

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

## *Rosella "Tootie" Anderson*

**JANUARY 16, 1945 – NOVEMBER 8, 2025**

GOD saw you were getting tired  
When a cure was not to be.  
He closed his *Arms*  
around you and whispered,  
"Come To Me."  
In tears we saw you sinking,  
we watched you fade away.  
Our *Hearts*  
were almost broken,  
you fought so hard to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
so peacefully, free from pain,  
we should not wish you back to suffer that again.  
So treasure her, Lord, in your garden of rest.  
For here on earth,  
**She Was The Best.**

**Services At:**

Minnewaska Lutheran Church  
Starbuck, Minnesota  
Friday, November 14, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

**Celebrant:**

Reverend Micah Klemme

**Musician:**

Janelle Lambert

**Pallbearers:**

Andrew Peterson, Connor Cross, Matthew Flom  
Johnathan Cross, Alan Strom, Brandon Larson

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

Abby Strom, Reanna Larson, Isabelle Cross  
Kaylee Flom, Holly Flom, Kayla Peterson

**Interment:**

Solem Lutheran Cemetery  
Kensington, Minnesota

**Rosella “Tootie” (Ward) Anderson** laid down to rest on the evening of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, after a long life of love, compassion, and service.

Tootie was born on January 16th, 1945, in Glenwood, MN to Joseph & Gladys (Aaberg) Ward. She grew up playing in the woods and hills of Glenwood and spent summers on the road with her family, following her dad through the plains of the Dakotas. She was baptized and confirmed at Glenwood Lutheran Church and made many happy memories with teachers and friends at Glenwood High School, graduating in 1963.

She moved to the Twin Cities after school and began working for Northwest Airlines as a reservationist. While home for a wedding, a young man asked her to dance and then for a date. A year later, on June 11, 1966, she married Ronald Dean Anderson, and they danced for nearly the next 60 years. Soon after the wedding, they moved to their farm in Kensington, MN where they raised crops, livestock, and their four children: Lisa, Deanne, Dean, and Rochelle. After many difficult yet joyful years on the farm, Ron, Tootie and Rochelle moved to Starbuck, MN in 1993.

Always finding ways to be of help and service, Tootie spent over 40 years guiding young children in schools in Hoffman, Kensington, Starbuck and Glenwood as a paraprofessional, not only taking joy in helping children learn new things, but also the joy in seeing the moment they understood! She was always a fixture in church. First, in Glenwood Lutheran learning and forming her faith, then in Solem Lutheran, teaching and leading the way, and finally, Minnewaska Lutheran where you could find her serving and supporting all who entered.

Tootie loved being of service to others and using her talents to brighten their days. She made countless cakes for weddings, birthdays, special occasions, and for no occasion at all! She created floral arrangements for many weddings. She had a recipe for everything, and if she didn't, she could find one. You knew if Tootie made it, it would be delicious!

Tootie battled with chronic health issues for several years, always trying to keep a positive attitude, but nothing would keep her from her grandchildren's school events and special occasions. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her absolute pride and joy.

Tootie recently fell ill and was hospitalized. She spent her final days surrounded by the love and family she and Ron created. She is survived by her husband, Ron; her children, Lisa (Paul) Peterson, Deanne (Tim) Flom, Dean (Tara - girlfriend) Anderson, Rochelle (Wade) Ridgeway; grandchildren, Andrew, Kayla, Abby, Alan, Reanna, Brandon, Kaylee, Holly, Matthew, Connor, Isabelle, and Johnathan; great-grandchildren, Silas, Riley, Blake, Grady, Liam (with one on the way); and several sisters-and-brothers-in-law. She was preceded in death by her parents, mother-and-father-in-law, sister, Ardis, brothers, Roger and Aaron, sisters-in-law, Delores and Marion, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



Please use this QR Code to access  
Tootie's online guestbook and tribute video.



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