



Rita Mae Powers

June 30, 1943 - February 14, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Rita Mae Powers, a beloved mother, wife, sister, and friend, and an embodiment of grace and style. Rita passed away peacefully on February 14, 2025, in Edina, Minnesota, surrounded by her loved ones at the age of 81.

Rita was born in St. James, Minnesota, and raised in Comfrey, Minnesota. After receiving her bachelor's degree in social work from Mankato State College, Rita's adventurous spirit led her to live in several states across the country, leaving a lasting impression wherever she went.

A sharp-witted, fiercely independent woman, Rita was known for her impeccable fashion sense, quick humor, and her ability to make everyone in her presence feel seen and heard. With an eye for timeless elegance, she was a trendsetter whose wardrobe was as unforgettable as her sparkling personality. Her sharp wit and effortless charm left an indelible mark on all who crossed her path, and she was always ready with a clever quip, a loving word, or a well-timed laugh.

She was a remarkable wife and mother, loyal friend, and shining example of living life with passion and purpose. Rita's presence will be sorely missed, but her memory will continue to inspire those who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Powers; sons, Jon Powers (and his wife Diane Powers) and Brian Powers (and his partner Bernadette Priebe); grandchildren, Joseph Powers and Ann Powers; and siblings, Victoria Janicke, Robert Krzmarzick, and Michael Krzmarzick. She also leaves many

other family members and friends who will sadly miss her.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Gertrude Krzmarzick and brother, James Krzmarzick.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 AM, Friday, February 28, 2025 at the Washburn-Mcreavy Edina Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall

HC

“ Dear Dick and family.
We were so blessed that in our travels we were able to meet Rita and you. Our 5 o'clock happy hours on South Padre Island became a lot happier. Rita introduced me to Mahjongg and I treasure my crafted bracelet from her.
A wonderful lady.
Helen & Tom Claeys

Helen Claeys - March 22, 2025 at 11:52 AM

BY

“ To Dick, We are so sorry for the loss of dear Rita. I remember her with affection. She was always so kind and caring. . Rita sure had a lot of spunk!
I remember her years ago having fun and being silly in our pool at Lakeside with the neighbor ladies.
We are sorry to miss her celebration of life as we are in Florida.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lakeside neighbor Becky Yates

Becky Yates - March 01, 2025 at 04:32 PM

BL

“ Beth Johnson, Lois Palmer, Barb Lehmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Mae Powers.

Beth Johnson, Lois Palmer, Barb Lehmann - February 25, 2025 at 06:04 PM

BL

“ Beth Johnson, Lois Palmer, Barb Lehmann purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rita Mae Powers.



Beth Johnson, Lois Palmer, Barb Lehmann - February 25, 2025 at 06:04 PM

BJ

“ Rita was always ready with stories and humor. Our get togethers for 60 years as college roomies will be cherished forever. Beth Johnson, Lois Palmer and Barb Lehmann



Beth Johnson - February 25, 2025 at 06:00 PM

BL

“ Memories with Rita will live on through our photos and in our hearts! Rita went all out in Sept. 2022 with special cupcakes and coffee for dessert after our lunch out. Oh the good times we had!!!

Barb Lehmann - February 24, 2025 at 01:35 PM

CF

“ Carol Mundy & Dennis Powers Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Mae Powers.

Carol Mundy & Dennis Powers Families - February 24, 2025 at 07:40 AM

CF

“ Carol Mundy & Dennis Powers Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rita Mae Powers.



Carol Mundy & Dennis Powers Families - February 24, 2025
at 07:40 AM

MJ

“ Marv & Vicki, Bob & Judy, Mike & Jeanine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Mae Powers.



Marv & Vicki, Bob & Judy, Mike & Jeanine - February 23, 2025
at 01:27 PM

MJ

“ Marv & Vicki, Bob & Judy, Mike & Jeanine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Mae Powers.

Marv & Vicki, Bob & Judy, Mike & Jeanine - February 23, 2025 at 01:27 PM

RK

“ Rita was a dear friend with whom I enjoyed doing genealogical research beginning in 2013. She was a very focused and persistent in finding our common ancestors for the next 6-7 years. During that time she and another cousin stayed in close contact ,meeting and discussing our research. She was always witty and articulate along with a sharp sense of humor. Also enjoyed getting to know Dick, her loving husband. Rita will be dearly missed and I am thankful to have known her. My sympathies to her family and may she have eternal peace.

Ron Krzmarzick - February 23, 2025 at 12:39 AM

BL

Dick, Jon and Brian and family,

Rita was my roommate our st year at Mankato State in 1964-65. What a joy to have known her all these years!! We 4 roommates have gotten together yearly over these years to celebrate our friendship . It was a shock to learn today of Rita's untimely passing and know that Beth and Lois are grieving along with me at the loss of our dear friend, Rita who was always the life of our gatherings. Her intelligence and wit were unmatched and we marveled at her wisdom , humor and directness. We truly lost a special friend. Dick, we hope to visit with you soon but we 3 are all out of state and won't be attending Rita's funeral. Our love and prayers are with you all. May you feel God's peace during these difficult days. Rest in peace, Rita. We loved you!!!

Barb Lehmann - February 24, 2025 at 12:21 AM

HJ

“ Rita was such a great friend and someone to look up to. She was in my wedding and was a very special person who was great at everything she did. I was so blessed to have had her in my life.

Helen Oberle Johnson - February 22, 2025 at 06:28 PM

CD

“ Catherine DeMoss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Mae Powers.

Catherine DeMoss - February 22, 2025 at 09:31 AM

CD

“ Catherine DeMoss purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita Mae Powers.



Catherine DeMoss - February 22, 2025 at 09:31 AM