



Rodell Ann Riemersma

May 5, 1941 - May 3, 2021

Rodell Ann Hyink Triphan Riemersma, 79, of Oshkosh, WI, went to be with the Lord on May 3, 2021. She was born in Sheboygan, WI to Chester Henry Hyink and Agnes Johanna Ten Pas. She grew up with her five sisters in Cedar Grove, WI where she also graduated high school in 1959.

She was united in holy matrimony to Theodore Triphan on December 16, 1961, in Cedar Grove, WI. Together, they adopted two wonderful children. She was again united in holy matrimony to Andrew Riemersma on November 3, 1990, in Fond du Lac, WI. With this union, she gained three wonderful stepchildren.

Rodell worked as a bookkeeper for Curtis Law Office in Oshkosh until she retired. She was a long-time member of Grace Church in Fond du Lac, WI. In her free time she loved sending greeting cards that made everyone feel "special," doing puzzles, cheering on her Green Bay Packers as a shareholder, calling her friends and family, and being a wonderful mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend to many. There was nothing she wouldn't do for someone.

She is survived by her sisters Pearl "Charlene" Dana and LaFayne Judson, her children Christopher (Paula) Triphan and Jennifer Triphan (Scott Brehmer), her stepsons Leonard (Mary) Riemersma, Richard (Renee) Riemersma and Ronald (Laura) Riemersma, her grandchildren Lauren, Olivia, Tricia (Phil), Mitchell, Brice (Allison), Anna, and Hope, great grandchildren Ryan and Gunnar, her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Jean (Dirk) Vander Steen, sister-in-law Eloise Riemersma, and many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ted Triphan, her second husband, Andrew Riemersma, her parents Chester and Agnes Hyink, her sisters and brothers-in-law, Iris and Donald Rauwerdink, Frances and Earl Meinen, and Delores and Eugen Kappers, her brothers-in-law Irving Judson and Gordon Dana, and other Riemersma brothers- and sister-in-law.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 11 am at Grace EV. Free Church at 163 E. 18th Street. Fond du Lac, WI. Rev. Barry Vegter will officiate. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Fiss & Bills Funeral home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive from 4 to 7 pm. And also at the church on Tuesday from 10 am until the time of service.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Tribute to Rodell Riemersma

Several decades ago, our fellow aviator friend Jim Schaeffer in a happenstance meeting at Field's restaurant, struck up a conversation, and befriended Rodell. They were both the outgoing friendly types, so it was not a surprise that conversation led to Jim's request for her to store his box fan, used to keep us cool in the UW dorm rooms, at her employer's law firm's office until he returned for next year's Oshkosh airshow. Rodell agreed, and for a couple years, she stored the fan and Jim would pick it up at the beginning of the airshow and drop it off at the end of the week. Then, Jim inquired about whether she would be interested in hosting him and a couple of friends at her house on South Park. Rodell said, sure why not.

I was fortunate enough to join Jim and Rich Leamon in that arrangement which began sometime in late 1980's or early 1990's. Well, that ritual continued annually without exception until 2020 when the airshow was cancelled due to COVID. During all those years we all looked so forward not only to the Airshow, but also spending time with Rodell, who became a cherished friend. We soon felt like "honorary family" getting to know sweet Jenny, Jenny's friend Scott, Chris, and his delightful daughter Olivia, who was the apple of Rodell's eye. It was enjoyable to listen to Rodell's stories about her family and friends and all that she did with them.

During airshow week, breakfast was the first event of the day - evident downstairs as Rodell would be busy in the kitchen setting up cheeses, bagels, fresh fruit and with the kitchen TV on keeping us informed of any "Packers" developments, the weather, or other news of the day.

After a long day at the airfield, we closed the day by gathering in the living room, sharing stories and bottomless bowls of "M & M's". Rodell genuinely enjoyed participating in the lively banter and the "buzz" about town that AirVenture brought.

It may be that our ritual with Rodell has come to an end, but the fond memories she created opening her home to us, lovingly sharing her and her family's life story, will never be forgotten.

Rodell, may you rest in every lasting peace.

*Written with love and respect,
Mike Hull*

Mike Hull - May 10, 2021 at 08:41 PM

TK

“ She opened her heart  to make new friends; then, after careful consideration, she opened her home  to host summertime dreamers pursuing their dreams of flying — her EAA Airventure Boys. There was the late Jim Schaefer, Rich Leamon, Mike Hull, Pat Quin, Craig Sawka, Tim Kramer, Robert Pearson — maybe others. She became family to us all over the years and coming to Oshkosh each summer was like coming home to visit a favorite Aunt. There was no limit to her hospitality and sharing her wonderful family with us. What a joy! We will miss her terribly!

*We face to the west, the fellows who fly,
With glasses raised, in a solemn toast to our fallen comrade,
On her eternal flight into a bright, blue sky.*

Tim Kramer, Rich Leamon, Mike Hull, Robert Pearson, and many others

Tim Kramer - May 10, 2021 at 04:43 PM

EW

“ I have appreciated all the wonderful notes and cards that Rodell sent over the past years. I was so shocked to hear of her passing when Renee called me. I had met her only once but felt like we could be the best of friends if we had been in the same town.

Elaine Wilson - May 06, 2021 at 05:41 PM

AB

“ Chris & Jennifer we were so sorry to hear of you Mom's passing. Knew her through Jefferson School and it was always so nice to talk to her. She was a neat Lady! Gayle and Arlene Bodoh

Arlene Bodoh - May 05, 2021 at 01:26 PM

ML

“ What a wonderful lady. She would often call on the phone and no matter how I felt she always had me laughing. She was one of the most grateful person . I knew. She loved her family so much. She was much loved and will be greatly missed.

Marge Lauanders - May 05, 2021 at 01:05 PM

VH

“ I grew up in Oostburg and was a classmate of Esther Triphan. In the mid 70's I was enrolled in a graduate program at UW-Oshkosh. Our infant son had a terrible time adjusting to the campus daycare program. We were in such distress until my wife found out Rodele did in home daycare. Our son immediately took to her and she was such a lifesaver. What a loving caring wonderful person! She touched our lives and we were forever grateful. Deepest sympathy.

Val Helmer

Val Helmer - May 05, 2021 at 12:34 PM

JL

Aunt RODELLE from the day that you entered our lives we loved you and had so much fun talking to you! You ALWAYS made me happy and made me smile! Will miss you, our long conversations and will LOVE you to the ends of the earth! ❤️❤️🥹🥹🥹🥹

Jacqueline Luyk - May 07, 2021 at 11:48 AM

RB

What a wonderful friend she was, both to me, and my dear mother, Viv Haynes, she was the light of her life in her older years! She will be truly blessed by all that knew "Rodell"!

Ron and Janet Becker - May 07, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ This world definitely lost a wonderful lady "Rondell" !! Love Braelynn and Herbie !!

Herbert Murphy - May 05, 2021 at 11:42 AM