



## Rita Ann Danielson

August 22, 1948 - February 5, 2016

Rita Ann (Johnson) Danielson was born August 8, 1948 in Eldora, Iowa to Kenneth and Regina (Anders) Johnson. Rita grew up in Radcliffe, Iowa where she attended all of her schooling, graduating from Radcliffe High School in 1966. Rita later returned to college at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, and earned her Bachelor's degree in Marketing in 1982.

Rita made her home in Omaha for many years with her children; David Jr., April, and Clint. She worked as a sales representative, and did retail sales work, but in 1994, she opened her own shop, The Gadgeteer, which brought her great pride.

Rita enjoyed going antiquing, and going to buying shows for her shop (she had a great eye for design!). She loved traveling, especially to New York and Chicago. Rita liked Motown music, the colors black and silver, and had a fondness for Calla lilies. She loved cats, and all things Christmas, and she was the one to remember everyone's birthdays.

Rita will be remembered as a thoughtful, caring, beautiful woman, who was both funny and generous. More than anything, she loved her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren, and she appreciated all the help and love she received from her family and friends.

Rita died on Friday, February 5, 2016 at The Ambassador in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 67 years, 5 months, and 14 days. Rita is preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Regina. She is survived by her children; David Jr. (Susan Schonlau) of Omaha, April (Gene) Goodrich of Elkhorn, Clint Danielson of Omaha, grandchildren; Tiffany, Courtney, Travis, Taylor, Sonja, and Thorin, sister Sharon (Richard) Rundle of Arizona, a niece, two nephews, and many cousins.

Visitation Friday (2/12) from 3-5 PM with Funeral service at 5 PM all at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Private interment.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Ann Danielson*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I was very fortunate to have known Rita since our kids were in grade school. She was an extra special friend. I loved her like a sister. She will truly be missed . God Bless*

**Lona Sherman** - February 12, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ *The Gadgeteer has always been one of my favorite stores . It is intriguing and engaging because of Rita's expertise in merchandizing and making her customers feel valued. Her personal interest was reflected in her employees' outstanding customer service. She will be greatly missed! After valiant struggles to regain good health, she will rest in peace. Sincerest sympathy to loved ones, family, & friends.*

**Colleen Estee** - February 11, 2016 at 11:55 PM

DN

“ April, I met your mom Rita a few years through my sister Pam. I have kept up with her through Facebook for a few years. Such a delightful woman with a great sense of humor! Pam has told me many kindnesses about Rita and I know that while my sister has lost a dear friend, you have lost your wonderful Mom. I am so sorry, and I want you to know she will be missed in Tennessee also!

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**Deb Neal** - February 09, 2016 at 04:27 PM

KV

“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Rita. Although Ken has not seen Rita for many years he has fond memories of time together in Radcliffe. He especially remembered a party at Rita's house in 8th grade. You have our condolences.

*Ken and Carolyn Varland  
New Ulm, MN  
Ken - Class of '66*

*Hopefully the 1957 photo I sent made it there. Rita (circled) is in the back row (second from right).*

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**Ken and Carolyn Varland** - February 09, 2016 at 12:24 PM

LM

“ April, David and Clint- Your mother was my best friend for over 40 years. In the early years of our friendship, we did many things with you and Lona and her son Joe. There was always lots of laughter and good times through the years. She loved you very much and was a wonderful and caring mother and friend. I will miss her more than I can say and am grateful that I had time to visit with her in November during a trip to Omaha. Love and prayers for all of you.  
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GJ

“ A sad day to hear we have lost cousin (her dad Kenneth and my dad Victor were brothers)  
Rita. Condolence to all the family.  
I remember when she was born and growing-up  
what a beauty and so sweet, hard to believe  
the baby of our family is gone. I live in the  
San Diego CA area so will not be able to attend the funeral but will  
be with you in  
thought and prayer Friday as you lay her to rest.

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**GAIL JOHNSON** - February 08, 2016 at 12:28 PM

RG

“ To Rita's Family, I am deeply saddened to hear of Rita's passing and extend my heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Rita and I were classmates for 13 years in Radcliffe and I have many fond memories of her. She was witty, charming, and beautiful. She will certainly be missed at our 50th high school reunion this July. I know the last few months have not been easy, but that she fought the good battle until the end. God has welcomed her with open arms and will take care of her. Rest in peace, my friend. You will be missed and never forgotten. Condolences, Ron Grubb

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**Ron Grubb** - February 07, 2016 at 11:14 AM