



Rita Ann Whittaker, 68, of Zap, ND went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Her loving husband, Mark, was constantly at her side during her struggle with cancer. Rita passed away at Sanford Health in Bismarck, ND.

Rita was born October 22, 1957 to Leonard and Doris Vondal. She was born in the vehicle while her mother was transported to the hospital in Cavalier, ND from Walhalla, ND.

Mark and Rita were united in marriage on September 18, 1987 and enjoyed many years together. One of her greatest joys in life was when her sons and grandchildren would visit. She enjoyed painting and making dream catchers. She definitely was an expert donut maker and very artistic.

Traveling in the Harley's sidecar with her dog, Banjo, and Mark as her chauffeur was one of her favorite ways to see the countryside. They visited many states and made many friends along the way. Rita always wanted to visit Bar Harbor, Maine and a few years back this became a reality. They enjoyed the Harley ride and dining on fresh lobsters by the ocean. She loved ice fishing and consistently out fishing everyone.

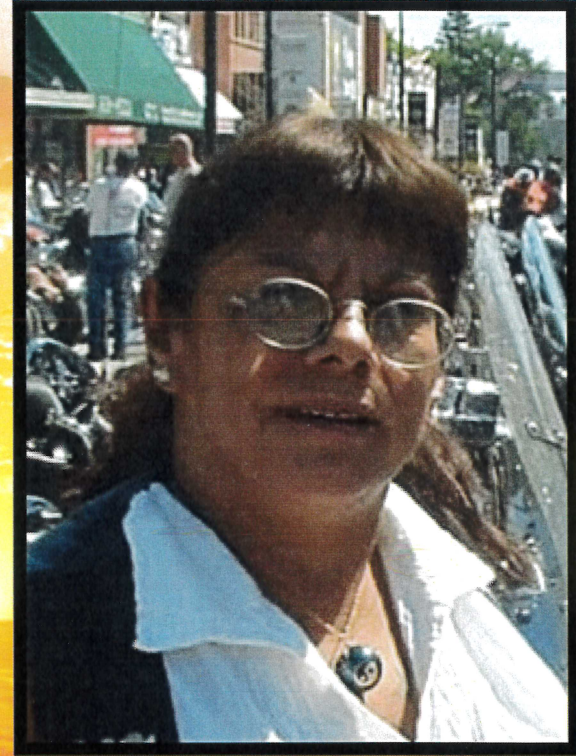
Rita worked for ten years in the medical field where her compassion and empathy for the sick and elderly shined. She also worked at the "Mom and Pop Shop" in Zap, ND and made friends with all the customers.

She is survived by her sons, Chris (Kindra) Vondal, Mike (Gretel) Hermanson; grandchildren, Titus, Amelia, Hailey and Logan; sisters, Bonnie, Evelyn; brother, Lenny; and her loving companion, Banjo.

Rita is preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Cheryl, Brenda, Linda and Marilyn.

We will all miss our Rita (Opps). We will play Yahtzee again down the road.

In Loving Memory



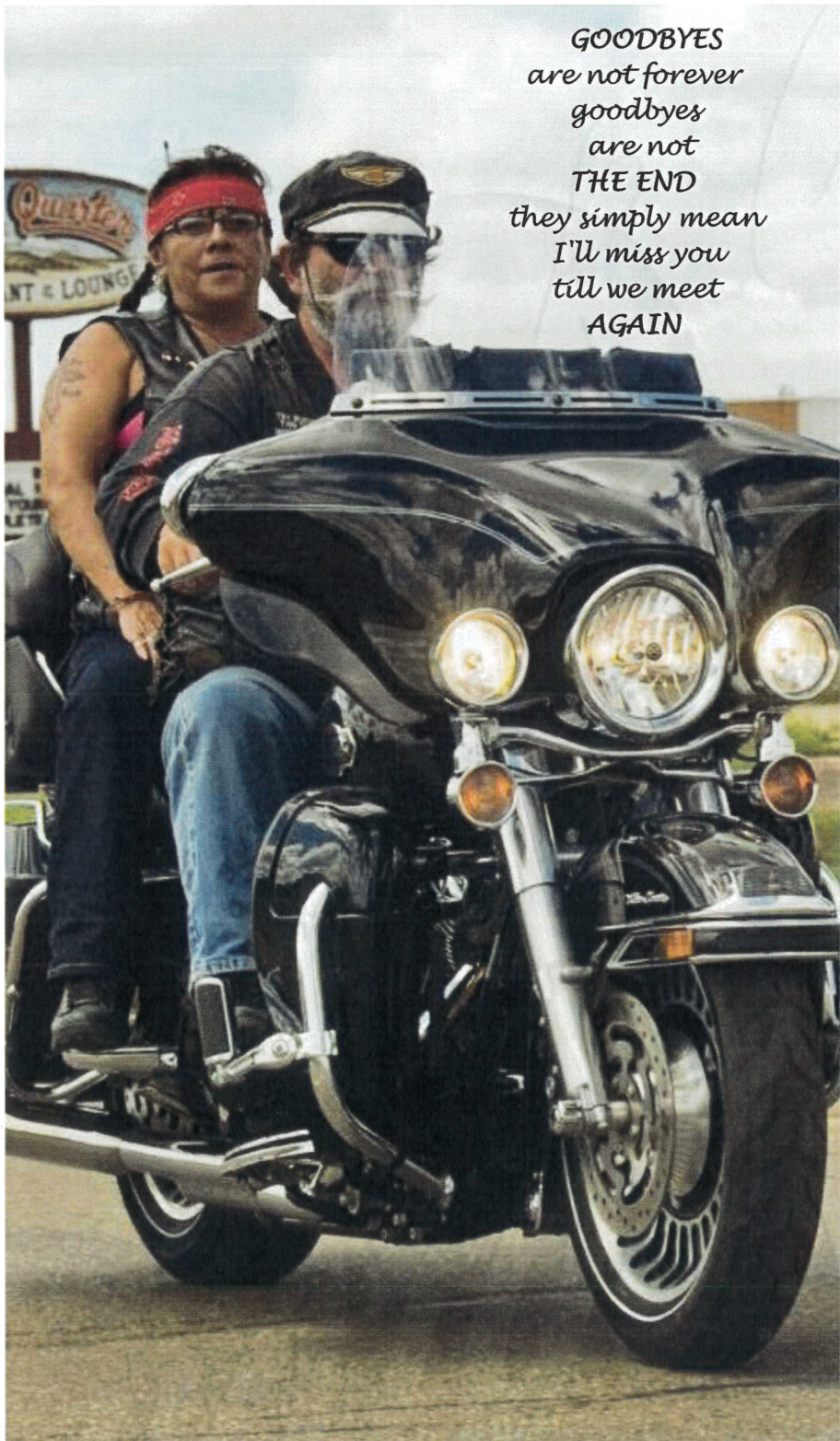
Rita Whittaker
October 22, 1957 - March 5, 2026

Your gentle touch,
Your tender care.

A smile as
Bright as sunshine

A heart of no compare.

A spirit that will
Glow forever,
In the memories
WE SHARE.



GOODBYES
are not forever
goodbyes
are not
THE END
they simply mean
I'll miss you
till we meet
AGAIN

Remembering The Life Of *Rita Ann Whittaker*

Born to Leonard and Doris Vondal

October 22, 1957

Wahalla, North Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father

March 5, 2026

Bismarck, North Dakota

Memorial Service

Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel

Williston, North Dakota

A Luncheon to Follow in the Hospitality Room

Officiating

Pastor Ed Langeliers

Music

"Walk Me Home Lord"

Jesus Country Music Group

"Amazing Grace"

Alan Jackson

"Forever and Ever Amen"

Randy Travis

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Strength
Hope
Love