been a Registered Nurse at Med Center One and Sanford in Bismarck, ND. Her roles included service in various departments, such as the Cath Lab, Emergency Room, and the Psychiatric Ward. Known for her unwavering dedication and hard work, Rita took on extra shifts, including during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her commitment extended to air ambulance services, where she brought comfort and care to those in need.

Beyond her professional life, Rita found joy in sports like softball, curling, and golfing. She was also renowned for her baking skills, bringing happiness to those lucky enough to taste her famous monster cookies, monkey bread, and caramel rolls. Summers were a special time for her spent at the lake, creating cherished memories with family and friends.

Rita was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Becker. She is survived by her devoted husband, Roger Peet; her loving mother, Mary Francis Becker; and siblings Doug (Toni) Becker, Paul (Kim) Becker, Debbie (Bill) Hodous, Geri Jorgenson, Sue (Rick) Myrum, Kevin (Cheryl) Becker, Becky (Wayne) Paul, and Bobbi (Scott) Heilman. Additionally, she leaves behind 22 nieces and nephews and 28 great-nieces and nephews.

The family of Rita would like to thank all of the staff at the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Omaha, NE and Dakota Alpha in Mandan, ND for kind and compassionate and taking such good care of Rita. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 29 at Spirit of Life, 801 1st St SE, Mandan. A service livestream will be available on the church's Facebook page.

Family will greet guests from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Pkwy, Bismarck. A rosary/vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. Burial will be held at a later date at St. Benedict Cemetery, rural Crary, ND.