



## Rita Marie Plendl

May 10, 1931 - May 11, 2026

Rita Marie Plendl beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to all who knew her, passed away on May 11th, 2026, at the age of 95. Born May 10th, 1931, in Hardington, NE, Rita was the oldest child of Ralph and Hazel Hamilton. She met her husband Virgil, and they married in 1952, and together they built a life in Hopkins, MN filled with love, laughter, and faith until he passed away in 1995. Rita reconnected with a close family friend, Ray Kerr, around 2012, and they spent the remainder of his life together until he passed away in 2014 in Ashland, WI.

Above all else, Rita was a devoted mother. She raised 3 children with the kind of patience that made every child feel like the most important person in the world. Her home was always open to family and friends.

Rita also worked as an LPN and was part of the Befriender Ministry. She loved traveling, crafting, reading, meeting new people, and could often be found helping others at Whispering Creek Care Center where she resided until she passed away. Those who knew her remember the way she could make anyone feel welcome within minutes of speaking to her. Her faith was incredibly important to her throughout her life, often reminding her loved ones to trust in God and keep praying throughout life's ups and downs.

She is survived by her children: Renee' Plendl, Gerard Plendl and his wife Lynae, Brian Plendl; grandchildren: Alyssa Simon and husband Jim, Susan Estenson and husband Graham, Thomas Plendl and wife Jenifer, Katelyn Huiras and husband Cody; and 7 Great-Grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Virgil of 43 years, special friend, Ray, her parents, and her brothers Ralph and Dallas.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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1400 Mainstreet  
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## Graveside Service

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Margaret's Cemetery (Minnetonka)  
Bren Rd & Shady Oak Rd  
Minnetonka, MN 55343

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences. Rita also lived at Park Road Plaza behind the nursing home. She was one of the nicest people I've ever meet . She was loved by all who knew her. Rita was greatly missed there by the people who had coffee hour with her. With much love and respect. Robin Spring*

Robin R. Spring - May 20 at 08:16 PM

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“ *Cindy and Jim Dodd purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita Marie Plendl.*



Cindy and Jim Dodd - May 15 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Cindy and Jim Dodd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Plendl.*

Cindy and Jim Dodd - May 15 at 08:22 PM