



Karen Ann Vietor was born at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D. on October 6, 1941, to Wessel and Wilma (Wittrock) Rippentrop. She grew up on a farm near Tea, S.D. attended country school, and graduated from Lennox High School in 1959. She then attended the Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing, earning her registered nurse degree. On July 3, 1963, she married Rodney Vietor at the Germantown Presbyterian Church near Chancellor. They settled in Dell Rapids where Karen dedicated 43 years to caring for

her community members at the Dell Rapids Hospital.

Karen was an active member of the Reformed Church in Dell Rapids where she was involved in all activities and was a member of Christian Women, as well as being known as the “Craft Teacher” on Wednesday night kid’s club. She was a talented artist and loved to display her paintings and was active in the Paint & Palette Club. She enjoyed sewing, flower gardening, writing poetry, and loved helping others with random acts of kindness. But most of all she loved her family and was always the #1 fan at her children’s and grandchildren’s activities.

Karen passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on January 3, 2026, at the Dell Rapids Hospital.

Karen is survived by her children: Grant (Bonita) Vietor, Sioux Center, IA, Genell (Joseph) Schuh, Raleigh, NC, Julie (Richard) Fuglsang, Brooklyn Park, MN, and Greg (Charlene) Vietor, Parker, SD; grandchildren: Nicholas (Michelle) Schuh, Manhattan, KS, Moriah (Carter) Johnsen, Sioux Center, IA, Madeline (Branden) Boyd, Sioux Falls, SD, Jacob Vietor, Parker, SD, Jordan (McKenzi) Schuh, Greensboro, NC, Isaac (Annie) Vietor, Hull, IA, Gabrielle Schuh, Atlanta, GA, Jenna Fuglsang, St. Louis Park, MN, Christian (Ella Frederick) Vietor, Lincoln, NE, Rachael (Brendan Schumacher) Vietor, Durango, CO, Hannah Schuh, Raleigh, NC, and Ryan Fuglsang, Brooklyn Park, MN; great grandchildren, Macie and Lenna Boyd, Beckham Johnsen, Leighton Vietor, and Mason and Caroline Schuh; siblings: Wesley Dean (Cinda) Rippentrop, Chancellor, SD, Allen (Kathy) Rippentrop, Tea, SD, and Joan (Glenn) Muller, Davis, SD; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wessel and Wilma Rippentrop, and her husband, Rodney Vietor on January 21, 2013.

In Memory Of **Karen Ann Vietor**

October 6, 1941 † January 3, 2026

Funeral Service

10:30 AM

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Reformed Church

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Pastor Marc de Waard, Officiating

Cindy Schuch, Pianist

Congregational Hymns

“How Great Thou Art”

“On Eagles Wings”

Soloist

Bonita Vietor

“In the Garden”

Honorary Pallbearers

Moriah Johnsen

Madeline Boyd

Gabrielle Schuh

Jenna Fuglsang

Rachael Vietor

Hannah Schuh

Pallbearers

Nicholas Schuh

Jacob Vietor

Jordan Schuh

Isaac Vietor

Christian Vietor

Ryan Fuglsang

Interment

Chancellor Reformed Cemetery

Chancellor, South Dakota





Here's a story you like to tell, about the people that you love so well.

Grandpa Rod, it was easy to see, was the man with whom you were meant to be.

Into your home, you brought 4 kids, Grant, Genell, Julie, and Greg.

A house full of life, laughter, and fun—your love story had just begun.

*Greg and Char a sweet pair did make, bringing Maddie, Rachael and brother Jake.
I know you think they're really great.*

*Grant met Bonita, and a wedding they had. Then Moriah, Isaac and Christian
made you so glad.*

*Genell met Joe and brought four more grands—Nick, Jordan, Gabrielle, and
Hannah—those parents had full hands.*

*Then Julie and Rich, were last of all—they brought Jenna and Ryan,
who loved your special calls.*

*Then the grands found love, and made grands great, Macie, Mason, Beckham,
Lenna, Leighton, and Caroline are here on this date.*

I know you love so many others, I must include your sister and brothers.

*Grandma, Your love for us is certainly showing, and we can all be blessed in
knowing—*

*That before your story comes to an end, we've all had the chance to love you as a
wonderful wife, mother, grandma, great grandma and friend.*

Written by Michelle Schuh



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A Life Remembered

Karen Ann Vietor